

## Undergraduate Student Learning Goals in Sociology

The [Undergraduate Student Learning Initiative \(USLI\)](#) is a campuswide project designed to promote and facilitate learning for undergraduates across campus. In connection with this initiative, the Sociology Department has articulated the following goals for our undergraduate majors. The following chart also indicates the various course requirements for the major, and the learning goals they address.

<b>Learning Goals</b>	<b>Intro to Sociology</b>	<b>Evaluation of Evidence</b>	<b>Statistics</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>Upper Division Survey Courses and Electives</b>	<b>Seminar in Advanced Topics</b>
<b>Discipline Specific:</b>						
Understand and apply key sociological concepts and social theories.	x			x	x	x
Understand and be able to employ key research methods and data used by social scientists.		x	x		x	x
Be prepared to use a sociological lens and skills in future endeavors, in the workplace or community.	x			x	x	x
<b>Universal Goals:</b>						
Formulate a well-organized argument supported by evidence.		x			x	x
Develop effective written communication skills.	x	x		x	x	x
Develop the ability to use critical thinking and research skills to evaluate and understand complex situations.	x	x	x	x	x	x
Achieve an understanding of professional, civic, and ethical responsibility.	x			x	x	X

### How does the department evaluate whether or not we are attaining these goals?

Student papers, from the short memos on readings to the substantial research paper  
 Student presentations  
 Exams and quizzes  
 Feedback from GSIs who supervise discussion sections  
 Student evaluations and Exit Surveys