MA PLOs

1. **Explain complex ethical issues pertinent to social inquiry.**
   1.1 Apply ethical standards to evaluate sociology approaches and practice
   1.2 Design research that is ethically sound
   1.3 Adopt research values and practices that avoid ethnocentrism, racism, sexism, ageism, heterosexism, ableism, and other biasing perspectives.

2. **Demonstrate advanced theoretical literacy**
   2.1 Use scientific reasoning to differentiate between ideology and theory.
   2.2 Describe the dialectic between theoretical approaches and ideology.
   2.3 Explain the changing and historically-situated role of theory.
   2.4 Evaluate essential differences in key theoretical approaches (relative strengths and weaknesses).
   2.5 Interpret a variety of social phenomena through different theoretical lenses.

3. **Explain the interpenetration of human interaction, social policy, and social structure.**
   3.1 Describe the role of community engagement, social agency, and civic responsibility in social change.
   3.2 Explain the importance of ethically-aware practice, and social justice advocacy as conditions of social change.
   3.3 Demonstrate sociological imagination in identifying the interrelation among personal biography, social context, social structure, power relations, and socio-historical period.
   3.4 Identify specific components of social processes whereby social systems, social institutions, and social structures contribute to group and individual socialization.

4. **Differentiate among, know the appropriate role of, and be able to carry out various methods in social research (qualitative and quantitative).**
   4.1 Use scientific reasoning to interpret sociological phenomena
   4.2 Demonstrate sociological methodology literacy
   4.3 Interpret, design, and conduct sociological research, including appropriate attention to generalizability, validity, and reliability
   4.4 Incorporate appropriate sociocultural factors in scientific inquiry as relevant

5. **Undertake all aspects of data collection, analysis, interpretation, and presentation.**
   5.1 Use advanced statistical tests and interpret advanced statistical tables in sociology literature
   5.2 Collect, code, and analyze qualitative data;
   5.3 Communicate data-based findings in narrative form and through tables and graphics.

6. **Report research that integrates theoretical grounding and empirical work.**
   6.1 Present sociological issues in a manner that integrates theoretically-grounded positions with empirically-supported interpretations.
   6.2 Use scientific reasoning to critique the relative strength or weakness of premises, underlying assumptions, and opposing views, through connections to relevant literature, and empirical data.
   6.3 Write sociological papers that incorporate the aforementioned elements.