



## **University of Wisconsin—Parkside Sociology Department Alumni Survey**

The Sociology/Anthropology department of the University of Wisconsin—Parkside is conducting a survey to determine the impact of the Sociology/Anthropology program on its alumni's personal/professional life since graduation. Of particular interest are the competencies that the department has developed as goals for its students. Your completion of this survey will enable the Sociology/Anthropology department to assess the degree to which it has met its stated goals and will help the department to better serve its students. All surveys will be kept confidential and will not be used for undisclosed purposes.

### **Section I:** *Background Information*

1. What year did you graduate from the University of Wisconsin—Parkside?  
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2. A. What was your major(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Within your major(s), please list any concentration(s)  
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C. Please list any minors: \_\_\_\_\_  
D. Please list any certificates earned at UW-P: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E. Were you a transfer student? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No
  
3. When did you first decide to focus on Sociology/Anthropology as a major?  
Please circle year:  
Freshman                  Sophomore                  Junior                  Senior
  
4. A. Have you, or are you continuing your education?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                  \_\_\_\_\_ No  
B. If yes, what degree are you pursuing and in what field?  
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5. A. Are you currently working?  
       \_\_\_\_\_ Yes                    \_\_\_\_\_ No (Go to 6).
- B. If yes, what is your current position? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. If yes, did you find this job before or after graduating from UW-P?  
 Please circle one:
- Before                    After
6. How long did it take you to find your current position? (If not currently working, how long did it take you to find your last position?) \_\_\_\_\_
7. How long have you been in your current position? (If not currently working, how long were you in your last position?) \_\_\_\_\_
8. How did you find your current position? (If not currently working, how did you find your last position?) Please circle one:
- Friend or Family      Placement Agency              Applied Independently
- Other (Please Specify): \_\_\_\_\_
9. How satisfied are you with your current position? Please circle one:
- Very Satisfied                    Satisfied                    Somewhat Satisfied
- Dissatisfied                    Very Dissatisfied
10. How many jobs have you had since graduating from UWP? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is your current annual income level? Please circle one:
- 14,999 or less      15,000-25,999      26,000-35,999      36,000-45,999
- 46,000-55,999      56,000-65,999      66,000-75,999      76,000 or more
12. Please indicate your race below:
- \_\_\_\_\_ White              \_\_\_\_\_ Black or African American              \_\_\_\_\_ Latino
- \_\_\_\_\_ Asian              \_\_\_\_\_ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- \_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander              \_\_\_\_\_ Two or More Races
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prefer not to answer

13. Please indicate your gender below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Male          \_\_\_\_\_ Female          \_\_\_\_\_ Prefer not to answer

**Section II:** *Competencies*

1. A. During your time at UW-P were you aware of the Sociology/Anthropology department competencies?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cannot recall

B. If so, when were you first aware of them? Please circle year:

Freshman                  Sophomore                  Junior                  Senior

C. How were you made aware of the competencies?  
Please circle all that apply:

Course Syllabus/Class

Professor/Advisor

Department Website    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**In the next segment of section II, which begins on the next page, you will be asked to make statements about the fourteen competencies established by the Sociology/Anthropology department at the University of Wisconsin—Parkside.**

2. Please check next to all that apply for each competency. If none apply, leave blank.

*Conceptual Competencies:*

**A. Understand and apply sociological/anthropological concepts, theories, and perspectives on culture and society.**

- Competency has helped me find a job
- Competency has helped me in my current position
- Competency has helped me in my personal life
- Competency is difficult to understand

**B. Demonstrate an understanding of cultures and societies in their own terms.**

- Competency has helped me find a job
- Competency has helped me in my current position
- Competency has helped me in my personal life
- Competency is difficult to understand

**C. Understand the impact of the social and physical environment on individual experience.**

- Competency has helped me find a job
- Competency has helped me in my current position
- Competency has helped me in my personal life
- Competency is difficult to understand

**D. Assess and critique different sociological/anthropological theoretical orientations.**

- Competency has helped me find a job
- Competency has helped me in my current position
- Competency has helped me in my personal life
- Competency is difficult to understand

**E. Understand the process of the theory construction.**

- Competency has helped me find a job
- Competency has helped me in my current position
- Competency has helped me in my personal life
- Competency is difficult to understand

*Methodological Competencies:*

**F. Demonstrate the connection between theory, methods, and realities.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me find a job
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my current position
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my personal life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency is difficult to understand

**G. Frame and execute a research project.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me find a job
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my current position
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my personal life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency is difficult to understand

**H. Record, interpret, and communicate quantitative and qualitative evidence.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me find a job
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my current position
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my personal life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency is difficult to understand

**I. Find, organize, and critically evaluate data/information (interpreting data outcomes and evaluating literature).**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me find a job
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my current position
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my personal life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency is difficult to understand

**J. Understand and use technology for achieving goals and tasks.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me find a job
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my current position
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my personal life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency is difficult to understand

*Civic Competencies:*

**K. Promote the active exchange of ideas in a civil manner.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me find a job
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my current position
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my personal life

\_\_\_\_\_ Competency is difficult to understand

**L. Use sociological and anthropological knowledge to address important issues locally and globally.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me find a job
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my current position
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my personal life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency is difficult to understand

**M. Gain competence in effective collaboration and teamwork.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me find a job
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my current position
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my personal life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency is difficult to understand

**N. Identify and confront ethnocentrism.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me find a job
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my current position
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency has helped me in my personal life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competency is difficult to understand

3. Now that you have seen the competencies when should they be introduced to students? Please circle year:

Freshman                  Sophomore                  Junior                  Senior

4. Do you think the Sociology/Anthropology classes should focus more on the competencies?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                  \_\_\_\_\_ No

5. Which further competencies other than the ones mentioned above do you think students need to develop before graduation?

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4. Which of your Sociology/Anthropology courses taken at UW-P most developed the skills used in your current position?

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5. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Sociology/Anthropology department?

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Thank you for your participation.