

Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Sociology - D0777
Administering College/Academic Group	Social And Behavioral Sciences
Co-administering College/Academic Group	
Semester Conversion Designation	Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)
Current Program/Plan Name	Inequality and Society Minor
Proposed Program/Plan Name	Inequality and Society Minor
Program/Plan Code Abbreviation	SOCSTRA-MN
Current Degree Title	

Credit Hour Explanation

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		25	16.7	18	1.3
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum	25	16.7	18	1.3
	Maximum	25	16.7	18	1.3
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Maximum	0	0.0	0	0.0

Program Learning Goals

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

Program Learning Goals

Assessment

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? No

Program Specializations/Sub-Plans

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

Pre-Major

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

Attachments

- Inequality and Society minor program conversion 2-11-11.pdf
(Program Proposal. Owner: Bellair, Paul E)
- Inequality and Society minor curricular map 2-11-11.pdf
(Curricular Map(s). Owner: Bellair, Paul E)

Comments

- We decided to change Sociology of Poverty to 3306 from 2306 in order to keep it as an elective in International Studies tracks. Changing it to 3306 also takes care of the upper level coursework requirement for minor programs under semesters. We modified the program proposal and the curricular map to reflect this change. *(by Bellair, Paul E on 02/11/2011 04:59 PM)*
- Feedback will come via an e-mail from Professor Jim Fredal, chair of the CCI Sciences Subcommittee. *(by Vankeerbergen, Bernadette Chantal on 01/25/2011 08:55 AM)*

Workflow Information

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Date: November 8, 2010

RE: Cover Letter for Semester Conversion from the Department of Sociology

This cover letter reflects on the process by which the Sociology Department developed its proposals to convert major and minor programs from the quarter to semester academic calendar.

With respect to converting our undergraduate program, having recently revised all of major (effective SU '08) and minor programs (effective AU '09), Sociology was in a good position to begin the conversion process. The department began with a long series of meetings among the preceding Chair (Craig Jenkins), the Director of Undergraduate Studies (Paul Bellair), and the department's advising staff (Lindsey Chamberlain and Shannon Phlegar). Those meetings led to a finished proposal that was presented to and extensively discussed among our faculty during a faculty meeting in Winter and Spring 2010. On the basis of those discussions and a unanimous vote among faculty in favor of adopting the proposals the changes were finalized. In general, we propose minimal change to the content, names and descriptions of the required courses that comprise the majors/minors and no changes to the structure of the programs. In the case of course changes our goal was to make changes so that the content of courses will be more transparent to our students.

With respect to converting our graduate program, the Director of Graduate Studies (Claudia Buchmann), Chair of Sociology (Zhenchao Qian), and Graduate Studies Coordinator (Kelly Hopkins) have worked out a conversion plan after reviewing our department M.A. and Ph.D. requirements. The plan was carefully reviewed and discussed among the department's Graduate Studies Committee and the faculty, and subsequently approved by the faculty. In general, we propose minimal change to the content, names, and descriptions of the required courses and no changes to the structure of the program.

Overall, our program proposals are consistent with the structure of Sociology programs in OSU benchmark institutions. Our assessment data were also consulted throughout discussions. Although assessment data indicate that our programs are effective in achieving learning outcomes, our goal is improvement in rigor of major and minor programs and hence improved performance on our assessment instruments.

As chair of the department, I can attest that we undertake the conversion process with rigor and I approve of all of the proposed changes to our undergraduate and graduate programs.

1. Graduate Programs: The Department of Sociology has a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program. Doctoral students in Sociology typically complete a Masters of Arts degree as part of the doctoral program but the department does not have a separate MA program track.

2. Undergraduate Programs: The Department of Sociology offers a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Sociology and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies.

3. Undergraduate Minors: The Department of Sociology has four specialized minor programs: 1) Sociology, 2) Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies, 3) Inequality and Society, and 4) Health and Society.

All of these programs are proposed to continue under semesters. No program is being withdrawn. All necessary materials for the semester conversion are attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zhenchao Qian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Zhenchao Qian

Professor and Chair, Sociology Department

Program Rationale for the Inequality and Society Minor

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies minor program was recently revised and we have not had enough experience with those changes to evaluate whether additional revision is warranted. Therefore, we are converting to the semester calendar with a small number of changes. The required coursework in the minor will be identical. The social problems, sociology of poverty, and social stratification requirements remain intact. The credit hour requirement does not convert to a whole number so we propose to slightly increase it, which will increase the rigor of the program. A final change is that students will take 1 additional elective course.

The minor program currently requires 25 credit hours and a total of 5 courses. Under the semester calendar that is equivalent to 16.67 credit hours ($25 \times .6666$) and roughly 5.5 courses. Given that we do not offer 1 or 2 credit hour courses we propose to change the minor program requirement to 18 hours and a total of 6 courses. The additional course students will take under semester conversion will be distributed into elective coursework. Students are required to complete 6 credit hours at the 3000 level or higher.

List of Semester Courses – Inequality and Society Minor

The Inequality and Society minor requires 3 core courses and 3 elective courses:

Core

Soc 2202 – Social Problems

Soc 3306 – Sociology of Poverty

Soc 3463 – Social Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender

Any Level Coursework:

Three 2000-5000 level courses

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Inequality and Society Minor (Sociology)

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The Inequality and Society minor is designed to provide undergraduate students with a focused sequence of coursework in a sub-field of sociology in which our faculty are exceptionally strong. The minor provides students with a sociological approach to understand societal inequality, and preparation for public sector and research-oriented employment dealing with poverty, family, education, work, politics, and other important social issues.

Overview

Students must complete 3 required courses (9 hours) and 3 electives (9 hours) for a total of 18 hours of course work in Sociology. The required courses are: Sociology 2202 (Social Problems), Sociology 3306 (Sociology of Poverty), and Sociology 3463 (Social Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender).

Students majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies are required to consult with a Sociology academic counselor to develop a curriculum plan.

This minor is not available to Sociology Majors.

Required courses

Sociology 2202 Social Problems
Sociology 3306 Sociology of Poverty
Sociology 3463 Social Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender

Elective courses

SOCIOL 1101, 2210, 2294, 2309, 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2345/H2345, H2367.01, 2367.02, H2367.03, 2370, 2380, 2382, 2391, 3302, 3315, 3407, 3410, 3430, 3434, 3435, 3460, 3464, 3467, 3487, 3488, 3597.01, 3597.02, 3630

SOCIOL 4505, 4507, 4508, 4509, 4510, 4511, 4549, 4601, 4606, 4608, 4609, 4610, 4611, 4615, 4616, 4618, 4623, 6435, 2640, 3655, 4666, 4670, 4671, 4672, 4998, 5605, 5450, 5629, 5680, 5694.XX

<u>Course</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Grade</u>
<u>SOC 2202</u>	_____	_____
<u>SOC 3306</u>	_____	_____
<u>SOC 3463</u>	_____	_____
<u>SOC</u>	_____	_____
<u>SOC</u>	_____	_____
<u>SOC</u>	_____	_____

Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required 18 hours

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 6

Overlap with the GE Permitted.

Overlap with the major Not allowed.

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors Permitted. However, each minor completed must contain 15 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Approval required The minor may be approved by the student's College/School Advising Office via the Degree Audit Report (DAR). If the minor is not complete on the DAR, the student must consult with a Dept. of Sociology advisor.

Filing the minor program form A minor program form is not required. The DAR certifies the minor. The minor must be declared at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to the student's College/School Advising Office.

Changing the minor Once the minor is certified as a part of applying for graduation, any changes must be approved by an advisor in the Dept. of Sociology.

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Overview

Students must complete 3 required courses (15 hours) and 2 electives (10 hours) for a total of 25 hours of course work in Sociology. The required courses are Sociology 202 (Social Problems), Sociology 306 (Sociology of Poverty), and Sociology 463 (Social Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender).

Students majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies are required to consult with a Sociology academic counselor to develop a curriculum plan.

This minor is not available to Sociology Majors.

Required courses

Sociology 202 Social Problems
Sociology 306 Sociology of Poverty
Sociology 463 Social Stratification: Race, Class, and Gender

Elective courses

SOCIOL 101, 210*, 294*, 302, 309, 310, 315, 320, 330, 340, 345/H345, H367.01, 367.02, H367.03, 370, 380, 382, 391, 407, 410, 430, 434, 435, 450, 460, 464, 467, 487, 488

SOCIOL 508, 509, 511, 549, 597.01, 597.02, 601, 605, 606, 608, 609, 610, 623, 629, 630, 635, 640, 648, 649, 651, 652, 653, 655, 666, 670, 671, 672, 680, 694.XX

*At least half of the hours for a minor must be above the 200-level (see ASC Minor Guidelines)

Course	Quarter	Grade
<u>SOC 202</u>	_____	_____
<u>SOC 306</u>	_____	_____
<u>SOC 463</u>	_____	_____
<u>SOC</u>	_____	_____
<u>SOC</u>	_____	_____

Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required 25 hours

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 10

Overlap with the GEC Permitted.

Overlap with the major Not allowed.

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors Permitted. However, each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
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Transition policy

Required courses in the minor will not change during semester conversion. We therefore expect students to complete those 3 courses.

However, the number of elective courses needed to complete the minor program will increase and it is here that we will need to be flexible. Under the quarter system students are required to take a minimum of 5 courses in the minor, 2 of which are elective. Under semesters students will be required to take 6 courses, 3 of which are elective. We will advise students to complete 6 courses for graduation if it is possible, but we will be flexible with students that started their academic career at OSU under the quarter system. For those students we will accept no less than 5 courses in the minor including the 3 required courses listed above to satisfy minor program requirements.

Overall, we are committed to ensuring that students who began their degree under quarters will not be penalized under semesters, either in terms of progress towards their degree or their expected date of graduation.

Quarter to semester conversion of Inequality and Society minor program

<u>Segment of minor program</u>	<u>Quarter course #</u>	<u>Quarter course name</u>	<u>Credit hours</u>	<u>Segment of minor program</u>	<u>Semester course #</u>	<u>Semester course name</u>	<u>Units</u>
Prerequisites (may count in GEC)	none			Prerequisites (may count in GEC)	none		
Required course 1	Soc 202	Social Problems	5	Required course 1	Soc 2202	Social Problems	3
Required course 2	Soc 306	Sociology of Poverty	5	Required course 2	Soc 3306	Sociology of Poverty	3
Required course 3	Soc 463	Social Stratification	5	Required course 3	Soc 3463	Social Stratification	3
Electives			10	Electives			9
Total credit hours required for minor including pre-requisites			25	Total credit hours required for minor including pre-requisites			18
Minor program proportion of minimum hours/units for degree (using 180 quarter credit hours and 120 semester units)			0.14				0.15