

Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Department of Sociology Strategic Framework

Vision Statement: The Department of Sociology seeks regional and national recognition for the quality of its education, scholarship, and service.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to develop a broad liberal arts understanding of the nature and diversity of human behavior at all levels of society through our Undergraduate and Master's curriculum; to encourage and stimulate our rich tradition of scholarship by developing and increasing opportunities for research and publication; and to continue our commitment to providing both our students and faculty the opportunities to lend their professional sociological expertise to better serve our university community, the region, and the nation.

Strategic Directions: The Department of Sociology contributes to the basic Liberal Arts foundation and purposes of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences through the development and expansion of Sociological knowledge and the applications of Sociological skills premised upon fundamental Sociological research.

21st Century Education

Sociology Department Initiative	Priority Addressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access • Economic Development • Partnerships/Engagement 	Time line	Resource Needs	Evaluation/Assessment
Continually update and upgrade Statistics Lab to offer the most relevant skills to undergrads and grads	This initiative produces students with research skills which contribute to critical thinking and qualifies them for further training at the professional level.	Fall, 2010	Costs to be met by ITCS and dept. and university	Compare stat lab opportunities to comparable institutions
Enhance undergraduate curriculum	This initiative maximizes faculty resources and expertise and improves upon range and depth of undergraduate course offerings.	Fall, 2009	Costs to be met by dept. and university	Compare expertise and resources of faculty to curriculum and concentration commitment
Enhance Master's curriculum	This initiative maximizes faculty resources and expertise and improves upon range and depth of graduate course offerings.	Fall, 2008	Costs to be met by dept.	Conduct exit interviews and follow-up surveys to determine usefulness of quantitative skills

A Region's Health

Sociology Department Initiative	Priority Addressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access • Economic Development • Partnerships/Engagement 	Time line	Resource Needs	Evaluation/Assessment
Support Center on Aging	This initiative promotes health for the region and, in doing so, provides the framework for promoting the medical health of eastern North Carolina's citizens.	Ongoing	To be met by the dept.	Scholarly research and productivity
Support opportunities for faculty health research	This initiative promotes health for the region and, in doing so, provides the framework for promoting the medical health of eastern North Carolina's citizens.	Ongoing	To be met by the dept.	Scholarly research and productivity

A Region's Arts

Sociology Department Initiative	Priority Addressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access • Economic Development • Partnerships/Engagement 	Time line	Resource Needs	Evaluation/Assessment
N/A				

A Region's Prosperity

Sociology Department Initiative	Priority Addressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access • Economic Development • Partnerships/Engagement 	Time line	Resource Needs	Evaluation/Assessment
Support and development of Sociology Community Lab	This initiative contributes to economic development by providing undergraduate and grad students with marketable research skills. At the same time, it provides data to the community and region which may enhance economic prosperity.	Fall, 2010	To be met by NAEF funding, department, and outside sources.	Numbers of students and faculty trained; research and scholarly production.
Support and development of research linkages with ECU and other coastal institutions	This initiative promotes partnerships and involves applied and theoretical research in coastal development issues.	Fall, 2012	To be met by dept.	Research and scholarly production thru linkages

The Leadership University

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Found and develop Center for Social Diversity	This initiative posits the Sociology Department as a leader in Social Diversity at ECU.	Fall, 2011	Costs to be met by dept.; university, and outside funding.	Number of Sociology and other Social Science Faculty involved; number of grants, contracts, and research projects completed or in progress.