To be adopted:

Proposed Change to B.A. in Sociology

PRESENT:

Sociology Department requirements (52 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 (8 units)
   a) SOC 001, with a grade of "C" or better
   b) One additional lower-division Sociology course, with a grade of "C" or better

2. Upper-division requirements (44 units)
   a) SOC 110A, SOC 110B
   b) SOC 168 or SOC 169
   c) A minimum of one course each selected from four of the following six areas of emphasis:
      (1) Social Organizations: SOC 150, SOC 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

PROPOSED:

No Change

1. Lower-division requirements (20 units)
   a) No Change
   b) SOC 004, SOC 005 with a grade of "C" or better
   c) Two additional lower-division Sociology courses, with a grade of "C" or better in each

2. Upper-division requirements (32 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) No Change
      (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
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/HMV 160, SOC 183G

c) An additional 12 elective units in Sociology (No more than 4 units may be in any combination of SOC 190, SOC 197, SOC 198G, SOC 198I.)

JUSTIFICATION:
Changes proposed under (1) above will add four units to the number of lower-division units required for a Sociology major by requiring one additional lower-division substantive course. It also adds eight more units by moving the statistics and research methods requirement from the upper-division to the lower-division. This brings the required credits into alignment with other departments, and the movement of the statistics and methods requirement to the lower-division makes us more consistent with other UC and CSU sociology departments. Most importantly these changes will better prepare students for the demands of upper-division courses. Changes proposed under (2) above will reduce the number of upper division units required for the major by twelve (compensating for the increase in the lower-division requirement) and formally recognizes existing changes in the curriculum and the addition of family and gender studies as an area of study within the department.

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