To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to the B.A. Degree in Sociology/Law and Society Major

PRESENT:

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. Lower-division requirements (5 courses [at least 20 units])
   a) SOC 001 or SOC 001H with a grade of “C” or better
   b) SOC 004, SOC 005 with a grade of “C” or better in each
   c) Two additional lower-division Sociology courses with a grade of “C” or better in each

2. Upper-division requirements (9 courses [at least 36 units])
   a) SOC 168 or SOC 169
   b) A minimum of one course each selected from four of the following seven areas of emphasis:
      (1)Social Organizations: SOC 150, SOC 151, SOC 171, SOC 176/BUS 176
      (2)Social Psychology: SOC 173, SOC 174, SOC 175, SOC 177G, SOC 178
      (3)Social Inequality: SOC 129, SOC 130, SOC 133, SOC135
      (4)Urban Sociology: SOC 137, SOC 143/URST 143, SOC 182/URST 182, SOC 184
      (5)Criminology and Deviance: SOC 144, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 159, SOC 180
      (6)Social Institutions and Change: SOC

PROPOSED:

The Law and Society major is open to undergraduate students with junior standing who have completed LWSO 100 with a grade of C or higher. Students will not be admitted into the major until lower-division SOC requirements are satisfied. All courses in the major must be taken for a letter grade.

1. [no change]

2. [no change]
120, SOC 122, SOC 123, SOC 139/MCS 139, SOC 158, SOC 160, SOC 179, SOC 181

(7) Family and Gender: SOC 140, SOC 141, SOC 142, SOC 153

An additional four elective courses (at least 16 units) in Sociology (No more than 5 units may be in any combination of SOC 190, SOC 197, SOC 198-I.)

3. Requirements for Law and Society (36 units)
   a) PHIL 007 or PHIL 007H
   b) LWSO 100
   c) One course chosen from ECON 111, POSC 114, PSYC 012, SOC 004 (or equivalent course in research methods)
   d) Three courses chosen from ANTH 127, ECON 119, HISE 153, PHIL 165, POSC 167, PSYC 175, SOC 159.
   e) Two courses chosen from: ENSC 174, HISA 120A, HISA 120B, HISE 123, LWSO 175 (E-Z), PHIL 164, POSC 111, POSC 166, POSC 168, POSC 186, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 180.
   f) LWSO 193, Senior Seminar

Note: For section d) and e) combined, not more than two courses may be taken from the same department. In filling the dual requirements of the major, students may not count more than two courses toward both parts of their total requirements (Sociology requirements and Law & Society requirements).

3. Requirements for Law and Society (36 units)
   a) [no change]
   b) LWSO 100 (with a grade of “C” of better)
   c) [no change]
   d) [no change]
   e) [no change]
   f) [no change]

Note: [no change]

JUSTIFICATIONS:
The reason for the Law and Society Committee's recommendation that students must attain a minimum grade of 2.00 in LWSO 100 in order to enroll in the Law and Society Major, is a full consensus among us that the current criterion for admission into the major—academic good standing in CHASS, i.e., a minimum 2.0 g.p.a.—is too low, and that it allows enrollment in the major of a population of weak students that is sufficiently large to affect adversely the level of instruction, teaching, and learning in our upper-division classes. Lowering the average experience in a classroom, for the instructors and for the students, inevitably means frustrating the good or excellent students in their endeavor to take advantage of the major as a springboard to sophisticated knowledge, and advanced learning, both in the rest of their college careers and beyond. In the case of this major in particular, the problem is aggravated by an additional factor. Our campus is currently seriously stretched for resources, and, with a huge number of participating students, and the frequent over-enrollment in the required courses, the program is strained, potentially devalued, and difficult to complete, not for reasons of student performance, but because of luck—or otherwise—in getting into the needed classes. In particular, the excess enrollment has
continuously caused us problems in offering what should be the capstone of the major—the senior seminar, LWSO 193. We anticipate that the proposed minimum grade requirement will ameliorate those problems, especially the overcrowding of the senior seminar.

**APPROVALS:**

Effective: Fall 2013  
Approved by the Law and Society Committee: November, 2012  
Approved by the faculty of the Department of Sociology on April 3, 2013  
Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences: 4/10/13  
Approved by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee: 4/29/13  
Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy: 5/15/13