UA Rich Mountain
Assessing Student Learning
Course Outcomes Report
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1. **Purpose**
   The Course Outcomes Report supplies information each semester regarding student learning on the course level. This report must be submitted to your division chair by the last day of the semester. Data from this report will be integrated into the annual Program Review. The Strategic Goals aligned with this report are Strategic Goal Three: Provide High Quality Education and Strategic Goal Four: Continuous Quality Improvement.

2. **Course Details**
   Course Name: Introduction to Sociology Course #: SOCI 10103

3. **Assessed Outcome**
   Course Outcome: Communicate effectively through writing and speaking

   Related Program Outcome: Students will increase their understanding of the human condition as well as the culture and society of both the nation and the world in which they live.

   Related GELO category (choose one):
   - ☐ Thinking critically
   - ☒ Communicating effectively
   - ☐ Using technology
   - ☐ Conducting relevant research

4. **Evidence of Student Learning**
   Describe the classroom activity/tools related to the **course** objective (project, discussion, essay, quiz, etc.): Discussion

5. **Course Data**
   Number of students in your course(s) who met the course objective: 36

   Total number of students in your course section(s): 39

   Percent (%) of students achieving this course objective: 92%

6. **Response to Data**
   Will you change how you teach as a result of this assessment?

   ☒Change(s) needed. Even though 92% of students successfully completed this assignment, ongoing instruction on effective writing would be helpful.
   ☐No change(s) needed.

***Attach <u>anonymous</u> student samples of each activity along with the grading rubric/scale.**

Discussion prompt: It is easy to look around our society and the world and point out all that is wrong and "needs to change." Talk is cheap. In your opinion, what is the one change in the world that could do the most good toward improving society? Why do you feel this is so? Most important, what are you doing to bring about this change?

Each "question" is worth 5 pts for a total of 15 points, so be sure to respond to each question; depth of development of your response is worth 10 points.
One change that could do the most good toward improving society is learning to agree to disagree. I feel this is so because it's not difficult to disagree with someone, although it is challenging to agree to disagree. Everyone has strong opinions about different things, and it is effortless to disagree with their opinions. However, learning the other person's point of view can help you understand and maybe even change your mind about your opinion. This may not always be the case. Oftentimes, rather than learning about their beliefs, it arouses conflict. This conflict leads to the ending of relationships or overall hatred towards the other person. But in my opinion, it doesn't matter if it's politics, religion, sports, etc.; we should hear the other person's reasoning or agree to disagree if we do end up not accepting what they believe. I try my hardest to hear other people out, even if I disagree. I get to see both sides of things, and surprisingly, sometimes my opinion does change. But even if my opinion doesn't change, I still get a new understanding, which is more than enough for me. If I disagree with someone, the first thing I ask them is, "Why do you think that?" or "Here's what I think." That's worked pretty well for me so far.
****Attach any meeting minutes associated with this assessment.**