Capstone II AY17 Program Review: Capstone Rubric & 2017 Aggregate Scores

ANTHROPOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY

Assessment Type: Academic Program
   Year/Term: 2016-2017

   Level: Anthropology/Sociology Capstone

   Learning Outcome: Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

   Assessment Method/Tool: Program Learning Outcomes Capstone Rubric

   Measurement Scale: 3-1

   Sample Size: 21

	Proficient (# of students)		Competent (# of students)		Developing (# of students)	
Communication	11	53%	9	43%	1	4%
Inquiry	17	81%	4	19%	0	0%
Critical Thinking	17	80%	2	10%	2	10%
Civic Engagement	19	90%	2	10%	0	0%
Integrated Learning	17	81%	4	19%	0	0%
Mean %		81%		19%		3%

Benchmark: **100%**   Institutional benchmark goal for percent of students to meet "Proficient" or "Adequate" levels

Number Achieving Benchmark: 20 **of how many participants?   21**

Percent Achieving Benchmark: Actual percentage of students meeting "Adequate" or "Proficient" levels**:**   **Mean: 97%**
                                                            Median: 100%

2017 Closing the Loop Statement

With an n of 21 students, 20 Anth/Soc majors scored a 3 or 2 on their capstones for an aggregate mean of 97%. While 3% short of the benchmark or 100% for program outcomes, the 3% represents just one student scoring a 1 in Commination and Critical Thinking, with an additional student scoring a 1 in Critical Thinking. The 2017 Anth/Soc capstones demonstrate the strength of the program in coordinating teaching while learning and integrating Program Learning Outcomes across two related but distinct disciplines. That is as it should be for a program that has Integrated Learning as an explicit program outcome. The one outcome that could use program attention is Communication, even though 96% of students scored a 3 or 2. There is a noticeable dip in the number scoring a 3 to just 53% of the total, while other outcomes range from 80% to 90% scoring a 3. This is not a major area of concern as 96% scored a 3 or 2, but it is worth having the program faculty revisit the Communication Outcomes and align not only on expectations but on criteria and effective ways to address shortcomings in teaching and learning throughout the curricula.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students receiving a BS or BA degree in Anthropology/ Sociology will be able to demonstrate the following:

- *Communication:* Demonstrate a solid understanding of core concepts in anthropology and sociology through effective communication, including scholarly writing and public presentations.
- *Inquiry:* Demonstrate and apply cross-cultural perspectives, rooted in inquiry-based knowledge, in the analysis of social, economic, and political issues.
- *Critical Thinking:* Demonstrate effective skills in critical thinking, analytical and reflective writing, and appropriate discourse within the core disciplines.
- *Civic Engagement:* Identify, analyze, and address real world problems through scholarly and structured civic engagement.
- *Integrated Learning:* Connect student experience in the curriculum and co-curriculum with larger communities