To be adopted: Proposed Change in the B.S. Degree in Sociology

Present:

1. Lower-division requirements (8 units)
   a) SOC 001
   b) One additional lower-division Sociology course
2. Upper-division requirements (56 units)
   a) SOC 109, SOC 110A, SOC 110B, SOC 110C, SOC 168, SOC 169
   b) A minimum of one course each selected from four of the following six areas of emphasis:
      (1) Social Organizations: SOC 150/BSAD 150, SOC 151/BSAD 151, SOC 171, SOC 176/BSAD 176
      (2) Social Psychology: SOC 173, SOC 174/HMDV 174, SOC 175, SOC 177E
      (3) Social Inequality: SOC 129, SOC 130, SOC 133, SOC 135, SOC 140
      (4) Urban Sociology: SOC 137, SOC 143/URST 143, SOC 182/HMDV 182/URST 182
      (5) Criminology and Deviance: SOC 124, SOC 144, SOC 146, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 159, SOC 180
      (6) Social Institutions and Change: SOC 122, SOC 123, SOC 139/FVC 139, SOC 142, SOC 158, SOC 160/HMDV 160, SOC 183G
   c) An additional 16 elective units in Sociology
      (No more than 4 units may be in any combination of SOC 190, SOC 197, SOC 198G, SOC 198-I.)

Proposed:

Sociology Department Requirements (64 units).

The Sociology major requires satisfactory completion of Sociology 001 with a grade of ‘C’ or better and satisfactory completion of one additional lower-division Sociology course with a grade of ‘C’ or better. Students will not be admitted into the major until lower-division requirements are satisfied. All courses in the major must be taken for a letter grade.

1. No change
2. No change
   a) No change
   b) No change
c) An additional 16 elective units in Sociology (No more than 4 units may be in any combination of SOC 190, SOC 197, SOC 198G and/or 198-I.)

Effective: Immediately upon approval

Justification: Sociology 1 and one additional lower-division Sociology course are currently required to graduate in the major. We are instituting a minimum grade of ‘C’ in these two courses to ensure a minimal level of competence to successfully complete upper-division work in Sociology. Requiring students to pass two lower-division Sociology courses with a grade of ‘C’ or better ensures that they will have a basic understanding of sociological concepts before they officially become majors. Successful completion of these two courses before admittance to the major will help avoid problems associated with poorly prepared students electing the major and then performing poorly in upper-division courses.

Approved by the Sociology Faculty: 11/6/00

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