



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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