

**Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements  
Department of Sociology  
Master's Program in Sociology**

**Key Assessment Findings**

*Please report findings from data that you display in this section.*

- *Programs with specialized accreditation data should insert tables or figures with such data (e.g. pass rates on professional licensure exams) and discuss this data.*

N/A

- *Schools/Departments should present data regarding passage or failure on comprehensive exams.*

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**GRADUATE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION RESULTS  
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
AY2011-2012 to AY2015-2016**

Master's Comprehensive  
Exam

	Fail		Pass		High Pass		Pass w/Honors		TOTAL
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
AY2011-2012		0.00%	2	100.00%		0.00%		0.00%	<b>2</b>
AY2012-2013		0.00%	2	100.00%		0.00%		0.00%	<b>2</b>
AY2013-2014		0.00%	4	100.00%		0.00%		0.00%	<b>4</b>
AY2014-2015		0.00%	3	100.00%		0.00%		0.00%	<b>3</b>
AY2015-2016		0.00%	2	100.00%		0.00%		0.00%	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>13</b>

Since the last assessment report, all our graduate students have successfully passed our comprehensive examination. This is due to the successful mentoring and monitoring of each graduate student performance since students enroll in our courses.

- ***Schools/Departments should present data in tables based upon rubrics for key assessments. Describe the findings in the text as well, i.e. what is the pattern of the results?***

The department assesses graduate students by monitoring their GPA, passing of the comprehensive exams, and the completion, under the supervision of a faculty member, of two publishable seminar papers. Since the last assessment report, all students have successfully completed these requirements and have graduated on time.

- ***Briefly present data from other sources if needed.***

N/A

### **Curricular Improvements**

***Briefly describe improvements to the curriculum or student supports that will be introduced subsequent to the findings, if any. Comment on the effects of recent curricular improvements in light of data if known. For example, the improvements may include changing the structure of particular courses, requiring prerequisite courses or skills, providing special advisement, introducing earlier experiences with parts of what become key projects or papers.***

Every January the Department of Sociology organizes a department retreat to examine and if necessary retool the curriculum. In our last retreat, the department approved the establishments of two new graduate programs that are still in preparation. One of the programs is a graduate certificate on Criminology and the second is a new MA in Applied Policy Research Evaluation. The last program is intended to attract individuals working in the policy community.