

Memorandum

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To: College Undergraduate Studies Committee

From: Tracy X. Karner, Undergraduate Director, Department of Sociology

Re: Changes to the requirements for B.S./ B.A. in Sociology

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Last semester the undergraduate committee conducted a thorough review of the degree programs in Sociology. Given the changes in the recommended for various courses, the department's infrastructure, and concerns about quality control with regard to our capstone courses, the department voted to make the following changes.

Previously, degree requirements in the Department of Sociology have been:

Requirements	Hours
32 hours (29 advanced) to include:	
<u>SOC 1300, 3300, 3400, 3401</u>	14
SOC Electives (advanced)	12
Two from <u>SOC 4383, 4394, and 4399</u>	6

New requirements, to be enacted, for a Bachelors degree in Sociology would now be:

Requirements	Hours
32 hours (29 advanced) to include:	
<u>SOC 1300, 3300, 3400, 3401</u> , 4383	14 17
SOC Electives (advanced)	15
<u>SOC 4383</u>	3

This change would ensure that all Sociology graduates have taken a Senior Seminar. Previously, they could have taken two semesters of internship (4394) or honor's thesis (4399). The department's Senior Seminar is meant to be a culmination of all the students' work in Sociology where they will be able to demonstrate knowledge of disciplinary theory and methods by applying them to a contemporary social issue. As a department, we believe that all our students should have this experience.