



All students majoring in Sociology must successfully complete one of three courses in Sociological Analysis: SYA 4510 (Quantitative Methods), SYA 4310 (Qualitative and/or Comparative Historical Methods), or SYA 4300 (Survey of Methods). In each of these courses, students complete a research project on an issue central to contemporary sociology.

**CONTENT KNOWLEDGE (Research Skills):** Students will demonstrate knowledge of the procedures involved in sociological research (such as idea generation, literature review, data collection, and reporting) by applying data collection strategies and/or analytic methodologies to sociological research projects.

**CONTENT KNOWLEDGE (Technical Skills):** Students will demonstrate technical skills related to sociological analysis such as use of statistical packages, historical/comparative methods of analysis, content analysis, interviewing skills, or equivalents.

**CRITICAL THINKING (Analytical Skills):** Students will demonstrate the ability to conduct library, field, or data archive-based research on a Sociological topic that demonstrates critical analysis that appropriately uses and interprets the results of qualitative and/or quantitative research methods.

Students will be assessed on their research, technical, and analytical skills as indicated in appropriate sections of their research projects (e.g., literature review, methodology, data analysis, discussion).

**COMMUNICATION (Written Communication):** Students will produce writing that is grammatically correct, well-organized, and consistent with the publication guidelines of the American Sociological Association.

**COMMUNICATION (Oral Communication):** Students will demonstrate oral communication abilities through the presentation of a research report.

Students will be assessed on the clarity, organization, and delivery of their written research reports and in-class presentations.

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