

CURRICULUM CHANGE PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Change of course title from "Non-thesis Project" to "Applied Project"

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Sociology and Anthropology

DEPARTMENT CHAIR

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date

GRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: August 28, 2020

From: Aurelia Lorena Murga, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Through: Howard Campbell, Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Through: Denis O'Hearn, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

To: Amy Wagler, Chair, Graduate Council

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The Department of Sociology and Anthropology's MA sociology program currently offers two "thesis" options for completion of the MA degree. Soci 5398 "Thesis I" and Soci 5399 "Thesis II" as well as Soci 5396 "Non-Thesis Project I" and Soci 5397 "Non-Thesis Project II". Department faculty are requesting a title change for courses Soci 5396 and Soci 5397 in order to more closely align with the focus of students' work as they apply their skills toward completion of a final project. We request a title change for Soci 5396 "Applied Project I" and Soci 5397 "Applied Project II". Thank you for considering this request, please let me know if you require further information.

COURSE CHANGE FORM

All fields below are required

College : Liberal Arts

Department : Sociology and Anthropology

Rationale for changing the course:

Request name change from "Non-Thesis Project" to "Applied Project" in order to reflect students' work more accurately.

All fields below are required

Subject Prefix and number Soci 5396 and Soci 5397

Course Title Non-thesis Project I and Non-thesis Project II

Change	From	To
Ex. Prerequisite	Ex. POLS 2310	Ex. POLS 2312
Required course, "Non-thesis Project I" to "Applied Project I"	Soci 5396 "Non-thesis Project I"	Soci 5396 "Applied Project I"
Required course, "Non-thesis Project II" to "Applied Project II"	Soci 5397 "Non-thesis Project II"	Soci 5396 "Applied Project II"

These changes will be reflected in Banner, Goldmine, and the catalog

M.A. in Sociology

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Admission Requirements

1. Admission is based on the entire record of the applicant and availability of departmental resources.
2. Students must submit a completed admissions form to the UTEP graduate school, including references and statement of purpose, as well as transcripts.
3. A bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. university or proof of equivalent education at a foreign institution. Generally, students should have a 3.0 (B) grade point average, or equivalent, particularly in Sociology courses and over the last 60 hours of undergraduate work.
4. The department also grants a limited number of teaching and research assistantships to selected graduate students. Other forms of financial assistance are also available. For further information, please contact the graduate advisor.

Degree Requirements

The following are the requirements of the 33-hour MA in Sociology degree program:

1. Each candidate must take:

Code	Title	Hours
SOCI 5311	Prof Development in Sociology	3
SOCI 5312	Sem-Advanced Measure/Inference	3
SOCI 5320	Seminar in Research Methods	3
SOCI 5328	Social Theory	3
Plus three semester hours of sociology methods 3		3
Plus twelve semester hours of sociology or anthropology approved for graduate credit		12
SOCI 5398	Thesis	3
or SOCI 5396	Non-Thesis Project Applied Thesis I	
SOCI 5399	Thesis	3
or SOCI 5397	Non-Thesis Project Applied Thesis II	
Total Hours		33

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Course List

2. Students are required to enroll in one methods elective, based on their interests. This includes [SOCI 5322](#) Seminar in Qualitative Methods and other special topics methods electives such as, but not limited to, advanced statistics or Geographic Information Systems.

3. No later than the completion of 24 credits in the program, the student shall declare to the Graduate Advisor in writing her or his intention to choose the thesis plan or the applied ~~non-thesisproject~~ plan. Students may change between plans, but should be aware that this may result in taking additional credit hours to complete the degree. More information on the specific expectations of the thesis plan and the applied ~~non-thesisproject~~ plan is available from the Graduate Advisor.

4. Students enrolled in the thesis plan must enroll at least one semester in [SOCI 5398](#) Thesis and [SOCI 5399](#) Thesis and successfully propose and defend the thesis before a committee while enrolled in SOCI 5399. Each thesis course can only count once toward the total number of hours needed for the degree. Thesis committees consist of at least two departmental representatives and one member from outside the department.

5. Students enrolled in the applied ~~non-thesisproject~~ plan must enroll at least one semester in [SOCI 5396](#) ~~Non-ThesisApplied~~ Project I and [SOCI 5397](#) ~~Non-ThesisApplied~~ Project II ~~++~~ and successfully propose and defend the thesis before a committee while enrolled in [SOCI 5397](#) ~~Non-ThesisApplied~~ Project II. Each ~~non-thesisapplied~~ project course can only count once toward the total number of hours needed for the degree. Project committees consist of at least two departmental representatives and one member from outside the department.

6. Candidates may pursue a minor in Anthropology. Candidates taking this option must obtain the consent of the graduate advisor and his/her thesis director, and may take up to 9 hours of anthropology courses from the list of advanced undergraduate courses approved for graduate credit. The plan of anthropology courses must be approved by the graduate advisor and thesis advisor, once assigned. Additional requirements are listed in item ~~6-7~~ below.

7. Undergraduate courses and independent studies approved for graduate credit will count toward the degree only by permission of the graduate advisor and thesis advisor, once assigned. To use an undergraduate course for graduate credit, the following additional work is required: additional reading of original scholarly books and articles above and beyond textbooks; additional written work such as research on specific topics or hypotheses, literature reviews, or identifying research problems in specific areas; and at least five additional meetings with the professor to discuss the added requirements and their completion. The extra requirement must be specified by the instructor in a syllabus.

8. Each candidate will submit a PDF that must be approved by the candidate's committee and submitted to the graduate school following their requirements.

9. Candidates will be allowed only one grade lower than a "B" in coursework taken for graduate credit. No grade lower than a "B" will be accepted in a required course. Candidates must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Commented [MOU1]: Requesting that change be made to: Applied Project I

Commented [MOU2]: Requesting that change be made to: Applied Project II