

GE SLO 4.3 Incorporate social science methods to explain or predict individual and collective human behavior.

	Initial 1	Emerging 2	Developing 3	Highly Developed 4
Awareness of major concepts, models, or issues in the social sciences.	Makes no mention of major concept(s), model(s), or issue(s) in this field in relation to the issue under study.	States major concept(s), model(s), or issue(s) in its original wording, lacks understanding of how it relates to the issue under study.	Restates major concept(s), model(s), or issue(s) in her/his own words, applies his/her information to the issue under study.	Restates major concept(s), model(s), or issue(s) in her/his own words, applies information to issue under study, and provides some analysis and evaluation of the concept, model, or issue.
Critically interpret data	Perceives social science research as isolated from context , or lacks conceptual framework for evaluation of data. Identifies obvious logical errors or distortions within the immediate context.	Recognizes the contribution of relevant literature to formulating social science questions . Identifies some logical and empirical fallacies in inferences drawn from data.	In the work of others, recognizes the contribution of relevant literature to social science data collection and analysis . Identifies distortions in the presentation and interpretation of data.	Synthesizes relevant literature and value assumptions in formulation of social science questions and their effects on the nature and interpretation of data collected. Identifies distortions in presentation and interpretation of data, and recognizes consequences of inaccurate data interpretation .
Critically evaluate and make inferences from data	Extracts simple data from sources , but has difficulty presenting that in summary form, or making consistent inferences.	In her/his own work, extracts data related to research question from variety of sources, summarizes the data, and makes inferences consistent with the data.	In her/his own work, extracts and analyzes complex data from qualitative and/or quantitative sources , and makes connections and inferences consistent with the data.	Independently extracts complex data from a variety of sources, synthesizes data, makes appropriate connections and inferences consistent with the data and relates it to a larger context .

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