

ADD, CHANGE OR DELETE UNIT, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, OR ACADEMIC POLICIES

Complete this form consistent with the instructions in Academic Policy 1622.20. Use the form to add, change, or delete a program or unit or to change program policies. Proposed additions and changes must be consistent with Academic Policies 1100.40 and 1621.10 and any other policies which apply.

SECTION I: Approvals

Department / Program Chair	Date Submitted	Graduate Council Chair	Date
College Dean	Date	Faculty Senate Chair	Date
Honors College Dean	Date	Provost	Date
Core Curriculum Committee	Date	Board of Trustees Approval/Notification Date	
University Course and Programs Committee	Date	Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Approval/Notification Date	

SECTION II: Profile Data - Required Information and Name Change Information

Academic Unit: Major/Field of Study Minor Other Unit _____ Policy

Level: Undergraduate Graduate Law Effective Catalog Year 2012

Program changes are effective with the next available catalog. See Academic Policy Series 1622.20

Current Name MA, Sociology

College, School, Division ARSC

Department Code SOCI

Current Code (6 digit Alpha) SOCIMA

Proposed Code (6 digit Alpha) _____
Prior approval from the Office of the Registrar is required.

Interdisciplinary Program

CIP Code 45.1101
Prior assignment from Office of Institutional Research is required.

Proposed Name _____
When a program name is changed, enrollment of current students reflects the new name.

SECTION III: Add a New Program/Unit

For new program proposals, complete Sections II and VII and use as a cover sheet for a full program proposal as described in 'Criteria and Procedures for Preparing Proposals for New Programs in Arkansas.' ADHE
<http://www.arkansashighered.com/pdfs/BookAppNewProgramCriteriaandProceduresRevised2005.pdf>.

Program proposal uses courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

SECTION IV: Eliminate an Existing Program/Unit

Code/Name _____ Effective Catalog Year _____

No new students admitted to program after Term: ____ Year: _____

Allow students in program to complete under this program until Term: ____ Year: _____

SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies

Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: (1) Delete Rural Sociology Concentration; (2) Add General Sociology Concentration; (3) Add Criminology Concentration; (4) Create a new common core for both concentrations, which would include moving two courses currently required of all MA students to the sociology concentration and adding the Proseminar course to the common core; (5) Create specific requirements for General Sociology concentration; (6) Create specific

requirements for Criminology Concentration; (7) Change the number of hours required for graduation with a MA in SOiology from 31 to 32; (8) add a new prerequisite for students declaring Criminology concentration; (9) Delete SOCI 5053 (for students without a B.A. in sociology) in sociology to eliminate deficiencies.

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

- Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____
- Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

- Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)
- Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change in Program Policies

SECTION VI: Justification

Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)

(1) The first change to the program - to delete Rural Sociology concentration - will align the catalog description with the reality of program offerings. The RSOC concentration has not been very active for about 10 years, becoming inactive since 2007. Since 2000, three students have claimed RSOC concentration. One of those students graduated in 2003, another in 2004, and the last one in 2007. Since then, we have not received any applications to the RSOC concentration. (2) The purpose of the second change - to add the Criminology Concentration - would allow the department to a) attract and retain BA graduates from the UofA as well as other colleges and universities, b) and offer the only terminal MA in Sociology degree with Criminology concentration in the state of Arkansas, and c) meet the demand for a more focused graduate level work for students whose academic and career goals are related to this growing area within sociology; (3) Since all students regardless of their concentration will work toward an M.A. degree in Sociology, the third change will enable students in both concentrations to take a common set of required courses that both assure a common foundation and provide the background for further concentration-specific graduate level work. This new core will also include the Proseminar course (one hour), which will expose students to the profession of sociology and socialize them into the norms, values, and the expectations of the discipline; (4) The fourth change will enable the students wishing to pursue the general sociology specialization to develop skills and knowledge that will be useful to their future academic and career plans. The general sociology core will include two courses that used to be required of the MA students pursuing the general sociology concentration, assuring that the concentration remains attuned to the national disciplinary trends; (5) The fifth change will allow the students interested in pursuing the criminology concentration to develop the necessary foundation in the area of criminology as well as select six hours of concentration-specific courses useful to their future academic and career plans; (6) The change in the number of hours required for graduation from 31 to 32 reflects the addition of the Proseminar Course (one credit hour) as a required course for all graduate students; (7) The purpose of this change is to assure that all students applying to the Criminology concentration have the requisite undergraduate work required for successful performance in the criminology concentration; (8) The SOCI 5053 course has not been offered for several years. To meet this requirement, students were asked to take a 4000-level "Seminar in Sociology." Given the two factors mentioned above, the number of undergraduate prerequisites, and the number of the graduate level courses students are required to take, the removal of this course from the list of prerequisites will align the catalog with the actual situation. The department will continue discussions whether a graduate level deficiency course is needed for students without a B.A. in sociology (or criminal justice/criminology) entering the program and planning to pursue either specialization.

SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format

In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.

Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.

- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.
- State eight-semester plan requirements

For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.

For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.

For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

For centers, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

CURRENT CATALOG

Areas of Concentration: General Sociology, Criminology.

Primary Areas of Faculty Research: Collective behavior; social movements and terrorism; community studies; criminology and criminal justice; democratic participation; family and policy; human ecology; institutional change; qualitative methods; quantitative methods; race/class/gender inequality; social network analysis; sociology of culture; sociology of emotions; sociology of religion; symbolic interaction; urban sociology.

Application Requirements for the MA in Sociology Program: Applicants for graduate studies in sociology must be admitted to the Graduate School and must also submit the following: 1) at least two letters of recommendation from people who can judge the applicant's academic potential as a graduate student; 2) a sample of written academic work (i.e., a research paper); 3) a one page statement in which the applicant discusses the educational objectives sought by entering our graduate program; 4) satisfactory GRE scores.

Prerequisites to Degree Program: Prior undergraduate work in social theory, research methods, statistics, and writing is considered necessary for successful performance at the graduate level. SOCI 3303 (or an approved equivalent), SOCI 3313, and SOCI 4023 (or an approved equivalent) are required to eliminate deficiencies. Additionally, students applying to the Criminology concentration must show prior undergraduate work in introductory criminal justice or criminology. SOCI/CMJS 3023 (or an approved equivalent) is required to eliminate deficiencies for students pursuing criminology concentration. Undergraduate deficiencies must be removed by taking the appropriate undergraduate courses during the first twelve hours of graduate work or the first time the courses are offered.

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

M.A. in Sociology with a concentration in General Sociology. 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:

Required Courses. M.A. students concentrating in general sociology are required to take the following two courses

SOCI 5263 Contemporary Social Theory
SOCI 5083 Applied Qualitative Research

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

M.A. in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology. In addition to meeting all the core requirements outlined above, students wishing to pursue a master's degree in Sociology with a concentration in criminology must complete the following courses:

Required Courses. M.A. students concentrating in criminology are required to take the following course

SOCI 5413 Seminar in Criminological Theory

Restricted Electives M.A. students concentrating in criminology must take two courses from the following list

SOCI 5423 Research in Criminology
SOCI 5433 Victimization
SOCI 5443 Seminar in Terrorism
SOCI 5453 Social Control
SOCI 5463 White Collar Crime
SOCI 5473 Crime and Community

In addition to the common core courses, the courses required in a specific concentration, and the six hours of specialization-specific restricted electives, the student must take sufficient hours of electives to reach 32 semester hours total. The Department retains the right to make exceptions to the list of concentration-specific electives. Such exceptions must be approved by the graduate committee and authorized in writing by the Graduate Director. A maximum of three elective credit hours may be taken at the 4000 level without prior approval by the Graduate Committee. Students may apply three hours of independent study toward the degree provided that a research proposal is approved by the instructor prior to enrollment in the course. The student's adviser must authorize courses outside of the department. Except for rare circumstances, no more than three hours of credit outside of the department will count for the degree.

The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice offers a thesis and non-thesis option. Completion of the program for all students is contingent upon passing a comprehensive examination covering major course work.

Thesis Option: Students must take 26 hours of course work and six hours of thesis credit. All M.A. candidates in this option are required to develop and present a prospectus of the thesis to their thesis committee. They must also write and orally defend their thesis, including research methods, theory, and the area of thesis concentration.

Non-Thesis Option: Students must take 32 hours of course work. Students must select an area of concentration as listed in the departmental graduate handbook. Under this option, students must take a written comprehensive

examination in theory, research methods, and the area of concentration.

SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office

PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

PGRM _____ SUBJ _____ CIP _____ CRTS _____
DGRE _____ PGCT _____ OFFC&CRTY VALID _____

REPORTING CODES

PROG. DEF. _____ REQ. DEF. _____
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