



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
WHITEWATER

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

SOCIOLOGY- GLOBAL COMPARATIVE

MISSION STATEMENT

The Sociology—Global Comparative Emphasis integrates career development goals with a foundation in the liberal arts to provide students with the background needed to understand and analyze social institutions and forces across societies. Building on the Sociology major, the learning objective is to help students understand how the basic social institutions, conflicts, and processes of their own society also appear in diverse national or cultural settings. The Emphasis prepares students for careers in international human service, non-governmental or intergovernmental organizations (NGOs, IGOs), international business settings, international religious organizations, the Foreign Service and military, and for graduate study in comparative sociology, area studies programs, and international studies/relations programs.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student learning outcomes (SLOs) are statements of what a student will know or be able to do when they have completed a program. They represent the knowledge and skills a program has determined are most important for students to gain from that program. The most useful SLOs are specific and measurable so the program can accurately assess the degree to which students have achieved each outcome, and they align with college and institution mission and values. Data on achievement of SLOs is used to make improvements in the program and increase student success.

Sociology Major Graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of Sociology's theoretical perspectives and core ideas including:
 - The social construction of reality
 - Culture and social structure
 - Stratification and inequality
 - Order, conflict, and change
- Design a basic research project.
- Evaluate research as it applies to everyday life (such as those used in marketing research, opinion polling, sales, etc.).
- Show skills in interpreting basic social statistics.

- Write as appropriate to the discipline of sociology.
- Demonstrate ethical reasoning.

In addition to the student learning outcomes listed for Sociology majors, Sociology – Global Comparative Emphasis Graduates will be able to:

- Compare basic social institutions, conflicts, and processes within single nation states.
- Explain how globalization has affected world economies and markets, local cultures, and the environment.
- Explain how globalization connects local cultures and communities with those in distant regions.
- Identify key governmental and nongovernmental global institutions and organizations and their objectives.