

**Department of Sociology and Social Work
Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA**

Sociology Major: Program Outcomes
Spring 2009

Graduates of the PLU Sociology program shall demonstrate the following competencies¹:

- Know and use sociological theory and concepts.
- Know and use sociological research methods.
- Be familiar with a particular substantive area in sociology.
- Be able to understand and evaluate articles from professional journals.
- Have quantitative and qualitative analytical skills.
- Be able to understand how their independent research fits in to the existing sociological literature.
- Have good writing and oral communication skills.
- Be familiar with and understand major social issues (U.S. and international).
- Understand human diversity.

¹ Adapted from: Bhattacharyya, Deborah. 1998. "Senior Thesis in Sociology." Pp. 39-50 in *Teaching Sociology at Small Institutions*, edited by Eric P. Godfrey. Washington D.C: American Sociological Association.