Sociology Goals and Learning Objectives:

Goal 1 and Learning Objectives:
Produce graduates with a competent understanding of the socio-cultural forces, theoretical perspectives, and research methods that comprise a sociological perspective on society and social life.

- Be able to compare and contrast major theoretical constructs in Sociology [Assessment Measure: ETS Major Field Test-General Theory Indicator]
- Be able to articulate sociological questions pertaining to culture, institutions, social structure, individual behavior, and the relationships among them [Assessment Measures: ETS Major Field Test-Social Institutions and Social Psychology Indicators]
- Be able to apply major theories to modern social issues [Assessment Measure: ETS Major Field Test-General Theory Indicator]
- Be able to articulate the assumptions and limitations of quantitative and qualitative research approaches [Assessment Measures: ETS Major Field Test-Methodology and Statistics Indicator, Sociological Methods Research Project]
- Be able to critically assess the theoretical assertions and empirical research of others [Assessment Measure: ETS Major Field Test-Methodology and Statistics Indicator, Sociological Methods Research Project]
- Be able to articulate the components of ethical research [Assessment Measure: Sociological Methods Research Project]
- Be able to describe the ways in which inequities by ethnicity, gender, age, and sexual orientation impact our social world [Assessment Measures: ETS Major Field Test-Multiculturalism and Gender Indicators]

Goal 2 and Learning Objectives:
Develop graduates with specialized knowledge, skills, practical experiences, and job opportunities in selected sub-disciplines, including Criminology and Social Welfare.

- Be able to analyze current social issues from the theoretical perspectives of each sub-discipline [Assessment Measure: ETS Major Field Test-Deviance and Social Problems Indicator]
- Be able to apply theoretical knowledge and skills in the community [Assessment Measure: Internship Final Review]
- Be able to use the specialized knowledge, skills, and experiences to enhance employment and graduate school options [Assessment Measures: Internship Final Review]
- Be able to describe and analyze the processes, public policies, and language surrounding each sub-discipline [Assessment Measure: ETS Major Field Test-Deviance and Social Problems Indicator]
- Be able to explain and apply basic statistical techniques [Assessment Measures: ETS Major Field Test-Methodology and Statistics Indicator]
- Be able to write effectively about sociological concepts and research design [Assessment Measure: Sociological Methods Research Project]