

**Table 12: PPA 205 Language for Specific Primary Learning Objectives**

| <b>Specific PPA Learning Objective</b>                                | <b>Translation to be used in learning objectives for course that appears on course</b>   |
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| 1b. Identify and evaluate reasonable alternatives to answer questions | Understand the attributes, advantages, and limitations of various research designs to answer questions about public policy and administration.<br><br>Understand the importance of thinking systematically about investigating causality.  |
| 1c. Learn tools of analysis used in public policy and administration  | Understand the attributes, advantages, and limitations of various types of data collection and analysis methods, including: a) experiments; b) surveys; c) field research; d) accessing electronic data archives; and e) conducting historical analysis.                                     |
| 1d. Learn when to apply various analytical tools appropriately        | Learn when to apply various types of data collection and analysis methods (e.g., experiments, surveys, regression) appropriately.  |
| 2c. Learn the appropriate knowledge and skills of research methods    | Learn specific design principles common to a number of different types of research, such as the critical role of theories, hypotheses, and comparisons.<br><br>Understand how to proceed from a concept to a means of measuring the concept.<br><br>Understand how to investigate causality. |
| 2f. Learn how to access relevant data and literature                  | Learn how to access relevant data and literature to inform and answer questions of public policy and administration.   |