A Proposal for Deactivation of a Program

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Implementation Term: from the fall semester of 2019.

Program Title: Concentrations in Sociology
- Gender and Sexuality
- Race and Urban
- Gerontology
- Health and Life Course

CIP Code:

Rationale for Change:
Low demand of student for concertation is the main reason for deactivation.

There are some 500 to 600 students who major Sociology at any given term and approximately one percent of Sociology majors declare a concentration. For example, there were 5 students who have declared a concentration and one student plans to graduate in this fall semester of 2018. And in the 2016-2017, there were 7 students who declared a concentration.

Along with the low student demand for concentrations, the undergraduate sociology curriculum has gone through significant changes in the last 2-3 years. We made a commitment for our students to offer ALL required courses all year round, including the summer session. We also built and promoted more active learning Domestic Field School courses and the university signature courses. And as of the spring semester of 2019, all required courses for Sociology majors will be offered as online courses as well. We believe these significant changes we implemented align well with the university-wide commitment and initiative to enhance the graduation rate and making the university education more accessible. To that end, fulfilling the required courses for the concentrations, along with the general sociology degree requirements, can prolong students’ graduation, however small the number maybe.

Anticipated impact on other programs within the offering department, the college, or the university:
For the current students who declared a concentration, they will be able to fulfill all requirements and graduate with a concentration in Sociology.

Additional resource requirements, if any, and budget implications: none

Intended method of funding additional costs if any: none.
Offices, departments, committees, and individuals consulted during the development of the proposal:

The Undergraduate Committee on February 14 and March 19, 2018.
The Sociology Leadership Team meeting on March 23, 2018.
The Sociology faculty meeting on April 13, 2018.
All Advisors for Sociology students at the University Advisement Center on June 29, 2018.
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We are a leading urban sociology department and a center of excellence for scholarly research, undergraduate education, graduate training, and community engagement.

Through innovative scholarship, teaching and community service, we craft, translate, and disseminate sociological knowledge to foster social justice, equality, and policy transformation. We specialize in promoting deeper public understanding of global, urban, and community inequalities related to social class, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, aging, education, and health and illness.

Sociology majors will learn to think critically, analyze social behaviors, communicate sociological knowledge, suggest innovative solutions to social problems, and become active agents of social justice.

Academic Advisement for Undergraduate Students

Academic advisement for undergraduate students is provided through the University Advisement Center at 55 Park Place for both statuses: freshman through junior status (fewer than 90 hours) and the senior status (90 or more hours). See section 3040 for additional information.

Program Degree Requirements

In addition to the Program Degree Requirements, students must fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements (see section 3030) and the University Degree Requirements (see section 1400).

A grade of C or higher is required in all courses counting toward the major (Area F and G)

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Area F: Courses Appropriate to the Major (18)

1. Required Courses (6)
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1. Core Requirements (15)

   SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology (3)  *(If not taken in Area E)
   World language at the 1002 level or higher (3)
   (See “World Language Requirement for B.A. and B.I.S. Majors,” previously described.)

2. Select additional elective courses from the following to complete 18 hours in Area F (12):

   AAS 1140, AAS 2010, ANTH 1102, ANTH 2020, CRJU 2200, CSC 1010, ECON 2100, ECON 2105, EDUC 2120, EDUC 2152, EPY 2050, AL 2101, AL 2102, GEOG 1101, HIST 1111, HIST 1112, HIST 1140, HIST 2110, MATH 1070, MATH 1111, PHIL 1010, PHIL 2010, PHIL 2020, POLS 1101, POLS 2101, POLS 2401, PSYC 1101, PSYC 2070, PSYC 2103, SOCI 1160, RELS 2001, SOCI 2293, SW 2000, WGSS 2010;
   World language 1001, 2001, 2002

* SOCI 1101 is a prerequisite for SOCI 3030 Sociological Theory and highly recommended for other upper division Sociology courses.

Area G: Major Courses (30)

A grade of C or higher is required in all major courses. 30 credit hours of 3000-4000 level courses are required for the general program.

General Program in Sociology (30)

1. Major Requirements (15)

   SOCI 3010 Social Statistics (3)  *(Any mathematics course from core curriculum Area A2 or MATH 1070 with a grade of C or higher is a prerequisite for SOCI 3010.)
   SOCI 3020 Social Research Methods – CTW (3)  *(SOCI 3010 with a grade of C or higher is prerequisite)
   SOCI 3030 Sociological Theory (3)  *(SOCI 1101 with a grade of C or higher is a prerequisite for this course.)
   SOCI 3201 Wealth, Power, and Inequality (3)
   SOCI 4990 Capstone or SOCI 4980 Internship (3)

NOTES:

Students who decide to major in Sociology after completing PSYC 3510 may use it for credit toward SOCI 3010.

Students must take SOCI 3010 and SOCI 3020 in sequence, beginning with 3010, and may not take these courses during the same term.

SOCI 3020 cannot be replaced with a research methods course from another discipline.

Student must be a senior to take SOCI 4990. SOCI 3020 with a grade of C or higher is prerequisite.

2. Select an additional 15 hours in sociology courses at the 3000 level or above. (15)

NOTES:

SOCI 4980 (Internship) credit may be applied toward the general program in this section or Area H, if the student took SOCI 4990.
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*SOCI 3160* (Domestic Field School Courses) can be taken more than once; for there are several active learning courses, such as Refugees and Immigrants in Atlanta, Homeless Account, the Beltline Research, etc.

*SOCI 3390* (Special Topic) can be taken more than once, for there are more than one topically varied courses.

- **SOCI 3040** Cognition and Society (3)
- **SOCI 3101** Families and Society (3)
- **SOCI 3110** Identity, Self, and Social Interaction (3)
- **SOCI 3124** Diversity and Aging (3)
- **SPCI 3130** Sociology of Food (3)
- **SOCI 3152** Birth and Parenthood (3)
- **SOCI 3156** Sexuality and Society (3)
- **SOCI 3160** Domestic Field School (3)
- **SOCI 3180** Housing and Inequality (3)
- **SOCI 3208** Work and Employment (3)
- **SOCI 3212** Race and Ethnic Relations (3)
- **SOCI 3213** Immigration (3)
- **SOCI 3216** Gender and Society (3)
- **SOCI 3220** Activism, Protest, and Revolution (3)
- **SOCI 3222** Deviant Behavior (3)
- **SOCI 3224** Crime and Punishment (3)
- **SOCI 3315** Asian American Experience (3)
- **SOCI 3350** Social Change and the Future (3)
- **SOCI 3352** Mental Illness in the United States (3)
- **SOCI 3354** Sociology of Popular Culture (3)
- **SOCI 3356** Queer Identities (3)
- **SOCI 3390** Special Topics (3)
- **SOCI 4050** Global Perspectives on Violence Against Women (3)
- **SOCI 4116** Aging and Society (3)
- **SOCI 4119** Global Aging and Families (3)
- **SOCI 4150** Sexual and Intimate Violence (3)
- **SOCI 4218** Power and Politics (3)
- **SOCI 4226** Urban Sociology (3)
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**SOCI 4990** (Capstone) can be taken by seniors.

**Area H: Minor and Additional Courses**

1. Students majoring in sociology are not required to take a minor.
2. Additional courses not in the major must be taken as electives to complete a minimum of 120 semester hours, exclusive of **KH 1010**.

**Minor in Sociology**

Students who wish to minor in sociology must take 15-18 hours in courses in sociology, including at least nine semester hours at the 3000 level or above. Students taking more than 15 hours in sociology courses may count the additional hours toward their electives or may consider completing a double major. (A grade of C or higher is required in all courses counting toward the minor.) Students wishing to minor in sociology may seek advisement from the academic advisement and/or the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

**Dual B.A./M.A. Programs**

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- General Program in Sociology
  - Concentration in Family
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Students majoring in sociology may choose one of four programs of study. Majors can follow the general program in sociology, or they can select a concentration in race and urban studies, gender and sexuality, or gerontology.

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Academic advisement for undergraduate students is provided through the University Advisement Center (freshman through junior status/fewer than 90 hours) and the college’s Office of Academic Assistance (senior status/90 or more hours). See section 3040 for additional information.

Program Academic Regulations

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In addition to the Program Degree Requirements, students must fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements (see section 3030) and the University Degree Requirements (see section 1400).

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Area F: Courses Appropriate to the Major (18)

1. Required Courses (9)
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- **SOCI 1101** Introduction to Sociology (3)*
- **SOCI 1160** Introduction to Social Problems (3)
- World language at the 1002 level or higher (3)

See “World Language Requirement for B.A. and B.I.S. Majors,” previously described.)

2. Select additional elective courses from the following to complete 18 hours in Area F:

* **SOCI 1101** is a prerequisite for many upper-level courses, including **SOCI 3030** Sociological Theory.

**Area G: Major Courses (30)**

A grade of C or higher is required in all major courses. 30 credit hours of 3000-4000 level courses are required for the general program, family concentration, gender and sexuality concentration, and race and urban studies concentration. 33 credit hours of 3000-4000 level courses are required for the gerontology concentration.

**General Program in Sociology (30)**

1. **Major Requirements (12)**
   - **SOCI 3010** Social Statistics (3) (Any mathematics course from core curriculum Area A2 or MATH 1070 with a grade of C or higher is a prerequisite for **SOCI 3010**.)
   - **SOCI 3020** Social Research Methods-CTW (3)
   - **SOCI 3030** Sociological Theory (3) (**SOCI 1101** with a grade of C or higher is a prerequisite for this course.)
   - **SOCI 3201** Wealth, Power, and Inequality (3)

   **NOTES:** Students must take **SOCI 3010** and **SOCI 3020** in sequence, beginning with 3010, and may not take these courses during the same term. **SOCI 3020** and **SOCI 3030** are not offered in the summer semester.

   Students who decide to major in Sociology after completing **PSYC 3510** may use it for credit toward **SOCI 3010**. **SOCI 3020** cannot be replaced with a methods course from another discipline.

2. Select an additional 18 hours in sociology courses at the 3000 level or above. (15)

   **NOTE:** **SOCI 4980** (Internship) credit may be applied toward the general program in this section or Area H.

**Family Concentration**

The Family concentration is in the process of being deactivated and will not accept new students.

**Gender and Sexuality Concentration (30)**

This concentration provides students with a comprehensive educational and training curriculum in the study of gender and sexuality. It is appropriate for students who wish to pursue careers in public and private agencies dealing with issues such as domestic violence, sexual assault, legal equity and equal access issues, sexual health and
education, and procreative issues. The concentration is also appropriate for students preparing for admission to
graduate or professional programs in a variety of fields (e.g., sociology, social work, health sciences, family studies,
or women’s studies). Students completing the gender and sexuality concentration will be awarded a certificate by the
Department of Sociology.

1. Major Requirements (12)
   - Same as in section 1 of General Program in Sociology, described above

2. Gender and Sexuality Core Courses (6)
   - SOCI 3156 Sexuality and Sociology (3)
   - SOCI 3216 Gender and Society (3)

3. Select two courses from the list below. (6)
   - SOCI 3040 Cognition and Society (3)
   - SOCI 3101 Families and Society (3)
   - SOCI 3152 Birth and Parenthood (3)
   - SOCI 3160 Domestic Field School (3)
   - SOCI 3208 Work and Employment (3)
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   - SOCI 4312 African-American Women in the U.S. (3)
   - SOCI 4315 Girls (3)
   - SOCI 4366 Law and Society (3)

4. Senior Requirements (may be taken by advanced Juniors) (6)
   - SOCI 4980 Internship (3)
   - SOCI 4990 Capstone (3)

Gerontology Concentration (33)

The gerontology concentration is designed to prepare students for admission to graduate and professional programs
in a variety of fields that focus on issues of aging (e.g., sociology, social work, psychology, nursing, medicine, and
public administration). The concentration also prepares students for careers and occupations that center around
older persons (e.g., in senior centers, nursing homes, retirement residences, nutrition programs, and volunteer
programs.) Completion of the concentration qualifies students for a certificate in gerontology. Students who wish to
earn the certificate must apply to the program through the university’s Gerontology Institute, 605 One Park Place, as
soon as the concentration is selected.

1. Major Requirements (12)
2. Gerontology Requirements. (9)
   - GER 4200 Health and the Older Adult (3)
   - GER 4610 Psychology of Aging (3) (Prerequisite: Psyc 1101)
   - SOCI 4116 Aging and Society (3)

3. Select one course. (3)
   - SOCI 4110 Aging Policy and Services (3)
   - SW 4260 Aging Practice, Policy and Research Issues (3)

4. Select one course. (3)
   - GER 4475 Communication and Aging (3)
   - GER 4500 Anthropology of Aging (3)
   - SOCI 4110 Aging Policy and Services (3) (if not taken in section 3 above)
   - SOCI 4122 Death, Dying, and Loss (3)
   - SW 4260 Aging Practice, Policy and Research Issues (3) (if not taken in section 3 above)

5. GER 4910 Gerontology Internship (3-6)

Race and Urban Studies Concentration (30)

The race and urban studies concentration is designed to provide students with an understanding of the various social forces which shape race relations, urban politics, social inequality, and the ever changing relationship between city and suburb. This concentration is appropriate for students seeking training in careers or activism in non-profit organizations, city or state government, housing and urban advocacy organizations, social justice institutes, or any private organization that focuses on social or racial inequality. The program is of particular relevance to students preparing for admission to graduate or professional programs in a variety of fields (e.g., law, sociology, urban planning, and public health). Students completing the concentration are awarded a certificate in race and urban studies by the Department of Sociology.

1. Major Requirements (12)
   - Same as in section 1 of General Program in Sociology, described above

2. Race and Urban Studies Core Courses (6)
   - SOCI 3212 Race and Ethnic Relations (3)
   - SOCI 4226 Urban Sociology (3)

3. Select two courses (6)
   - SOCI 3010 Family and Society (3)
   - SOCI 3040 Cognition and Society (3)
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