

SPECIAL REPORT
OF THE
ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL
and
GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
concerning

REVISION OF A DEGREE PROGRAM
IN
SOCIOLOGY (BA)
(#5725)

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ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

The Academic Matters Council recommends approval of this proposal.

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GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

The General Education Council recommends approval of this proposal.

Please describe your proposal

This proposal is to address the potential for double counting FROM courses that fulfill General Education Requirement TO courses that fulfill the International and Intercultural Requirement in the Sociology major. Double counting is currently possible:

- **FROM the University's General Education Requirements**
- **TO the Sociology B.A. requirement that can be fulfilled with a course from the Sociology list of international/intercultural courses, some of which have SB, SB DG, or SB DU general education designations**

The proposed change will eliminate this double counting, which was not intended to be allowed by the Sociology Department when it revised its degree requirements in 2017.

The proposed change also updates the list of accepted courses that are part of the Sociology international/intercultural course list.

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

International/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:

SOCIOLOGICAL COURSES:
SOCIOLOGICAL 220: Contemporary American Society
SOCIOLOGICAL 240: Asian American Experience SB DU
SOCIOLOGICAL 244: Sociology of Immigration SB DU
SOCIOLOGICAL 261: Population Studies R2
SOCIOLOGICAL 262: Globalization and Inequalities SB DG
SOCIOLOGICAL 288: Introduction to Latin American Societies
SOCIOLOGICAL 321: Sociology of Religion SB DU
SOCIOLOGICAL 330: Asian Americans and Inequalities
SOCIOLOGICAL 334: Sociology of International Crises and Disasters
SOCIOLOGICAL 343: Hate Crime in America
SOCIOLOGICAL 360: Urban Sociology
SOCIOLOGICAL 388: Gender and Globalization
SOCIOLOGICAL 424: Sex Work in Global Perspective SB DG

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

The proposed revision is:

International/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 (no course applied to fulfill General Education requirements may also count toward this course option):

SOCIOLOGICAL COURSES:
SOCIOL 204: Labor and the Global Economy SB
SOCIOL 220: Contemporary American Society
SOCIOL 240: Asian American Experience SB DU
SOCIOL 244: Sociology of Immigration SB DU
SOCIOL 245: Race and Society SB DU
SOCIOL 261: Population Studies R2
SOCIOL 262: Globalization and Inequalities SB DG
SOCIOL 271: The Global City SB DG
SOCIOL 283: Gender and Society
SOCIOL 287: Sexuality and Society SB DU
SOCIOL 288: Introduction to Latin American Societies
SOCIOL 293M: Introduction to Human Rights
SOCIOL 321: Sociology of Religion SB DU
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 382: Sociology of Childhood
SOCIOL 388: Gender and Globalization
SOCIOL 424: Sex Work in Global Perspective SB DG

Please provide the rationale for these revisions.

This proposal is to address the potential for double counting FROM General Education Requirements TO the new Sociology international/intercultural list of courses, some of which have SB, SB DG, or SB DU General Education designations.

For a detailed explanation of our rationale, please see the attached pdf titled “Rationale for Correcting Double Counting of Courses FROM General Education TO International-Intercultural Req within Three SBS BA Majors.”

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 requires no additional resources.

Attachments

1. Rationale for Correcting Double Counting of Courses FROM General Education TO International-Intercultural Req within Three SBS BA Majors.

MOTION: 09-20 That the Faculty Senate approve the Revision of a Degree Program In Sociology (BA) as presented in Sen Doc. No. 20-015.

Rationale for Correcting Unintended Double Counting FROM General Education Courses TO New International/Intercultural Requirements within Three SBS B.A. Majors

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This rationale applies to these three proposals:

5725 (Sociology) Katherine M. Fabel, Proposer

5878 (Anthropology) Boone Wingate Shear, Proposer

5888 (Communication) Benjamin H. Bailey, Proposer

In 2017, SBS B.A. majors replaced the college level Global Education Requirement with International and Intercultural Requirements that are part of the B.A. degree requirements.

Background under the College Level Global Education Requirement (Old Curriculum): Double Counting Was Not Allowed FROM Courses Fulfilling General Education Requirements TO the Global Ed Requirement

All credits earned to satisfy the Global Education Requirement, except those taken to meet the Certificate Option (see below), must be in addition to credits earned to satisfy General Education and Major Requirements. All credits must be graded; they cannot be taken on a Pass/Fail basis. Credits can be earned in education abroad programs, with the approval of the Global Education Coordinator or a Certificate Program Advisor (if the Certificate Option is chosen).

B.A. Departments Expected Double Counting to **Not** be Allowed FROM Courses Fulfilling General Education Requirements TO those fulfilling the International/Intercultural Requirements included within Major Requirements in the New Curriculum

The B.A. departments added international and intercultural requirements within the degree requirements when they ended the Global Education Requirement. They expected but did not explicitly state in their proposals that courses that counted for General Education requirements could not be double counted as also fulfilling International/Intercultural requirements within the major.

The Expectation of No Double Counting FROM Courses Fulfilling GenEd TO those fulfilling International/Intercultural Requirement was Incorrect

The University policy actually says:

- As many as 3 courses from a student's major department can be applied to GenEd requirements: Junior Year Writing, Integrative Experience, one course applied to another GenEd requirement, and one course applied to a Diversity requirement. There is no limit on GenEd or Diversity courses that can be counted toward major requirements.

Note:

- There are **specified limits** for courses counting in the direction FROM the major department TO GenEd as noted in the first sentence above (As many as 3 courses...).

- There is **no limit** for courses counting in the direction FROM GenEd TO major requirements as stated in the second sentence above (This is no limit...).

Thus, there is no limit on double counting FROM Courses Fulfilling GenEd TO Courses Fulfilling International/Intercultural Requirements that are part of the major requirements. This was not the intent of the majors in submitting their new curricula.

We became aware of this problem starting with New Student Orientation in summer 2018. For example, a student in Communication who signed up for two GenEd courses had these also automatically fulfill two courses in the International/Intercultural Requirement within the major requirements on the Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This was not intended and undermines the International/Intercultural Requirement within the major requirements.

Fixing This Problem

The proposals fix this problem by following the intent of the B.A. programs to not allow double counting FROM GenEd courses TO international/intercultural courses.


Julie Caswell checked with Claire Hamilton, Co-Chair of the GenEd Council about whether a department could limit double counting in this way. Claire replied on 8/23/18:

If students are taking multiple courses within their major that are also GenEds that's fine with GenEd but only 3 will count towards satisfying the GenEd requirement. If a department wanted to limit GenEd courses within their major that would be fine with GenEd.

Example of How to Implement No Double Counting by Major:

Communication

What Current ARR Says

 **7. Take 9 units of Intercultural/International Education courses**

Not Satisfied: 7. Take 9 units of Intercultural/International Education courses. These courses must have an international focus, be a foreign language, and/or be taken during a departmentally approved study abroad program. (r11769,ln110)

- Units: 9.00 required, 0.00 taken, 9.00 needed

New Suggested Language for ARR

9 credits International/Intercultural Education (IIE)
 These 9 credits can be any combination of

- Foreign language

- Courses taken from the [SBS International & Intercultural Course List](#) (no courses applied to fulfill General Education Requirements may also count toward this course option)
- Departmentally approved study abroad (courses may not be double counted for other non-IIE degree requirements)

SBS and departments have reviewed all B.A. majors and developed appropriate no double counting language.

Double counting is problem to be fixed under degree requirements of:

- Anthropology (in relation to SBS International & Intercultural Course List): Faculty Senate Proposal #5878 is submitted
- Communication (in relation to SBS International & Intercultural Course List): Faculty Senate Proposal #5888 is submitted
- Sociology (in relations to Sociology's Departmental List of Intl & Intercultural Courses); Faculty Senate Proposal #5725 is submitted
- Economics (in relation to SBS International & Intercultural Course List): Economics will be submitting a change of degree requirements to Faculty Senate in the future

Double counting is not a problem to be fixed under degree requirements of:

- Journalism (uses one course from SBS International & Intercultural Course List as an option for International/Intercultural Requirement, department does not view double counting as a concern)
- Legal Studies (uses Global Law & Society Course List, allows double counting with other degree requirements, list has limited overlap with GenEd courses)
- Political Science (uses Global Knowledge & Skills List, double counting for other degree requirements not allowed, list has limited overlap with GenEd courses)
- STPEC (course list is an approved portfolio of courses with intl & international focus assembled from student's coursework)