

**The University of Texas-Pan American
 Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Report
 Spring 2006
 College: Social and Behavior Sciences
 Degree Program/Major: Sociology (B.A.)**

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose

Mission Statement: The University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA) serves the higher education needs of a rapidly growing, international, multicultural population in the South Texas Region. The University preserves, transmits and creates knowledge to serve the cultural, civic, and economic advancement of the region and the state. The University provides students advanced instruction in academic programs offered through innovative delivery systems that lead to professional certification, and baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees. Through teaching, research, creative activity and public service, UTPA prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership roles in the state, nation and world community.

Student Learning Outcomes	Means of Assessment	Criteria for Success	*Assessment Results* (Use actual data to describe annual performance.)	**Use of Results** (What change was made?)
<p>I. Goal 1 and Goal 2</p> <p>1) Able to answer questions on basic sociological concepts of sociological theories and research methods</p> <p>2) Able to formulate simple empirical research questions</p> <p>3) Able to conduct simple empirical analysis</p> <p>4) Able to generalize findings approximately</p>	<p>Student standardized test in required sociology courses for sociology majors, research experience (e.g., presenting paper), and internship and/or community service project</p>	<p>Graduating seniors:</p> <p>a. 90% of graduating seniors will obtain a minimum score of 70 on the written exams.</p> <p>b. 90% of graduating seniors will obtain a grade of "C" or better on a research project.</p> <p>c. 90% of graduating seniors will present one research paper at conference or in the classes</p>	<p>a. 91% graduating seniors obtained minimum score of 70 on the written exams.</p> <p>b.90% obtained a grade of "C" or better on a research project.</p> <p>c. 100% All graduate seniors presented their research in classes during the time of their undergraduate careers at the department. Criterion for success was met.</p>	<p>Based on results, no change was recommended.</p> <p>Based on results, no change was recommended.</p> <p>Based on results, no change was recommended.</p>

		<p>Sociology majors:</p> <p>d. 80% of sociology majors will answer correctly the questions on basic sociology concepts and perspectives.</p> <p>e. 80% of sociology majors will answer correctly the questions on the basic procedures of sociological research.</p> <p>f. 80% of sociology majors will answer correctly the questions on the analysis of sociology data.</p> <p>9. In a random sample of written work, 80% of sociology majors will meet or exceed the criteria with regard to written communication skills (structure, content, mechanics)</p>	<p>d. 80% answered the questions correctly.</p> <p>e. 85% answered correctly the questions on the basic procedures of sociological research.</p> <p>f. 80% answered correctly the questions on the analysis of sociology data.</p> <p>g. No data for spring 2006</p>	<p>Based on results, no change was recommended.</p> <p>Based on results, no change was recommended.</p> <p>Based on results, no change was recommended.</p> <p>Data will be collected.</p>
<p>Goal 3</p> <p>5) internship and/or community project</p>	<p>Complete internship and/or community project.</p>	<p>h. 90% of graduating seniors will receive grade c or above.</p>	<p>100%.</p>	<p>Based on results, no change was recommended.</p>

*Comments: Indicate the semester/year data was collected. Describe the sample population (who and how many). Elaborate on whether the Criteria for Success was met or not. **Comments: Elaborate on the changes that were made based on assessment results.