SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

ACADEMIC MATTERS, ACADEMIC PRIORITIES AND
PROGRAM AND BUDGET COUNCILS

concerning

REVISION OF THE BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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As part of the plan to replace the Global Education requirement in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) with program-specific requirements, the Department of Sociology is proposing to revise its major. The significant changes from current requirements are:

1) The minimum number of required credits for the major will increase from 40 to 44.
2) Students must complete an International and Intercultural Requirement that can be fulfilled through a foreign language course, study abroad, or a Sociology course from an approved list.

At its meeting on April 6, 2016, the Academic Matters Council voted unanimously to recommend Faculty Senate approval of the proposed Revision of the B.A. Major Requirements in the Department of Sociology. It was submitted as proposal #2756 in the Course and Curriculum Management System.

ACADEMIC PRIORITIES COUNCIL

On April 19, 2017, the Academic Priorities Council endorsed approval of this proposal subject after two requested changes were made. The first is that fulfillment of department level international and intercultural requirements can be fulfilled by departmentally approved study abroad. The second is that "At least one course taken to fulfill the major's international/intercultural requirement must have an international focus (if a topical course), be a foreign language, or be taken during a departmentally approved study abroad.

PROGRAM AND BUDGET COUNCIL

At its meeting on March 22, 2017, the Program and Budget Council voted 9 Yes, 5 No and 1 Abstention on the proposal #2756, Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Major Requirements in the Department of Sociology, as part of a group of related proposals (#s 2748 through 2756 in the Course and Curriculum Management System). It addressed its comments to the framework proposal (#2748).

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve the Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Major Requirements in the Department of Sociology, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 17-067.
Please describe your proposal.

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences seeks to transform the international and intercultural education focus in our curriculum from the college-based Global Education Requirement for B.A. majors to an integrated theme that is incorporated directly into strengthened and updated B.A. major requirements. (See Proposal 2748 in the UMass Course and Curriculum Management System.)

To graduate, students in the Sociology major must currently fulfill the Global Education Requirement of 15 credits plus their major requirements of 40 credits. After the proposed change, students in the Sociology major will fulfill expanded major requirements totaling 44 credits that incorporate international and intercultural education directly into the major in a manner tailored to our discipline. The current college level Global Education Requirement will be ended for students in the Sociology major.

The four additional credits required will be able to be fulfilled through a list of courses designated by the department, by foreign language courses, or by a departmentally approved study abroad.

Please describe the existing program requirements, listing all required courses and available electives, as well as any additional requirements, and continuation or admissions policies.

Sociology majors usually begin the major with a 100-level course.

The following 100-level courses are regularly offered:
SOCIO 103 Social Problems
SOCIO 105 Self, Society, and Interpersonal Relations
SOCIO 106 Race, Gender, Class, and Ethnicity
SOCIO 107 Contemporary American Society
SOCIO 110 General Introduction to Sociology

All students must take the following four (4) courses:
SOCIO 212 Statistics (also online Spring & Summer)
(accepted courses include PSYCH 240, RES-ECON 211 or 212, STATISTIC 111 or 240)
SOCIO 213 Data Collection and Analysis (also online Summer)
SOCIO 301 Writing in Sociology
(Junior Year Writing Requirement)
SOCIO 302 Sociological Theories and Perspectives

It is expected that SOCIO 212 and 213 be taken during the sophomore year and SOCIO 302 during the junior or senior years.

Distribution Requirement
(This applies to students entering the major after 5/31/2011.)

Take at least one course from each of the following areas:

CRIME, LAW, AND DEVIANCE
SOCIO 241 Criminology (also online every session)
SOCIO 242 Drugs & Society (online only)
SOCIO 293M Intro to Human Rights
SOCIO 323 Sociology of Law
SOCIO 342 Deviance & Social Order
SOCIO 343 Hate Crime in America
SOCIO 344 Gender & Crime
SOCIO 346 Communities & Crime
SOCIOL 347 Corporate Crime
SOCIOL 364 Sociology of Mental Health
SOCIOL 391M Serial & Mass Murder (online only)
SOCIOL 394F Crime & Forensics (online only)
SOCIOL 392J Race & Policing (online only)
SOCIOL 394S White Collar Crime (online only)
SOCIOL 397D Delinquency & Juvenile Justice (online only)
SOCIOL 395K Domestic Violence (online only)

CULTURE, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INSTITUTIONS
SOCIOL 220 Sociology of American Culture
SOCIOL 222 The Family
SOCIOL 223 Work and Society
SOCIOL 240 Sociology of Asian American Experience
SOCIOL 387 Sexuality and Society
SOCIOL 321 Sociology of Religion
SOCIOL 322 Sociology of Education
SOCIOL 325 Political Sociology
SOCIOL 352 Media, Technology, and Sociology
SOCIOL 353 Sociology of Medicine (also online Spring)
SOCIOL 384 Sociology of Love
SOCIOL 382 Sociology of Childhood
SOCIOL 386 Complex Organizations

SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND DIVERSITY
SOCIOL 224 Social Class and Inequality (also online Fall & Summer)
SOCIOL 240 Sociology of Asian American Experience
SOCIOL 244 Sociology of Immigration
SOCIOL 245 Race and Society
SOCIOL 383 Gender and Society
SOCIOL 288 Introduction of Latin American Culture
SOCIOL 328 Introduction to Social Work (also online Fall & Summer)
SOCIOL 329 Social Movements
SOCIOL 335 Radical Movements
SOCIOL 360 Urban Sociology
SOCIOL 361 Demography of Minority Groups
SOCIOL 385 Gender and Family
SOCIOL 388 Gender and Globalization

AND three (3) additional 200-level or above Sociology electives.

Please describe the requirements that you are proposing, listing course requirements, elective options, as well as any additional requirements, and continuation or admissions policies.

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AND three (3) additional 200-level or above Sociology electives.

International and Intercultural Requirement

This requirement can be fulfilled through a foreign language course; a departmentally approved study abroad course that is part of an IPO approved study abroad program; or by completing one of the following sociology courses:

SOCIOL 220 Contemporary American Society
SOCIOL 240 Asian American Experience
SOCIOL 244 Sociology of Immigration
SOCIOL 261 Population Studies
SOCIOL 262 Globalization and Inequalities
SOCIOL 288 Introduction to Latin American Societies
SOCIOL 321 Sociology of Religion
SOCIOL 330 Asian Americans and Inequalities
SOCIOL 334 Sociology of International Crises and Disasters
SOCIOL 343 Hate Crime in America
SOCIOL 360 Urban Sociology
SOCIOL 388 Gender and Globalization
SOCIOL 424 Sex Work in Global Perspective

If this requirement is fulfilled by a language course or a departmentally approved study abroad, an additional Sociology course is required to attain a total of 44 credits in Sociology.

Across all the major requirements above, at least one course taken must have an international focus (if a topical course), be a foreign language, or be taken during a departmentally approved study abroad.

Please provide the rationale for these revisions.

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences has provided a rationale for transforming international and intercultural education in the B.A. majors from the college-level Global Education Requirement to departmental requirements. Please see document Rationale for Transformation of International & Intercultural Education in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences (attached) for this overall rationale.

Within this framework, we have identified a core set of undergraduate courses that comprise a ‘Politics, Movements, Global and Transnational Sociologies’ cluster. Thanks to a number of faculty with an international focus in their research (Professors, Jung, Lao-Montes, Le, Parvez, Shalet, Sharone, Thayer, Vinthagen), our current curriculum satisfies these interests through our existing course content. As a part of our ‘Sociology Action Steps from UG Strategic Plan Fall 2015’ we planned to “build connections between international research activity of faculty, students, and curriculum.”
Academic Requirements Review

Requirement: V. In addition to the Gen Ed, Diversity, and College requirements, you must complete the following Major requirements: (rg3)
Rule: Requirements (r10801)
Line: *No Pass/Fail courses in major*
Recall: GUS
Recall: GUS
Recall: CAT
Line: **A maximum of 5 courses transferred from other institutions may be accepted toward satisfaction of major requirements**
Recall: GUS
Recall: GUS
Recall: RES
Line: **Only one course at 100 level will count in the major requirements**
Recall: USE
Line: **No course ending in '96 or '98 will be accepted toward major requirements**
Recall: USE
Line: 1. Take one introductory course: Only one 100-level Sociology course may be used toward the major. (r10801,ln10)
Line: 2. Take Sociology 401. (r10801,ln20)
Line: 3. Take Junior Year Writing, Sociology 301. (r10801,ln30)
Line: 3. Second Majors satisfy the Junior Year Writing Requirement in their primary major. (r10801,ln35)
Line: 4. Take Sociology 212. (r10801,ln40)
Line: 5. Take Sociology 213. (r10801,ln45)
Line: 6. Concentration Requirements (r10801,ln50)
Line: 7. Take Sociology 241 (r10801,ln60)
Line: 8. Take Sociology 323 or 342 (r10801,ln70)
Line: 9. Take two additional Sociology courses at the 200-level or above. (r10801,ln80)
Rule: **Additional Sociology Courses (r10314)
Line: Other Courses
Recall: USD
Recall: ITC
Rule: ***Courses Not used for Degree/Major/Minor Requirements*** (r10315)
Recall: PAS
Recall: USD
Recall: ITC
Requirement: V. In addition to the Gen Ed, Diversity, and College requirements, you must complete the following Major requirements: (rg116)
Rule: Requirements (r188)
Line: **No Internal Transfers**
Recall: ITC
Recall: USE
Line: *No Pass/Fail courses in major*
Recall: CAT
Line: **A maximum of 5 courses transferred from other institutions may be accepted toward satisfaction of graduation requirements**
Recall: TRA
Recall: NTS
Recall: USE
Line: **No course ending in '96 or '98 will be accepted toward major requirements**
Recall: USE
Line: 1. Take one of the following introductory courses. (r188,ln40)
Line: 2. Take Sociology 301, Junior Year Writing. (r188,ln50)
Line: 2. Second Majors satisfy the Junior Year Writing Requirement in their primary major. (r10801,ln65)
Line: 3. Take Sociology 401. (r188,ln70)
Line: 4. Take Sociology 212. (r188,ln80)
Line: 5. Take Sociology 213. (r188,ln90)
Line: 6. Take one of the following courses in Crime, Law and Deviance. (r188,ln100)
Line: 7. Take one of the following courses in Culture, Organizations and Institutions. (r188,ln110)
Line: 8. Take one of the following courses in Social Inequality and Diversity (r188,ln120)
Line: 9. Take 12 credits of upper level Sociology courses numbered 200 and above. (r188,ln130)
Rule: **Additional Sociology Courses (r10314)
Line: Other Courses
Recall: USD
Recall: ITC
Rule: ***Courses Not used for Degree/Major/Minor Requirements*** (r10315)
Recall: PAS
Recall: USD
Recall: ITC
Requirement: V. In addition to the Gen Ed, Diversity, and College requirements, you must complete the following Major requirements: (rg117)
Rule: Requirements (r188)
Line: **No Internal Transfers**
Recall: ITC
Recall: USE
Line: *No Pass/Fail courses in major*
Recall: CAT
Line: **A Maximum of 5 courses transferred from other institutions may be accepted toward satisfaction of graduation requirements**
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Requirement: B.A. in Sociology (rg118)
Rule: Requirements
Line: **No Internal Transfers**
Recall: ITC
Recall: USE
Line: *No Pass/Fail courses in major*
Recall: CAT
Recall: USE
Line: **A Maximum of 1 100-level course may be accepted toward satisfaction of graduation requirements**
Recall: USE
Line: **No course ending in '96 or '98 will be accepted toward major requirements**
Recall: USE
Line: 1. Take one introductory Sociology course. (r11953,ln40)
Line: 2. Take Sociology 212. (r11953,ln50)
Line: 3. Take Sociology 213. (r11953,ln60)
Line: 4. Take Sociol 301, Junior Year Writing. (r11953,ln70)
Line: 4. Second Majors satisfy the Junior Year Writing Requirement in their primary major. (r11953,ln75)
Line: 5. Take one of the following courses in Crime, Law and Deviance. (r11953,ln80)
Line: 6. Take one of the following courses in Culture, Organizations and Institutions. (r11953,ln90)
Line: 7. Take one of the following courses in Social Inequality and Diversity (r11953,ln100)
Line: 8. Take an additional 12 credits of Sociology electives. (r11953,ln110)
Recall: CAT
Recall: ITC
Line: 9. Take at least 40 credits of Sociology courses. (r11953,ln120)
Recall: CAT
Recall: ITC
Line: 10. Take at least 20 credits of courses within the UMass/Amherst Sociology Department. (r11953,ln130)
Recall: RES
Recall: CAT
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Requirement: V. In addition to the Gen Ed, Diversity, and College requirements, you must complete the following Major requirements: (rg121)
Rule: Requirements (r188)
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Recall: CAT
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*If this proposal requires no additional resources, say so and briefly explain why. If this proposal requires additional resources, explain how they will be paid for. For proposals involving instruction, indicate how many new enrollments are expected and whether the courses have room to accommodate them.*

This proposal does not require additional resources within SBS or the Sociology major, although the college and department continue to point out the unusually high student to faculty ratios within SBS and call for faculty hiring to address this imbalance. Under the proposed curriculum changes, we expect some increases in demand for courses within SBS, particularly those that are identified as fulfilling international/intercultural requirements within the department. This additional demand has already been considered by us in approving this major change proposal.

*(Please refer to Proposal #2756 in the Course and Curriculum Management System for the Track Changes and the Rationale for Transformation of International and Intercultural Education in CSBS.)*