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PROGRAM TITLE: Changes in the Graduation Requirements for the Undergraduate Major in Sociology

PLEASE CHECK: GRADUATE **UNDERGRADUATE X**

DEPARTMENT: SOCIOLOGY **HEAD/CHAIR: Donald Tomaskovic-Devey**

SCHOOL OR COLLEGE: SBS **DEAN: Janet Rifkin**

Submission Date: 9/29/07 **Proposed Starting Date: 9/1/08**

I. PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Describe the Proposal

Require Sociology majors to pass three of the Sociology curricular requirements (Introduction, Methods, and Statistics) for graduation with a C or higher.
The respective courses meeting this requirement are as follows:

Introductory Sociology: SOCIOL 103, 105, 106, 107, 110, 222, 241

Statistics: SOCIOL 212, RES-ECON 211, 212, PSYCHP 240, STATISTC 111, 240

Methods: SOCIOL 213

B. Provide a brief overview of the process for developing the Proposal.

Following the recommendation of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, this proposal was approved by the full faculty at its April 10, 2007 meeting.

II. PURPOSE AND GOALS

Describe the Proposal's purpose and the particular knowledge and skills to be acquired.

1. **This requirement would require a higher level of sociological competence than the current requirement, which is a 2.0 cumulative GPA in Sociology.**
2. **This requirement would put Sociology in line with other SBS departments, such as Communication, Economics, Political Science and Psychology, all of which have graduation requirements linked to grades.**
3. **The requirement is limited to core courses in the curriculum which are typically taken in the Freshman and Sophomore years.**