



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 29, 2004

Mark A. Emmert, President

Dean David C. Hodge
College of Arts and Sciences
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Dear David:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised admission and program requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. A copy of the changes is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Sociology is authorized to specify these requirements beginning winter quarter 2005.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark".

Mark A. Emmert
President

Enclosure

cc: Professor Stewart Tolnay (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
 Mr. W. W. Washburn (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah Wiegand (with enclosure) *SOC - 042604*



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Creating & Changing Undergraduate Academic Programs*

After college/school review, send signed original and 8 copies to: FCAS, Box 351271

College: Arts and Sciences

Department or Unit: Sociology

Date: April 26, 2004

New Programs

- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree
- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____
- Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____
- Leading to a Minor in _____

Changes to existing programs

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in Sociology within the Bachelor of Arts
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in Sociology within the Bachelor of Arts
- Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____

Other Changes

- Change name of program from _____ to _____
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____
- Eliminate program in _____

Proposed Effective Date: (quarter/year) _____ AUT 2004 or WIN 2005 _____

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Explanation of and Rationale for Proposed Change: (Please use additional pages if necessary. For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support, and departmental handouts.)

See attached.

* For information about when and how to use this form please go to <http://www.washington.edu/faculty/facsenate/councils/fcas/1503/>.

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2. Catalog Copy

A. Catalog Copy as Currently Written (*Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.*)

NOTE: Earlier this academic year the general catalog office requested that we revise our catalog copy to conform to new format and content guidelines. We sent a revision on January 16, 2004, but those changes have not yet appeared in the online General Catalog. The excerpt below is from the **current** online General Catalog; the proposed changes on the next page will replace *only these sections* in the January revision.

Admission Requirements:

1. 10 credits from the following: SOC 110 or 111, 212, 240, 270, 271.
- ~~2. SOC 220 (5 credits).~~
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 for all sociology courses completed at the time of application. Special circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
4. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 for all prior college work.
5. A one- to two-page personal statement indicating the relevance of a sociology degree to the student's life experiences and goals.
6. Application deadlines are the second Friday of each quarter. All applicants who meet the qualifications stated above will be admitted in time to register as Sociology majors for the following quarter.
- ~~7. Admission will be made to one of four major options: Law, Society, and Social Policy; The Life Course; Institutions, Organizations, and Markets; Globalization and Social Change.~~

Major Requirements: 50 credits in sociology, to include the following: (1) 10 credits from the following: SOC 110 or 111, 212, 240, 270, and 271. (2) SOC 220 (5) and 316 (5). ~~(3) 20 credits from one of the following options: Law, Society and Social Policy; Life Course; Institutions, Organizations, and Markets; and Globalization and Social Change. See department for list of courses that may be taken to complete the option requirements.~~ (3) 10 credits of electives chosen from any other SOC course. (4) 20 credits of upper-division classes within the major. (5) Minimum grade of 2.0 in any course applied toward the major. Minimum GPA in SOC classes of 2.50.

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B. Proposed Catalog Copy, Reflecting Requested Changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications.)

Department Admission Requirements

- ~~1. 40 credits from the following~~ Any two of the following (10 credits): SOC 110 (or SOC 111), SOC 212, SOC 240, SOC 270, SOC 271.
- ~~2. SOC 220 (5 credits).~~
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 for all UW sociology courses completed courses applied to the major requirements at the time of application. Special circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
3. Minimum grade of 2.0 in each course applied to the major requirements.
4. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 for all prior college work.
5. A one- to two-page personal statement ~~indicating the relevance of a sociology degree to the student's life experiences and goals.~~

Application deadlines are the second Friday of each quarter. All applicants who meet the qualifications stated above will be admitted in time to register as Sociology majors for the following quarter.

- ~~6. Admission is made to one of four major options: law, society, and social policy; individual and society; social organization; globalization and social change.~~

Major Requirements

50 credits as follows:

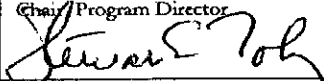

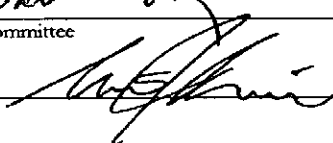
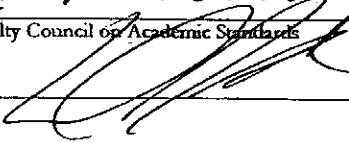
1. Introductory courses (10 credits): ~~10 credits from the following:~~ two courses from SOC 110 or SOC 111, SOC 212, SOC 240, SOC 270, and SOC 271.
2. Sociological Methods and Theory (10 credits): SOC 220 (5) and SOC 316 (5).
3. ~~20 credits from one of the following options: law; society and social policy; individual and society; social organization; and globalization and social change. See department for list of courses that may be taken to complete the option requirements.~~ Upper-division Sociology Electives (20 credits) chosen from any 300-level or 400-level SOC courses, excluding 376 (SOC) and independent study courses (SOC 399, 499).
4. Sociology Electives (10 credits) of electives chosen from any other SOC course.

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5. ~~Minimum grade of 2.0 in any course applied toward the major. Minimum GPA in UW SOC classes of 2.50.~~

A minimum grade of 2.0 is required in any course applied to major requirements. A minimum cumulative UW GPA of 2.5 is required for courses applied to major requirements. At least 25 of the 50 required Sociology credits must be completed in residence at the University of Washington.

3. Signatures (required)

Chair/Program Director 	Date 10/18/07	Dean 	Date OCT 19 2004
College Committee 	Date OCT 19 2004	Faculty Council on Academic Standards 	Date 10-22-07

Department of Sociology
Proposed Revisions to the Undergraduate Program
April 2004

The Department of Sociology proposes the following changes to the admission and degree requirements Bachelor of Arts in Sociology:

1. Proposed Revisions to Admission Requirements

Current Admission Requirements. 15 credits, including:

- 10 credits from the following: SOC 110 or 111, 212, 240, 270, 271.
- SOC 220 (5 credits).

Proposal. Remove SOC 220 as an admission requirement for the major, leaving other entry requirements in place. SOC 220 will remain a graduation requirement.

Rationale. This change will accomplish several ends:

- SOC 220 is generally not available at community colleges (by decision of the department); transfer students therefore cannot complete all admission prerequisites before matriculating. This delays their admission to and progress within the major. Removing SOC 220 as an admission prerequisite will allow transfer students to declare the major upon arrival (or eventually make possible direct admission to the major).
- SOC 220 appears to have contributed to the significant decline in enrolled majors (and degrees granted) since 1999-2000, when the course was implemented as an admission prerequisite. Both the department and the College would like to reverse this trend.
- SOC 220 has increasingly been filled by students from other departments; as many as one third to one half of students who took 220 in 2001-02 have not become Sociology majors. This has strained departmental resources needed to serve majors. The proposed change will allow better management of enrollment.

2. Proposed Revisions to Program Requirements

Current Degree Requirements. 20 credits from one of the following options: Law, Society and Social Policy; Individual and Society; Social Organization; or Globalization and Social Change.

Proposal. Remove the degree option (pathways) requirement (20 upper division credits in selected Degree Option). Replace with a 20-credit upper division requirement. All new students will now enter the same path.

Rationale. The pathways requirement (i.e., the four degree options above) was designed both to provide advanced training through substantive specialization and to offer students a “path” to a career or other interests. It is not currently achieving either end.

- Due to limited availability of courses in some degree options in some quarters, advisors routinely approve substitutions between different pathways. Thus students miss the intended benefits of substantive specialization.
- Students do not appear to be gaining intellectual or career “path” benefits even from the pathway courses they do take. Students often have difficulty differentiating areas or understanding why courses fit in some areas rather than others. To the extent that this was a goal of the pathways, it is not being met.
- The pathways requirement has also exacerbated students’ subjective perception of a shortage of courses. Although the department typically offers 10-12 upper division courses per quarter, students only “see” the courses available in their option, and thus (correctly) see only 2-3 courses per quarter, several of which they may already have taken. The proposed change would allow students to choose any of the 10-12 courses in a given quarter, and to select courses based on personal interest.
- The former pathways course list will be revised into an advising tool (e.g., a worksheet or “guidelines” document) used to help students articulate a coherent substantive focus, relate it to their interests, and communicate it to prospective employers.