

## ATTACHMENT 4D-3

### LETTER OF NOTIFICATION – 3

#### NEW OPTION, CONCENTRATION, EMPHASIS

(Maximum 18 semester credit hours of new theory courses and 6 credit hours of new practicum courses)

1. Institution submitting request: **University of Arkansas at Fayetteville**
2. Contact person/title:  
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4. Proposed effective date: **Fall 2012**
5. Title of degree program: **Master of Arts in Sociology**
6. CIP Code: **45.1101**
7. Degree Code: **5470**
8. Proposed option/concentration/emphasis name: **General Sociology**
9. Reason for proposed action: **The purpose of creating a General Sociology concentration in the SOCIMA program is to allow the department to a) attract and retain BA sociology graduates from the UofA as well as other colleges and universities, b) continue to offer a Master's degree in sociology for students whose professional career goals demand using the skills acquired in our program as they enter the workforce; and c) meet the demand for a graduate level work for students whose academic and career goals include pursuing a PhD in sociology or a related discipline.**
10. New option/concentration/emphasis objective: **The MA in Sociology with concentrations in General Sociology provides students with a foundation of advanced knowledge in sociological theories, research methodologies, and contemporary issues in sociology. The MA program is designed to be completed in two academic years. Our program prepares students for fulfilling professional careers demanding social science skills as well as future doctoral work in the best doctoral programs in sociology, and related disciplines.**
11. Provide the following:
  - a. Curriculum outline - List of required courses  
**Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree: (Minimum 32 hours): Core requirements:**  
SOCI 5001 Proseminar  
SOCI 5253 Classical Social Theory  
SOCI 5311L Applied Data Analysis Lab  
SOCI 5313 Applied Data Analysis  
SOCI 5013 Advanced Social Research

**Required Courses.** In addition to meeting all the core requirements outlined above, students wishing to pursue a master's degree in Sociology with a concentration in general sociology must complete the following courses:  
SOC 5263 Contemporary Social Theory  
SOC 5083 Applied Qualitative Research

**b. New course descriptions N/A**

c. Program goals and objectives

Program Goals for the MA. Degree in Sociology with concentration in General Sociology

Critical thinking, to include the ability to analyze arguments, to understand theoretical and ideological assumptions that underlie different arguments; to create and defend a coherent argument;

Effective writing skills, to include the ability to clearly communicate both description and analysis; how to present original ideas and the work of others;

Problem solving skills to include conceptualizing problems, effective reasoning and decision-making;

An understanding of the theoretical foundations of sociology;

An understanding of the methodological foundations of sociology, to include the ability to analyze qualitative and quantitative data;

An understanding of the sociological perspective (society's structures and processes) emphasizing the relationship between the individual and society.

Effective communication skills in writing, editing, speaking, and listening.

d. Expected student learning outcomes

**Expected student learning outcomes include the development of the skills listed above.**

12. Will the new option be offered via distance delivery? **NO**

13. Mode of delivery to be used: **On-Campus**

14. Explain in detail the distance delivery procedures to be used: **NA**

15. Is the degree approved for distance delivery? **NA**

16. List courses in option/concentration/emphasis. Include course descriptions for new courses (**NA**).

**Restricted Electives** M.A. students concentrating in general sociology must take two courses from the following list:

SOCI 503V Special Topics: Organizations in Society

SOCI 5043 Public Policy Children and Families

SOCI 5113 Seminar in Social Inequality

SOCI 5133 Community

SOCI 5153 Sociological Perspectives on Social Psychology

## SOCI 5233 Theories of Deviance

17. Specify the amount of the additional costs required, the source of funds, and how funds will be used.

**NONE**

President/Chancellor Approval Date:

Board of Trustees Notification Date:

Chief Academic Officer

Date:

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