**Sociology**

**Program Strengths and Accomplishments**

The Sociology program is a high demand college level program. Sociology coursework is structured to address the needs of program majors and those pursuing transfer to four year colleges and universities. Demand for Sociology courses has increased significantly, growing from 990 student enrollments in the fall of 2003 to 1214 enrollments in the fall of 2007. Student retention and success rates are relatively stable, remaining slightly above college averages.

Department vitality is indicated by consistently high student demand. The program has established a new Sociology major option, an expanded on-line presence, continuing integration with the Human Services Department, and continuing focus upon currency in articulation with four year colleges and universities. The CSUF student teacher internship program continues to provide a critical link to one of our local California State Universities.

**Other Issues Facing the Department**

The Sociology program is challenged with maintaining program quality during a time of diminished resources and state support for education. While continuing to develop SLOs in accord with college timelines, the program is also faced with relocating into newly remodeled facilities. Though the move is anticipated with excitement, occupying new faculty office and classroom space presents significant logistic challenges. The program is working with college facilities and technology staff to assure that the remodeled facilities are configured and equipped in accord with student and program needs.

**Goals/Action Plans for the Next Three Years**

- Improve technological support for instruction by aligning program needs with campus technology availability.
- Improve articulation and transfer agreements with four year institutions by clarifying the status of SOC 271 C Child, Family and Community and SOC 275 C Marriage and Family with respect to the Teacher Prep program.
- Increase the number of students successfully completing requirements for the AA degree in Sociology by improving marketing strategies and increasing student participation.
- Assess department needs for classroom and on-line instruction, including a review of the Educational Master Plan five year projections for 2011.
- Bring to fruition department plans for a Women’s Studies program.