

**Major Field Assessment Plan
M. S. Applied Sociology**

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to meet the education and cultural needs, primarily of Southeast Louisiana, to disseminate knowledge and to facilitate life-long learning through quality instruction, research and service in a safe, student-centered environment.

The purposes of the M.S. in Applied Sociology is to prepare to research, analyze and develop strategies for the effective and efficient functioning of community institutions, organizations and groups of individuals.

Goal 1

To provide students with a strong knowledge of the field of applied sociology.

Expected Outcome

Students completing the masters program in Applied Sociology will be able to demonstrate a high level of understanding of applied sociological theory, methods, statistics and evaluation.

Assessment

A student graduating with the M.S. in Applied Sociology will have a GPA no lower than 3.0.

Goal 2

To provide students with the skills needed for work in middle to upper management of public agencies or similar organizations or for further graduate study.

Expected Outcome

Students completing the masters program in Applied Sociology will complete a field internship or applied research thesis project in which they will master applied sociological skills.

Assessment

The student graduating with the M.S. in Applied Sociology will complete a field internship or applied research thesis project in which they will master applied sociological skills.

Goal 3

To provide students with a cultural or global perspective.

Expected Outcome

Students completing the masters program in Applied Sociology will gain an awareness of an applied sociologist's role in a multicultural environment through an internship in an agency that serves the public or through a research project with a multicultural or global perspective.

Assessment

A student graduating with the M.S. in Applied Sociology will satisfactorily complete the field internship or thesis project and submit and successfully defend a written internship report or thesis to the graduate faculty.