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PROGRAM TITLE: Change in the Entrance 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: 9/20/07 Proposed Starting Date: 9/1/08

I. PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Describe the Proposal

Require internal transfers into the Sociology major to have taken and passed with a C or better at least one 100- or 200-level Sociology course at UMass Amherst.

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 November 14, 2006 meeting.

II. PURPOSE AND GOALS

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

1. The goal of the proposal is to encourage students to make the transfer decision based on direct experience in Sociology courses.
2. We have run into a recurring advising problem in which internal transfer students elect to become Sociology majors, even though they have no direct experience of Sociology. Not surprisingly, it is our experience that these students often have chosen unwisely, struggle with the major, and eventually transfer yet again to more appropriate majors.
3. We are not in any way limiting access to the major. We remain open to the enrollment of any UMass student.
4. We anticipate that this rule will impact less than 10 students per year.