EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
MAY 19, 2015

To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to BS Sociology Administrative Studies Major

PRESENT: 

Sociology/Administrative Studies Major

PROPOSED: 

[No change]

The major requirements for the B.A. and B.S. degree in Sociology/Administrative Studies are as follows:

For the Bachelor of Science Sociology Department requirements (16 courses [at least 64 units])

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 (11 courses [at least 44 units])

   a) SOC 110, SOC 168, 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 476
      2) Social Institutions, Organizations and Change: SOC 112, SOC 120, SOC 121, SOC 122, SOC 123, SOC 125, SOC 126, SOC 137, SOC 138, SOC 139/MCS

   a) [No change]
   b) A minimum of one course each selected from four of the following five areas of emphasis:
      1) Social Institutions, Organizations and Change: SOC 112, SOC 120, SOC 121, SOC 122, SOC 123, SOC 125, SOC 126, SOC 137, SOC 138, SOC 139/MCS
(2) Social Psychology: SOC 173, SOC 174, SOC 175, SOC 177G, SOC 178

(3) Social Inequality: SOC 129, SOC 130, SOC 133, SOC 135

(4) Urban Sociology: SOC 137, SOC 143/URST 143, SOC 182/URST 182, SOC 184

(5) Criminology and Deviance: SOC 134, SOC 144, SOC 145, SOC 147, SOC 149, SOC 159, SOC 180

(6) Social Institutions and Change: SOC 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

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

c) [No change]

Administrative Studies requirements (37 units)

1) Lower-division courses (17 units)
   a) BUS 010, BUS 020
   b) STAT 048 or equivalent (may be used to satisfy breadth requirements)
   c) CS 008 (may be used to satisfy breadth requirements)

2) Upper-division requirements (20 units)
   a) Two courses (8 units) from the list below:
      (1) ECON 102 or ECON 104A or ECON 130 or BUS 162/ECON 162

   1. [No change]

   a) [No change]
   b) [No change]
   c) [No change]
b) A three-course track (12 units) in Business Administration courses from one of the following:

(1) Organizations (General): ANTH 105/BUS 158, BUS 100, BUS 107, BUS 176/SOC 176, SOC 150, SOC 151
(2) Human Resources Management/Labor Relations: BUS 100, BUS 107, BUS 153/ECON 153, BUS 155, BUS 157, ECON 152, PSYC 142
(3) Business and Society: BUS 100, BUS 102, BUS 107, PHIL 116, POSC 182, POSC 186
(4) Marketing: BUS 103, and two from BUS 112, BUS 113, BUS 114, BUS 117
(5) Managerial Accounting/Taxation: BUS 108, and two from BUS 166, BUS 168A, BUS 168B
(7) Finance: BUS 106/ECON 134 and two from BUS 134, BUS 136, BUS 137, BUS 138, BUS 139
(8) Management Information Systems: BUS 101, BUS 171, BUS 173
(9) Production Management: BUS 104/STAT 104, and two from BUS 105, BUS 122, BUS 127/STAT 127

Note: In filling the dual requirements of the selected major, students may not count more than two courses toward both parts of their total requirements (Sociology requirements and Administrative Studies requirements).

JUSTIFICATION:

1. We seek to reduce the number of our undergraduate specializations from 7 to 5 in light of actual and impending losses in our ladder-ranked faculty which constrain our ability to offer and develop new courses within the urban and the organizations specializations. The proposed specializations better
reflect the expertise and current teaching interests of our current faculty given recent and impending faculty turnover.

2. We seek to expand the course options for students to fulfill their specialization requirements in order to facilitate students' timely completion of their degree requirements. These changes are also intended to update the specialization requirements so that they better reflect changes within the broader discipline of sociology as well as current course offerings in each of these subfields. The proposed changes also better reflect the expertise and teaching interests of current faculty (particularly faculty hired in the past 15 years), which should facilitate course scheduling. The current specialization requirements are outdated, hindering faculty’s ability to teach courses that reflect changes in the discipline and the current faculty’s teach interests and expertise.

3. We are proposing to change the grade requirements for our lower-division courses (Soc 1, Soc 4, Soc 5, and two additional lower-division courses) from a C to a C- in order to be consistent with systemwide regulations regarding grade requirements for courses which are currently being enforced by the Committee on Courses at UC-Riverside. As a result of this requirement, Sociology students are able to enroll in Soc 3 if they have taken Soc 1 with a C- or better, they can enroll in Soc 4 if they have taken Soc 1 with a C- or better, and they can enroll in Soc 5 if they have taken Soc 4 with a C- or better. Students are also able to enroll in various upper-division Sociology courses if they received a C- or better in Soc 1, 3, 4, and/or 5. In light of this, we want the grade requirements for the lower-division courses to be consistent with the C- and above standard so that students who do receive a C- in their lower division courses are not excluded from the major (or have to repeat these lower-division courses). Per email conversations between past CEP Chair Ward Beyermann and the Sociology department, lowering the C requirement to a C- would solve the curriculum problem which could exclude students who pass lower division courses by receiving a C- but do not qualify for the major with the existing C grade requirements. Moreover, following CEP Ward Beyerman's advice given to the Department in 2013, we plan to encourage Sociology instructors who teach Sociology to raise the academic standards so that C- are comparable to what we used to consider C grades.

**APPROVALS:**

Effective Date: 2015-2016

Approved by the faculty committee of the Sociology Major: November 19, 2013

Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences: January 7, 2015

Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy: April 3, 2015