

Course Outcomes Guide

Course Title: Introduction to Sociology SOC 101

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Expected Learning Outcomes:

- Explain how sociological concepts can be found in everyday situations.
- Use the sociological perspective to analyze and discuss several major social issues affecting the nation and the world in the twenty-first century.
- Obtain a working knowledge of those sociological concepts and skills which provide the expected foundation for advanced educational offerings in sociology and other related social sciences.

Assessment:

At the end of the Spring 2017 semester, sociology instructors administered a common assessment exam to SOC 101 classes. The assessment exam covers all course outcomes. Data from the most recent assessments is analyzed and compared to previous semesters.

Validation:

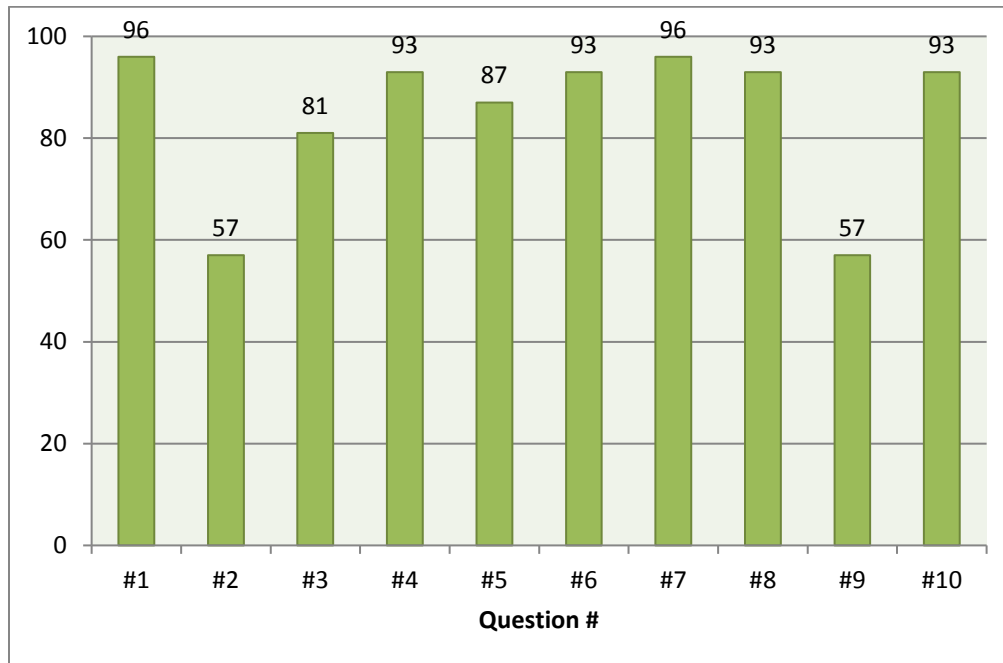
The course outcomes and assessment tool for Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101) are consistent and aligned with recommendations from the *American Sociological Association's Task Force on College Level Courses* and the "Creating an Effective Assessment Plan for the Sociology Major" guide published by the ASA's *Task Force on Assessing the Undergraduate Sociology Major*.

Results:

Common Assessment Exam Results: Spring 2017

The overall average score for the exam was 84%. The sample size was 114 for the Spring 2017 semester. The breakdown by question is shown in the chart below.

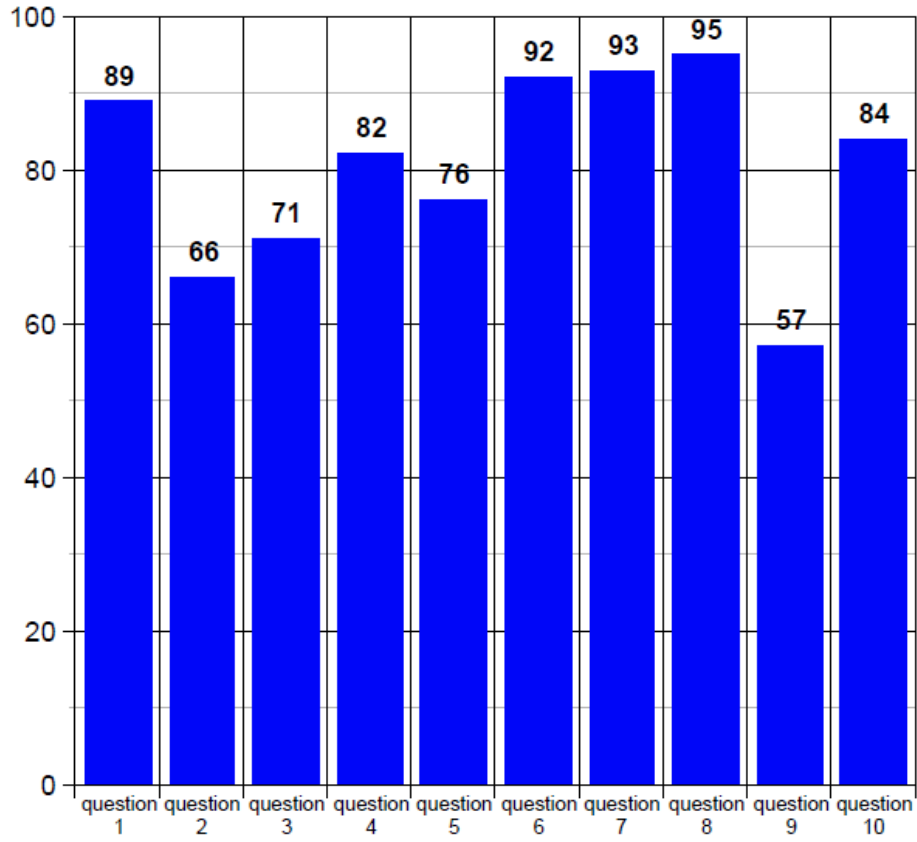
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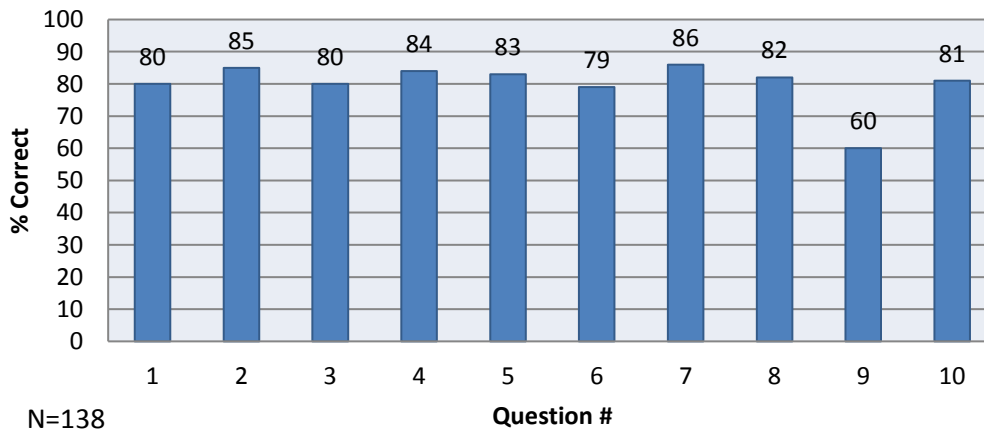
Strengths & Weaknesses: Based in the data, most students perform at a satisfactory level on questions pertaining to race, class, gender, stratification, socialization and basic research methodologies. The most common problem is an apparent lack of comprehension of the applied questions that require students to differentiate the major macro and micro theoretical perspectives in sociology: symbolic interactionism, conflict, and functionalism.

COMPARISONS TO PREVIOUS SEMESTERS :

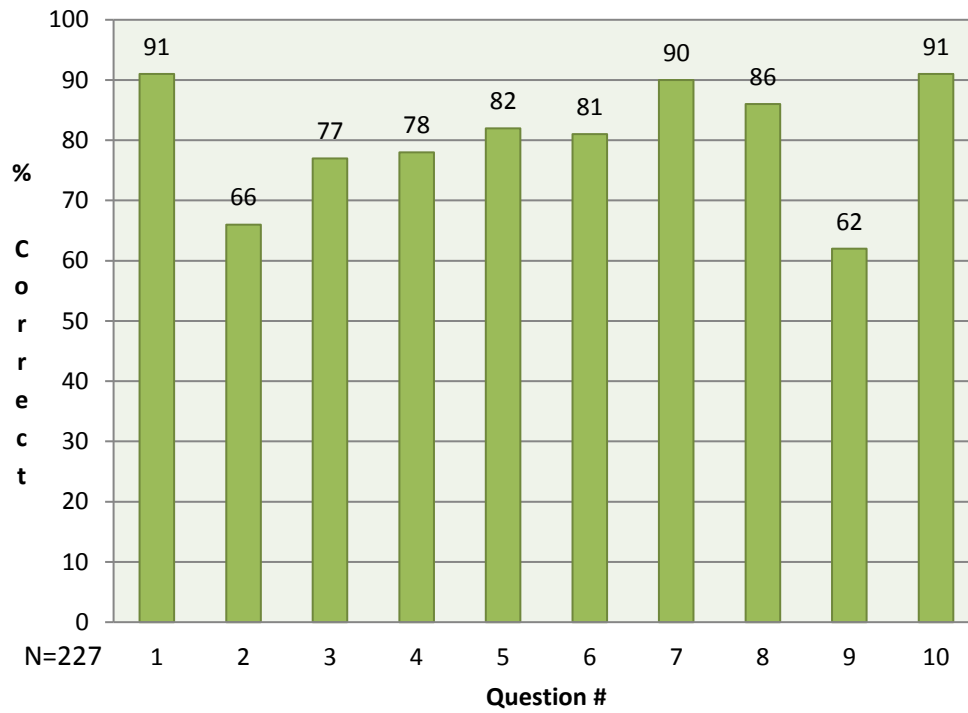
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**Common Assessment Exam Results
(Spring 2014)**



Common Assessment Exam Results (Fall 2013)



Budget Justification

Current resources are adequate