VII. Basic Discipline Data Summary

- From the six categories above, what does the information tell you about your program? Please cite relevant data in your discussion.
- Are there any immediate issues that require immediate attention (e.g., outdated course outlines)?

An analysis of the above date tells us that enrollment in Sociology is above expectations because the average per course is above 44 student capacity. To illustrate, if we set capacity enrollment at 44 students per course and we have eighteen courses then the total number of students in these 18 courses should be 616. Our total number of students taking sociology courses in the Fall was 642, which means that on the average, our fill rate is above capacity. Enrollment is strong in this discipline. The overall success rate for Sociology is similar to the overall success rate in total and by gender and ethnicity.

What the data do not tell us is more about our student. For example: What are their career goals? Why do they select our courses to fulfill GE requirements as opposed to other courses in other disciplines, which may fulfill the same requirements? What are suggestions of students enrolled in our courses, especially regarding scheduling, offerings, etc.? The purpose of this three year Program Review will be to identify our student populations and their needs and to address these needs in the structuring of our curriculum and program.

VIII. Analysis and Planning

- What do you see as potential issues that will need to be addressed?

Since we currently offer 21 sociology classes and our average fill rate is over 100% and since with the current economy college enrollment in general is up we need to consider adding an additional fulltime sociology position. Currently there are only two fulltime sociology instructors who teach nine of these courses. One fulltime instructor is currently a coordinator of a program and a grant. At the present time, too many sections are being taught by adjunct faculty.