

Sociology SLOAC Review Comments

Thanks for filing an assessment plan with the SLOAC. We have the following comments for you to consider:

1. As listed on your cover sheet, your learning outcomes are a bit wordy, we think. We suggest removing what is in the parenthesis and using that information as the basis for a rubric.
2. Please provide a copy of your assessment rubric(s). It is not clear how many rubrics you'll use or what the extent of those rubrics will be.
3. If you are still developing your rubric, please keep in mind the resources we've provided on inter-rater reliability.
4. As you just start to gather data, it may be difficult to set an expectation of your students' performance. But we encourage you to do so. Based on your previous experience, you should be able to set the bar for what your students can do. You can always modify it later.
5. Your plan calls for one measure. Our policies call for two measures to be used so that assessment is more useful.

We don't need anything more from you this year, except your rubric and record of department consultation and support. We would like to see this rubric before you start gathering data. Your first report will be due October 31, 2007. For next year, also consider adding another assessment measure to your plan.

If you have questions at any time, please contact Tim Borchers at borchers@mnstate.edu.

Thanks!