



## Student Learning Outcomes Assessment

### **Student Learning Objectives for Sociology MA Program**

All students in the Sociology MA program must successfully complete Social Theory and Research Methods and Design. Students on the generalist track must complete 36 credits. Students on the specialist track must complete a minimum of six credits of Master's Thesis (SYA 6971).

#### **Learning Objective #1 (Communication, critical thinking)**

Students should be able to clearly state the thesis or major argument/question of thesis or argument-driven writing. The statement should be clear to the reader and should guide the writing.

#### **Learning Objective #2 (Content knowledge)**

Students will be able to use specialized sociological terms accurately and appropriately.

#### **Learning Objective #3 (Critical thinking)**

Students will be able to succinctly summarize the essence of an argument made by an author (or authors) whose work they are referencing. Further, students will be able to synthesize the arguments and findings of multiple works.

#### **Learning Objective #4 (Content knowledge)**

Students will clearly engage with methodological issues. In a literature review paper, this will take the form of assessing the methods used by authors they cite. In a paper where the student collects data, methods are clearly described.