Program Level Outcomes for Sociology:

Upon successful completion of the Sociology program, a student should be able to:

1. demonstrate a working knowledge of the core concepts of sociology including: social structure; culture, social stratification and inequality; race, ethnicity, and gender; and globalization

2. apply their understanding of sociology to their professional, personal and civic lives.

What we looked at:

We focused on PLO 1. For this project, we wanted to assess the degree to which our students could integrate theory in everyday Sociology. We decided to focus on SOC 1, SOC 5, SOC 41, and SOC 42. The expectation of the Sociology Program is that students should be able to successfully complete course with the ability to apply classic theoretical perspectives to every day experiences.

What we found:

What we found for all our Sociology courses (1, 5, 41, 42) is that when students were asked to examine theory they would apply theoretical concepts focusing only on the definition of the textbook and not integrating theory in their own words.

What our next steps are:

Through a variety of activities (projects, discussions, presentations, research papers, quizzes, and exams) students will be able to think critically, evaluate, and assess information and events utilizing the theoretical perspectives. Therefore, students will be able to look beyond the textbook definition and apply different theoretical perspectives for themselves.