

PROGRAM REVIEW Fall 2020

Program: Sociology

Division: BSSL

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Audience: Deans, Vice Presidents of Student Services and Academic Services, All Planning and Allocation Committees. This document will be available to the public.

Uses: This Program Review will be used to inform the campus and community about your program. It will also be used in the processes of creating Division Summaries, determining College Planning Priorities and allocating resources. A final use is to document fulfillment of accreditation requirements.

Please note: Program Review is NOT in itself a vehicle for making requests. All requests should be made through appropriate processes (e.g. Instructional Equipment Request Process) or directed to your dean or supervisor.

Time Frame: This Program Review should reflect on program status during the 2020-21 academic year. It should describe plans starting now and continuing through 2021-22.

Sections: This Program Review has been shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Program Review Committee understands that you are completing this program review in a time of stress and disruption and that this may affect many of your responses. Sections and questions are marked with the name of the committee or office that will use the information.

- The first section focuses on general program reflection and planning.
- The second section has specific questions to be filled out by all programs this year.
- The third section is a review of curriculum, to be filled out only by programs with curriculum.

Topics: The Program Review Glossary defines key terms. Writers should review this glossary before writing: <https://bit.ly/2LqPxOW>

For Help: Contact Nadiyah Taylor: ntaylor@laspositascollege.edu.

A list of contacts for help with specific sections is provided on the Program Review website under the “tools for writers” tab. [<https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead>]

Instructions:

- 1) Please respond to each question as completely as possible.
- 2) If the requested information does not apply to your program, write “Not Applicable.”
- 3) Optional: Communicate with your dean about completing this document.
- 4) Send an electronic copy of this form to Nadiyah Taylor and your dean by Monday, November 2.

Links:

Program Review Home Page: laspositascollege.edu/instructionalprogramreview

Fall 2019 Program Reviews: laspositascollege.edu/programreview/pr2019.php

Frequently Asked Questions: laspositascollege.edu/instructionalprogramreview/programreviewfaqs.php

Section One: Program Snapshot [Program Review Committee]

For assistance with this section, contact the Program Review Committee Chair. [\[https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead\]](https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead)

No Significant Changes Option

Contact person: _____

By marking an X in the box above, the writers of this Program Review indicate that there have been no significant changes to their program or their program's needs in the past year. In this case, programs may opt not to complete Program Review Section One: Program Snapshot. **Programs must still complete all other sections (as applicable).**

Please note: Choosing this option means that your program's information may not be included in the yearly Division Summary.

The No Significant Changes Option may only be used for two years in a row; after two years, programs must complete a full Program Review including the Program Snapshot. Our program's most recent Program Snapshot was submitted in the following semester: Fall 20_____.

A. Accomplishments: What plans were achieved during AY19-20? You may describe achievements that were or were not planned in earlier Program Review. Your response may include actions regarding COVID-19. Please highlight any positive impacts to students.

In response to the campus closure during Spring 2020, the Sociology program, just like other programs, needed to transition to an online mode in the middle of the semester. We believe that the transition happened smoothly since we are equipped with the capacity to teach all courses in a DE mode. And because all our instructors have been trained to teach online, the pedagogical disruption was kept at a minimum.

During Fall 2019, we completed the Guided Pathway mapping for Sociology AAT program.

Mark an X before each area that is addressed in your response.			Definitions of terms: https://bit.ly/2LqPxOW				
	Community Partnerships/Outreach		Facilities, Supplies and Equipment, Software		LPC Planning Priorities		Services to Students
	Course Offerings		Financial/Budgetary		LPC Collaborations		SLO/SAO Process
X	Curriculum Committee Items		Human Resources	X	Pedagogy		Student Equity
X	External Factors		Learning Support		Professional Development	X	Technology Use

B. Challenges, Obstacles and Needs: Describe any significant challenges, obstacles or needs for your program. Your response may include issues regarding COVID-19. Please highlight any negative impacts for students.

Even though we were able to smoothly transition to an online mode of teaching during the Spring 2020 semester in response to the shelter-in-place order, a severe disruption to student learning was not avoidable. Many students expressed their concerns, and their performance was negatively affected. It is possible that many students who were initially enrolled in in-class courses were not ready to learn the course material using an online mode.

Due also to the campus closure, evaluations and the hiring of a part-time instructor was halted.

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Course Offerings		Financial/Budgetary		LPC Collaborations		SLO/SAO Process
Curriculum Committee Items	X	Human Resources	X	Pedagogy		Student Equity
External Factors	X	Learning Support		Professional Development	X	Technology Use

C. IR Data Review: Describe any significant trends in your program’s data from the office of Institutional Research and Planning. (Note: Not all Programs have IR data available; if your program does not have a data packet or dashboard data, you may note that in the response box.) You may also discuss any other data generated for your program by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

IR Data packets are available here: <https://bit.ly/2lYaFu7>

Course Success Rates Dashboard can be found at the bottom of this page: <https://bit.ly/2Y9vGpl>

For assistance with this question, contact the Director of Institutional Research and Planning. [\[https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead\]](https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead)

The most significant change that can be observed from the AY2019-20 data is the further decline in student enrollment numbers. The pattern is consistent with the trend that was also observed and reported in AY 2018-19 (and the year before). More specifically, the total course enrollment in Fall 2019 fell from 495 in Fall 2018 to 435. Similarly, the total course enrollment in Spring 2019 declined from 427 to 360. Some of the main reasons maybe related to larger external factors such as economic trends and policy changes, and it may also reflect the trend in students’ academic preferences.

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X	External Factors		Learning Support		Professional Development	Technology Use

D. Short Term Planning: What are your most important plans, either new or continuing, for next year? Describe plans starting now and continuing through AY 21-22. (Optional: You may also describe long-term plans if desired.)

As part of our attempt to increase enrollment, especially in topical courses, we are in the process of changing the course title of SOC 3 to Introduction to Race and Ethnicity from Cultural and Racial Minorities. We reason that in order to align more effectively with current social interests on issues related to racial injustice, the title of the course should be updated to reflect the current scholarly lexicon. This change in the course title coincides with the recent CSU policy change requiring an ethnic studies course. We will also adjust the course outline of the record to better accommodate the new CSU requirement.

We are also planning on developing a Social Justice Transfer Program. Students will benefit from increased options in studying social issues from critical sociological perspectives.

As part of our enrollment strategy, we started working on enhancing the department website. The new website will include faculty profiles, course introductions, a career guide, and other student resources.

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Section Two: Institutional Planning Topics (Required for All Programs)

A. Equity [Student Equity and Achievement Committee]: Please describe any recent actions your program has taken to increase equity and/or any challenges your program faces in promoting equity and equity-based decision-making? Areas to consider include students impacted by race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality, age, or disability status, as well as students who are disproportionately impacted due to the shift to remote instruction.

For assistance with this question, contact the Director of Student Equity and Achievement. [<https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead>]

We have not taken any additional action. We do, however, always make students aware of social and educational discrepancies that stem from structural circumstances facing these disadvantaged groups since the issue is directly related to the content of sociological studies learned in our courses.

B. SLOs/SAOs [SLO Committee]:

You should complete ONE of the following three sections. Please choose the option that is most appropriate for your program:

B1: Instructional Programs with PSLOs

B2: Instructional Programs without PSLOs or with Special Circumstances

B3: Non-Instructional Programs

Skip to the section you chose. If you are not sure which option to pick, contact the SLO Committee Chair or Program Review Committee Chair for assistance.

B1: Instructional Programs with PSLOs

In this year's Program Review, and in support of Accreditation, we would like a snap-shot on how your program plans to collect, discuss and report assessment findings to develop best practices for teaching and student learning ("closing the loop").

As a program, please select one PSLO for a degree or certificate to focus on. This PSLO should reflect one area of your program that you would like to investigate in depth. For example, your selection may focus on an area to improve student success, to update pedagogy, equity issues, or to examine a new degree/certificate, etc.

In this section, describe your plan for assessment data to be collected, analyzed and discussed, and reported out in next year's Program Review. Your plan should identify the CSLOs that feed into your selected PSLO so that a complete data set is collected. You may choose to do this over one or two semesters. In next year's Program Review, you will be asked to summarize your SLO assessments, analysis of those findings, and proposed changes that may be implemented to improve teaching and student learning.

For assistance with these questions, contact the SLO Committee Chair. [<https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead>]

B1a. In the space below, insert the complete wording of the PSLO and potential reason(s) for selecting it for analysis.

Upon completion of Sociology AA-T program, the students should be able to analyze and describe the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in sociology.

B1b. In the table below, list the CSLOs that feed up to the identified PSLO and check the semester or semester(s) that the CSLO will be assessed and data entered into eLumen. (If this different than the submitted SLO template plan, please update and resubmit the template plan. Send the updated template to mwiest@laspositacollege.edu and ahight@laspositacollege.edu)

Complete Name of CSLO	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
Upon completion of SOC 1, the students should be able to produce an academic document that connects sociological research methods to sociological theory.	X	X	
Upon completion of SOC 3, the students should be able to produce an academic document that connects sociological research methods to sociological theory.	X	X	
Upon completion of SOC 13, the students should be able to produce a research proposal incorporating appropriate methods to investigate a research question.		X	

B1c. When will analysis and discussion of the assessment data be completed (during next year’s Program Review is an option)? The reporting out of the “closing the loop” analysis will be part of next year’s Program Review.

We are planning on completing our analysis during next year’s Program Review.

B2: Instructional Programs without PSLOs or with Special Circumstances

If your department does not have PSLOs, you may choose one CSLO to focus on. This option may also be used if there is a strong departmental rationale for focusing on a single CSLO.

As a department, please select a course to focus on. The selected course and one of its CSLOs should reflect an area that you would like to investigate in depth. For example, your selection may focus on a course to improve student success, to update pedagogy, to analyze equity issues, etc.

For assistance with these questions, contact the SLO Committee Chair. [<https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead>]

B2a. In the space below, describe the rationale (such as this is not a degree-granting program, we focus mainly on non-degree courses, etc.)

N/A

B2b. In the space below, insert the complete wording of the CSLO and reason(s) for selecting it for analysis.

N/A

B2c. In the table below, list the CSLO and check the semester or semester(s) that the CSLO will be assessed and data entered into eLumen.
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Complete Name of CSLO	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
N/A			

B2d. When will analysis and discussion of the assessment data be completed? (During next year’s Program Review is an option.) The reporting out of the “closing the loop” analysis will be part of next year’s Program Review.

N/A

B3: Non-Instructional Programs

In this year's Program Review, and in support of Accreditation, we would like a snap-shot of how your student service area plans to collect, discuss, and report assessment findings to develop best practices for teaching and student learning ("closing the loop").

Please select one SAO to focus on. This SAO should reflect an area of your program that you would like to investigate in depth. For example, your selection may focus on an area to improve student success, increase best practices, to address equity issues, or to examine a new service/program, etc. The intent is for this section to be useful for reflection to develop best practices for serving students.

For assistance with these questions, contact the SLO Committee Chair. [<https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead>]

B3a. In the space below, insert the complete wording of the SAO and potential reason(s) for selecting it for analysis.

N/A

B3b. When and how will this SAO be assessed and data entered into eLumen? (If this different than the submitted template plan, please update and resubmit the template plan. Send the updated template to mwiest@laspositascollege.edu and ahight@laspositascollege.edu)

N/A

B3c. When will analysis of the assessment data will be completed (during next year's Program Review is an option)? The reporting out of the "closing the loop" analysis will be part of next year's Program Review.

N/A

Section Three: Curriculum Review (Programs with Courses Only)

For assistance with this section, contact the Curriculum Committee Chair. [<https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead>]

The following questions ask you to review your program's curriculum. To see the last outline revision date and revision due date:

1. Log in to CurricUNET
2. Select "Course Outline Report" under "Reports/Interfaces"
3. Select the report as an Excel file or as HTML

A. Title V Updates [Curriculum Committee]: Are any of your courses requiring an update to stay within the 5 year cycle? List courses needing updates below. Reminder: updates to course title or units, and course deactivations, will require updating any program they are associated with. List programs requiring updating in question (B).

We are updating SOC 1 and SOC 3 during the Fall 2020 semester. This is the 5-year regular update for these courses.

B. Degree/Certificate Updates [Curriculum Committee]: Are there any programs requiring modification? List needed changes below.

N/A

C. DE Courses/Degrees/Certificates [Distance Education Committee]: Detail your department's plans, if any, for adding DE courses, degrees, and/or certificates. For new DE degrees and/or certificates (those offered completely online), please include a brief rationale as to why the degree/certificate will be offered online.

N/A