

**SPECIAL REPORT
OF THE
ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL**

concerning

**REVISION OF A DEGREE PROGRAM
IN
SOCIOLOGY (BA)
(#5939)**

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COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

The Academic Matters Council recommends approval of this proposal.

Please describe your proposal

Sociology does not currently allow for practicum credits to count toward the major. This proposal would allow students the option of counting four credits of a departmentally approved internship in place of 4 credits of Sociology electives at the 200-level or higher.

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. Take one introductory Sociology course:
SOCIO 103 Social Problems
SOCIO 105 Self, Society, and Interpersonal Relations**

SOCIOL 106 Race, Gender, Class, and Ethnicity
SOCIOL 107 Contemporary American Society
SOCIOL 110 Introduction to Sociology

All students must take the following four (4) courses:

SOCIOL 212 Statistics
(accepted courses include PSYCH 240, RES-ECON 211 or 212, STATISTC 111 or 240)
SOCIOL 213 Data Collection and Analysis
SOCIOL 301 Writing in Sociology (Junior Year Writing Requirement)
SOCIOL 302 Sociological Theories and Perspectives

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

Distribution Requirement

Take at least one course from each of the following areas (This applies to students entering the major after 5/31/2011):

CRIME, LAW, AND DEVIANCE

SOCIOL 218 The Law, Logic, and Social Science of Courtroom Evidence
SOCIOL 241 Criminology
SOCIOL 242 Drugs & Society
SOCIOL 248 Conformity and Deviance
SOCIOL 252 Intro to Human Rights
SOCIOL 323 Sociology of Law
SOCIOL 342 Deviance & Social Order
SOCIOL 343 Hate Crime in America
SOCIOL 344 Gender & Crime
SOCIOL 345 Juvenile Delinquency
SOCIOL 346 Communities & Crime
SOCIOL 347 Corporate Crime
SOCIOL 349 Race, Class, and Crime
SOCIOL 350 Policing and Surveillance
SOCIOL 364 Sociology of Mental Health
SOCIOL 391B Black and Orange
SOCIOL 391M Serial & Mass Murder (online only)
SOCIOL 392A Race, Class, and Crime
SOCIOL 392J Race & Policing
SOCIOL 394F Crime & Forensics (online only)
SOCIOL 394S White Collar Crime (online only)
SOCIOL 395AP American Police
SOCIOL 395K Domestic Violence (online only)
SOCIOL 397CL Criminal Legal System
SOCIOL 397MC Mass Incarceration in the U.S.A.
SOCIOL 397PA Probation and Parole

SOCIOLOGY 497S Surveillance and Society

CULTURE, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INSTITUTIONS

SOCIOLOGY 204 Labor and the Global Economy
SOCIOLOGY 220 Sociology of American Culture
SOCIOLOGY 222 The Family
SOCIOLOGY 223 Work and Society
SOCIOLOGY 261 Population Studies
SOCIOLOGY 271 Global City
SOCIOLOGY 281 Society and the Individual
SOCIOLOGY 287 Sexuality and Society
SOCIOLOGY 291F Sociology of Higher Education
SOCIOLOGY 292W Labor & Work in the U.S.
SOCIOLOGY 297F Food as Culture
SOCIOLOGY 321 Sociology of Religion
SOCIOLOGY 322 Sociology of Education
SOCIOLOGY 325 Political Sociology
SOCIOLOGY 331 Food and Labor
SOCIOLOGY 341 Social Welfare
SOCIOLOGY 351 Social Network and Analysis
SOCIOLOGY 352 Media, Technology, and Sociology
SOCIOLOGY 353 Sociology of Medicine
SOCIOLOGY 356 Social Forces, Health, and Lifecourse
SOCIOLOGY 382 Sociology of Childhood
SOCIOLOGY 384 Sociology of Love
SOCIOLOGY 386 Complex Organizations
SOCIOLOGY 389 Sexuality by the Numbers
SOCIOLOGY 393E Economic Sociology
SOCIOLOGY 397AM Asylums, Madness, and Mental Illness (online only)
SOCIOLOGY 397ED Sociology of Eating Disorders
SOCIOLOGY 397J Sociology of Aspirations
SOCIOLOGY 420 Getting a Job: Social Forces Behind Modern Economy
SOCIOLOGY 424 Sex Work in Global Perspectives
SOCIOLOGY 492P Civil Resistance and Social Change

SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

SOCIOLOGY 224 Social Class and Inequality
SOCIOLOGY 225 Sociology of Revolutions
SOCIOLOGY 240 Sociology of Asian American Experience
SOCIOLOGY 244 Sociology of Immigration
SOCIOLOGY 245 Race and Society
SOCIOLOGY 262 Globalization and Inequality
SOCIOLOGY 283 Gender and Society
SOCIOLOGY 288 Introduction of Latin American Culture
SOCIOLOGY 291E Social Change in the Middle East
SOCIOLOGY 292A Age and Society

SOCIOL 297S Sports, Labor, and Social Justice
SOCIOL 316 Environment and Society
SOCIOL 326 Asian Americans in Media and Pop Culture
SOCIOL 328 Introduction to Social Work
SOCIOL 329 Social Movements
SOCIOL 330 Asian Americans and Inequality
SOCIOL 334 Sociology of International Disasters
SOCIOL 335 Radical Movements
SOCIOL 357 The Wire and Urban Inequality
SOCIOL 360 Urban Sociology
SOCIOL 361 Demography of Minority Groups
SOCIOL 381 Racism at Work
SOCIOL 385 Gender and Family
SOCIOL 388 Gender and Globalization
SOCIOL 391C Consumption and Inequality
SOCIOL 391V Aid & Activism: International Development
SOCIOL 392D Survey of Sex/Social Demography of Sexuality
SOCIOL 394A Asian and Black Relations
SOCIOL 394W Gender and Work
SOCIOL 397CT Introduction to Caribbean Thought
SOCIOL 397K Youth, Social Inequality
SOCIOL 461 Seminar on Race and Racism

Take an additional eight (8) credits of Sociology electives numbered 300 or above.

Take an additional four (4) credits of Sociology numbered 200 or above.

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 204 Labor and the Global Economy
SOCIOL 220 Sociology of American Culture
SOCIOL 240 Sociology of Asian American Experience
SOCIOL 244 Sociology of Immigration
SOCIOL 245 Race and Society
SOCIOL 252 Intro to Human Rights
SOCIOL 261 Population Studies
SOCIOL 262 Globalization and Inequality
SOCIOL 271 Global City
SOCIOL 283 Gender and Society
SOCIOL 287 Sexuality and Society (also online)
SOCIOL 288 Introduction of Latin American Culture
SOCIOL 321 Sociology of Religion
SOCIOL 330 Asian Americans and Inequality

**SOCIOL 334 Sociology of International Disasters
SOCIOL 343 Hate Crime in America
SOCIOL 360 Urban Sociology
SOCIOL 382 Sociology of Childhood
SOCIOL 388 Gender and Globalization
SOCIOL 397CT Introduction to Caribbean Thought
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.

Currently, no independent study courses or practica are allowed to count toward the major.

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

This change would allow students the option to either complete 4 credits of an internship, or take a 4 credit course at the 200-level or above, toward their 4 additional credits of Sociology electives for the major. The internships must be departmentally approved, sponsored by a Sociology faculty member, and involve an academic project (such as a paper).

Old Requirement:

Take an additional four (4) credits of Sociology numbered 200 or above.

New Requirement:

Take an additional four (4) credits of Sociology numbered 200 or above OR a 4-credit departmentally-approved internship.

Please provide the rationale for these revisions.

Our rationale for this change is threefold:

- 1) Internships are an important way for students to get experience that will help translate their coursework in Sociology into marketable skills for the job market.**
- 2) Internships are an example of a high impact practice that helps improve student retention and satisfaction; they are also an important component of SBS Pathways to Success. As such, we want to encourage our students to take part in these experiences.**

3) Counting internships toward our degree requirements would help to equalize the opportunities our students have to complete an internship before graduation. Many of our students, particularly transfer students with tight schedules, wish to complete an internship but are unable to due to time constraints. By allowing these internships to count toward the major, we can help students carve out time in their remaining schedules to take part in these experiences.

We can also foresee using the Mount Ida campus in the future for students who wish to pursue credited internships in the Boston area; this change would allow such internships to count toward the major.

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. Currently, the CUA sponsors most of the internships in the department and would be able to help accommodate additional students pursuing internships.

MOTION: 09-20 That the Faculty Senate approve the Revision of a Degree Program In Sociology (BA) as presented in Sen Doc. No. 20-018.