A brief description of the KAM’s focus

As individuals and professionals facing contemporary challenges, we must understand the contexts within which change takes place in our society, the variety of forces that operate to bring about change, the consequences of change, and our own role as change agents. Students examine the complex nature of social change from the perspective of a variety of disciplines, including philosophy, ethics, sociology, psychology, economics, political science, anthropology, and history, and then apply that knowledge through practical demonstration.

Thus, the overall purpose of this KAM is to develop and demonstrate advanced knowledge of the phenomenon of social change from the grassroots to the highest societal levels - from the level of community to national and international levels. This understanding is to be demonstrated in terms of three types of competencies that underlie the scientific process – theory, research, and applications, as further explained below:

Breadth

The focus in this section is to demonstrate in a 30-page essay a critical and comparative examination of classical and contemporary sociological, political, economic, and technological theories or explanations of social change; that is, why and how social change occurs; what factors contribute to it; what types of individuals, groups, and social movements are identified in these theories as the likely agents of change in different situations and circumstances.

Depth

This section requires (1) demonstration of knowledge of the contemporary social change research front through an annotated bibliography of at least 15 recently published journal articles; and (2) the ability to use theoretical concepts and models discussed in breadth as well as in the annotated bibliography to analyze in a 25-page essay the causes and consequences of a current social change issue or problem of interest to you as a scholar and practitioner.

Application
This section is about applied dimensions of knowledge gained from the breadth and depth components. Here, you are required to design and develop a 20-25 page project that could be implemented to bring about the required social change in a specific real-life or hypothetical situation in your community, organization, or profession.

**Note:** Please try to clearly demarcate the demonstrations as explained above for each component in order to avoid redundancy between breadth, depth, and application, at the same time that you construct the entire KAM as an integrated document on the subject matter discussed. The document must correspond to the Walden approved APA form and style manual, along with appropriate table of contents and references separately for each section.

**Startup references:**


