

Status: PENDING

PROGRAM REQUEST
Sociology

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Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Sociology - D0777
Administering College/Academic Group	Social And Behavioral Sciences
Co-administering College/Academic Group	
Semester Conversion Designation	Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)
Current Program/Plan Name	Sociology
Proposed Program/Plan Name	Sociology
Program/Plan Code Abbreviation	SOCIOL-MA
Current Degree Title	Master of Arts

Credit Hour Explanation

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		53	35.3	31	4.3
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum	53	35.3	31	4.3
	Maximum	53	35.3	31	4.3
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0

Explain any change in credit hours if the difference is more than 4 semester credit hours between the values listed in columns B and C for any row in the above table

Under the quarter system, the MA degree requires 10 courses of 5 credits each and one course of 3 credits for a total of 53 credits. Under the semester system, the courses required will remain the same, but 5 credit quarter courses will become 3 credit courses and the one 3 credit quarter course will become a 1 credit course, hence the difference in the total credit hours required.

Program Learning Goals

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

Program Learning Goals •

Assessment

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? Yes

Does the degree program or major have an assessment plan on file with the university Office of Academic Affairs? No

Program Specializations/Sub-Plans

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

Pre-Major

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

Attachments

- MAProgramRationale5242011.doc
(Program Rationale Statement. Owner: Buchmann,Claudia)
- Cover letter 11-3-10.pdf
(Letter from Program-offering Unit. Owner: Buchmann,Claudia)
- Division Cover Letter for Sociology.doc: Division Letter
(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Mumy, Gene Elwood)

Comments

Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
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Chairs of Arts and Sciences CCI and CAA

Dear Chairs:

At the undergraduate level the Department of Sociology has two major programs:

The Bachelor of Arts Sociology major
The Bachelor of Arts Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies major.

Both of these majors were revised in 2007 and received OAA final approval in the Spring of 2008. Even though recently revised, Department Chair Zhenchao Qian has detailed the careful consideration given by the Department to the semester conversion plans for these two majors and the minimal changes made to the majors in the conversion. These conversion plans were reviewed by me and the Social Sciences Disciplinary Advisory Panel (SS DAP) and we found them to be well thought out.

The SS DAP and I support Sociology's conversion plans for its majors and submit them to you for CCI's consideration.

At the undergraduate level Sociology also has four minor programs: 1) Sociology; 2) Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies; 3) Inequality and Society; and 4) Health and Society. The first three were revised in 2009 and the fourth was proposed as a new minor and approved at the same time. Because of the recent revisions and introduction of the other minor all of them were converted to semesters with minimal changes. It was appropriate for the SS DAP and I to approve these straightforward conversions of the minors and pass them to you for CCI's consideration

At the graduate level Sociology offers the Ph.D. and MA. In his letter, Department Chair Qian explains the decision to convert both programs with minimal changes.

The approval process for all Ph.D. and MA programs in SBS was that all of them were first examined and discussed for feedback and improvement by the SBS Graduate Committee, which is made up of the graduate directors. When ready for final consideration in the Division they move to the Social Sciences Disciplinary Advisory Panel (SS DAP).

The SS DAP has approved the Sociology Ph.D. and MA programs after requested minor changes were made. I endorse those approvals and now submit the programs to CAA and the Graduate School for their consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene E. Mumy".

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Date: November 8, 2010

RE: Cover Letter for Semester Conversion from the Department of Sociology

This cover letter reflects on the process by which the Sociology Department developed its proposals to convert major and minor programs from the quarter to semester academic calendar.

With respect to converting our undergraduate program, having recently revised all of major (effective SU '08) and minor programs (effective AU '09), Sociology was in a good position to begin the conversion process. The department began with a long series of meetings among the preceding Chair (Craig Jenkins), the Director of Undergraduate Studies (Paul Bellair), and the department's advising staff (Lindsey Chamberlain and Shannon Phlegar). Those meetings led to a finished proposal that was presented to and extensively discussed among our faculty during a faculty meeting in Winter and Spring 2010. On the basis of those discussions and a unanimous vote among faculty in favor of adopting the proposals the changes were finalized. In general, we propose minimal change to the content, names and descriptions of the required courses that comprise the majors/minors and no changes to the structure of the programs. In the case of course changes our goal was to make changes so that the content of courses will be more transparent to our students.

With respect to converting our graduate program, the Director of Graduate Studies (Claudia Buchmann), Chair of Sociology (Zhenchao Qian), and Graduate Studies Coordinator (Kelly Hopkins) have worked out a conversion plan after reviewing our department M.A. and Ph.D. requirements. The plan was carefully reviewed and discussed among the department's Graduate Studies Committee and the faculty, and subsequently approved by the faculty. In general, we propose minimal change to the content, names, and descriptions of the required courses and no changes to the structure of the program.

Overall, our program proposals are consistent with the structure of Sociology programs in OSU benchmark institutions. Our assessment data were also consulted throughout discussions. Although assessment data indicate that our programs are effective in achieving learning outcomes, our goal is improvement in rigor of major and minor programs and hence improved performance on our assessment instruments.

As chair of the department, I can attest that we undertake the conversion process with rigor and I approve of all of the proposed changes to our undergraduate and graduate programs.

1. Graduate Programs: The Department of Sociology has a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program. Doctoral students in Sociology typically complete a Masters of Arts degree as part of the doctoral program but the department does not have a separate MA program track.

2. Undergraduate Programs: The Department of Sociology offers a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Sociology and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies.

3. Undergraduate Minors: The Department of Sociology has four specialized minor programs: 1) Sociology, 2) Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies, 3) Inequality and Society, and 4) Health and Society.

All of these programs are proposed to continue under semesters. No program is being withdrawn. All necessary materials for the semester conversion are attached.

Sincerely,



Zhenchao Qian

Professor and Chair, Sociology Department

Overview of the Masters Degree Program in Sociology

The graduate program in the Department of Sociology is focused on training scholars in broad areas of the discipline for careers in academia and research. The purpose of the M.A. level is to train students in a range of methods and theories used in the discipline of Sociology and to enable them to conduct research. All masters degree students are required to complete core coursework in theory, methods and statistics, and advanced data analysis complemented by elective courses in their substantive areas of interest.

Program Rationale Statement

In the past four years the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) of the Department of Sociology has made minor changes to the graduate program in order to improve program quality and reduce the average time to PhD. The graduate program was reviewed thoroughly as part of the external review of the Department conducted in 2009. Consequently, the GSC elected to convert the graduate program from quarters to semesters with minimal changes to the overall structure, goals and content. Under the quarter system, most graduate courses were 5 credits, with the exception of a few professionalization courses which were 3 credit courses. In converting to the semester system, all 5 credit courses will become 3 credit courses and the few 3 credit courses will become 1 credit courses. The core requirements for the masters degree remain virtually the same. Under the quarter system, students were required to take 1 theory course, 4 methods/statistics courses, 1 course in advanced research design, and 4 electives. Under the semester system, students will be required to complete the same number of courses: 1 theory course, 4 methods and statistics courses, 1 course in advanced research design, and 4 electives.

A spreadsheet showing the relationship between current quarter courses and their semester equivalents follows.

List of Semester Courses

Sociology Semester course number	Sociology Semester course name	Sociology Quarter course number	Sociology Quarter course name	Semester credit hours
6193	Individual Studies	693	Individual Studies	1-9
6582	Sociological Theory	782	Earlier Developments in Sociological Theory	3
6608	Qualitative Methods in Sociology	704	Qualitative Methods in Sociology	3
6649	Intro to Quantitative Research/Multiple Regression	648 and 649	Introduction to Quantitative Research and Principles of Multiple Regression	3

6650	Categorical Data Analysis	703	Advanced Single Equation Techniques	3
6655	Sociological Research Methods	651	Approaches to Sociological Inquiry	3
6708	Design and Analysis of Qualitative Sociological Research	708	Problems in Qualitative Analysis	3
6710	Design and Analysis of Quantitative Sociological Research	710	Design and Analysis of Quantitative Sociological Research	3
6800	Proseminar in Sociology	800	Proseminar in Sociology	1
6802	Teaching Sociology	802	Teaching Sociology	2
6999	Research for Thesis	998	Research in Sociology: Thesis	1-12
7652	Soc. Survey Research Methods 1	652	Soc. Survey Research Methods 1	3
7653	Soc. Survey Research Methods 2	653	Soc. Survey Research Methods 2	3
7700	Writing and Publishing in Sociology	700	Writing and Publishing in Sociology	3
7711	Sociology of Work	711	Seminar on Sociology of Work	3
7712	Social Networks	712	Social Networks	3
7718	Advanced Criminology	718	Advanced Criminology	3
7720	Family, Work and Inequality	720	Family, Work and Inequality	3
7721	MacroPersp. And Research on Crime	721	MacroPersp. And Research on Crime	3
7723	Sociology of Crime Control and Punishment	723	Sociology of Crime Control and Punishment	3
7735	Sociology of Gender	735	Sociology of Gender	3
7748	Comparative Methods in Sociology	748	Comparative Methods in Sociology	3
7752	Principles and Techniques of Scale Construction	752	Principles and Techniques of Scale Construction	3
7754	Demographic Analysis	754	Demographic Analysis	3
7755	The Social Context of Human Fertility	755	The Social Context of Human Fertility	3
7756	Migration and Social Mobility	756	Migration and Social Mobility	3
7757	The Life Course	757	Seminar on the Life Course	3
7758	Population, Health and Life Course	758	Population, Health and Life Course	3
7760	Sociology of Conflict and	760	Sociology of Conflict and	3

	Violence		Violence	
7761	Social Stratification	761	Social Stratification	3
7762	Comparative Social Inequality	762	Comparative Social Inequality	3
7770	Individual in Society	770	Individual in Society	3
7771	Symbolic Interaction	771	Symbolic Interaction	3
7780	Racial and Ethnic Differences	780	Racial and Ethnic Differences	3
7790	Social Organization of the Community	790	Social Organization of the Community	3
7791	Sociological Methods of Community Analysis	791	Sociological Methods of Community Analysis	3
7792	Structural Sociology	792	Structural Sociology	3
7806	Social Movements	806	Social Movements	3
7820	Sociology of Education	820	Seminar in the Sociology of Education	3
7830	Medical Sociology	830	Seminar in Medical Sociology	3
7837	Political Sociology	837	Seminar in Political Sociology	3
7841	Sociology of Urban Sub-Communities	841	Sociology of Urban Sub-Communities	3
7848	Sociology of Religion	848	Seminar in the Sociology of Religion	3
7850	Sociological Research Methods	850	Seminar in Sociological Research Methods	3
7859	Practicum in Sociological Research	859	Practicum in Sociological Research	3
7862	Complex Organizations	862	Seminar in Complex Organizations	3
7864	Organizational Environments	864	Seminar: Organizational Environments	3
7884.01	Seminar: Sociological Theory	884.01	Seminar: Sociological Theory	1-3
7884.03	Seminar: Medical Sociology	884.03	Seminar: Medical Sociology	1-3
7884.04	Seminar: Criminology and Criminal Justice	884.04	Seminar: Criminology and Criminal Justice	1-3
7884.06	Seminar: Race/Ethnic/Minority Relations	884.06	Seminar: Race/Ethnic/Minority Relations	1-3
7884.08	Seminar: The Family	884.08	Seminar: The Family	1-3
7884.09	Seminar: Research Methodology	884.09	Seminar: Research Methodology	1-3

7884.10	Seminar: Urban/Community	884.10	Seminar: Urban/Community	1-3
7884.11	Seminar: Labor Markets/Economy and Society	884.11	Seminar: Labor Markets/Economy and Society	1-3
7884.12	Seminar: Political Sociology	884.12	Seminar: Political Sociology	1-3
7884.13	Seminar: Population/Demography	884.13	Seminar: Population/Demography	1-3
7884.14	Seminar: Gender	884.14	Seminar: Gender	1-3
7884.15	Seminar: Unclassified	884.15	Seminar: Unclassified	1-3
8505	Construction and Verification of Theory	705	Construction and Verification of Theory	3
8509	Historical Sociology	709	Historical Sociology	3
8547	Theories of Social Change	747	Theories of Social Change	3
8570	Individual in Society	770	Individual in Society	3
8580	Issues in Contemporary Theory	880	Issues in Contemporary Theory: Theories of Social Action	3
8592	Structural Sociology	792	Structural Sociology	3
8607	Multi-Equation Quantitative Methods	707	Multi-Equation Quantitative Methods	3
8632	Event History Analysis of Social Data	852	Event History Analysis of Social Data	3
8651	Hierarchical Linear Models	851	Hierarchical Linear Models	3
8801	PhD Proseminar	801	PhD Proseminar	1
8999	Research for Dissertation	999	Research in Sociology: Dissertation	1-12

Sociology M.A. Program, Semester Advising Sheet:

Common Core Requirements:

Theory:

- 1) **6582: Sociological Theory (3 credits)**

Methods and Statistics:

- 1) **6649: Introduction to Quantitative Research and Multiple Regression (3 cr.)**
- 2) **6650: Categorical Data Analysis (3 cr.)**
- 3) **6655: Sociological Research Methods (3 cr.)**
- 4) **6608: Qualitative Methods in Sociology (3 cr.)**

Advanced Data Analysis: One of the following:

- 1) **6708: Design and Analysis of Qualitative Sociological Research (3 cr.)**
- 2) **6710: Design and Analysis of Quantitative Sociological Research (3 cr.)**

Professionalization:

- 1) **6800: Proseminar in Sociology**

Electives (students are required to take at least 4 courses):

- 7652 Soc. Survey Research Methods 1**
- 7653 Soc. Survey Research Methods 2**
- 7700 Writing and Publishing in Sociology**
- 7711 Sociology of Work**
- 7712 Social Networks**
- 7718 Advanced Criminology**
- 7720 Family, Work and Inequality**
- 7721 Macro Perspectives and Research on Crime**
- 7723 Sociology of Crime Control and Punishment**
- 7735 Sociology of Gender**
- 7748 Comparative Methods in Sociology**
- 7752 Principles and Techniques of Scale Construction**
- 7754 Demographic Analysis**
- 7755 The Social Context of Human Fertility**
- 7756 Migration and Social Mobility**
- 7757 The Life Course**
- 7758 Population, Health and Life Course**
- 7760 Sociology of Conflict and Violence**
- 7761 Social Stratification**
- 7762 Comparative Social Inequality**
- 7770 Individual in Society**
- 7771 Symbolic Interaction**
- 7780 Racial and Ethnic Differences**
- 7790 Social Organization of the Community**
- 7791 Sociological Methods of Community Analysis**
- 7792 Structural Sociology**
- 7806 Social Movements**
- 7820 Sociology of Education**
- 7862 Complex Organizations**
- 7864 Organizational Environments**
- 7830 Medical Sociology**
- 7837 Political Sociology**
- 7841 Sociology of Urban Sub-Communities**
- 7848 Sociology of Religion**
- 7850 Sociological Research Methods**
- 7859 Practicum in Sociological Research**
- 7884.01 Seminar: Sociological Theory**
- 7884.03 Seminar: Medical Sociology**

7884.04	Seminar: Criminology and Criminal Justice
7884.06	Seminar: Race/Ethnic/Minority Relations
7884.08	Seminar: The Family
7884.09	Seminar: Research Methodology
7884.10	Seminar: Urban/Community
7884.11	Seminar: Labor Markets/Economy and Society
7884.12	Seminar: Political Sociology
7884.13	Seminar: Population/Demography
7884.14	Seminar: Gender
7884.15	Seminar: Unclassified
6193	Individual Studies*
6999	Research for Thesis*
8999	Research for Dissertation*
6802	Teaching Sociology*

* Does not fulfill elective requirement.

Sociology M.A. Program, Quarter Advising Sheet:

Theory:

- 1) 782: Early Developments in Sociological Theory OR 784 Later Developments in Sociological Theory

Methods and Statistics:

- 1) 648: Introduction to Quantitative Research
- 2) 649: Principles of Multiple Regression
- 3) 651: Approaches to Sociological Inquiry
- 4) 704: Qualitative Methods in Sociology

Advanced Data Analysis: One of the following:

- 1) 708: Design and Analysis of Qualitative Sociological Research
- 2) 710: Design and Analysis of Quantitative Sociological Research

Professionalization:

- 1) 800: Proseminar in Sociology

Electives (students are required to take at least 4 courses):

652	Soc. Survey Research Methods 1
653	Soc. Survey Research Methods 2
700	Writing and Publishing in Sociology
711	Sociology of Work
712	Social Networks
718	Advanced Criminology
720	Family, Work and Inequality
721	Macro Perspectives and Research on Crime

723	Sociology of Crime Control and Punishment
735	Sociology of Gender
748	Comparative Methods in Sociology
752	Principles and Techniques of Scale Construction
754	Demographic Analysis
755	The Social Context of Human Fertility
756	Migration and Social Mobility
757	The Life Course
758	Population, Health and Life Course
760	Sociology of Conflict and Violence
761	Social Stratification
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193	Individual Studies*
999	Research for Thesis*
8999	Research for Dissertation*
6802	Teaching Sociology*

Transition policy

In Sociology, the core requirements for the masters degree are defined in terms of the number of courses rather than a number of credit hours. Under semesters, students will take the same number of courses as they have taken under the quarter system. The current program has no course sequences that continue over more than two quarters, thus course sequencing should not be a problem for students under the semester system.

Consequently, transition from quarters to semesters should present no difficulties for students who complete some requirements under the quarter system and some requirements under the semester system. Courses will be counted on a one-to-one basis regardless of whether they were completed during quarters or semesters. Thus there is no need for bridge courses in the Sociology Graduate Program.