

CURRICULUM CHANGE PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Additional option for completion of MA sociology program

College: Liberal Arts Department: Sociology and Anthropology

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Howard Campbell

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

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Crystal Herman

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

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Denis O'Hearn

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: September 4, 2020

From: Aurelia Lorena Murga, Graduate Advisor, Dept of Sociology & Anthropology

Through: Howard Campbell, Chair, Dept of Sociology & Anthropology

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

To: Amy Wagler, Chair, Graduate Council

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The faculty in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology propose to include an additional "Course option" as a third line of completion offered in the MA sociology program. This option consists of completion of a total of 33 credits in coursework and a final comprehensive examination that is to be administered by the student's committee. The MA committee will be made up of three professors housed in the department. The exam will include three areas of study: sociological theory, methods of research, and an area of specialization (identified by the student through the concentration of coursework). The examination will be administered in the department and a final document with committee signatures will be submitted to the Graduate School to verify that the student passed the exam.

If the student fails to pass any section of the comprehensive exam, they will be allowed to re-take the test (the area(s) not completed or passed) at another date and time scheduled by the committee.

This additional option toward completion of the MA degree provides students the opportunity to complete a terminal degree in sociology.

Degree Plan

Required Credits: 33

Code	Title	Hours
MA in Sociology ¹		
Required Courses (All courses require a grade of B or better):		
SOCL 5311	Prof Development in Sociology	3
SOCL 5312	Sem-Advanced Measure/Inference	3
SOCL 5320	Seminar in Research Methods	3
SOCL 5328	Social Theory	3
Three hours of sociology methods		3
Students are required to enroll in one methods elective, based on their interests. This includes SOCL 5322 (Seminar in Qualitative Methods) and other special topics methods electives such as, but not limited to, advanced statistics or Geographic Information Systems.		
Electives (All courses require a grade of C or better):		
Select twelve additional hours from graduate SOCL or ANTH: ²		12
SOCL 5190	Individual Studies	
SOCL 5290	Individual Studies	
SOCL 5303	Grad Internship in Sociology	
SOCL 5340	Seminar - Demography	
SOCL 5341	Special Graduate Topics	

Code	Title	Hours
SOCL 5348	Seminar-Criminology	
SOCL 5355	US-Mexico Borderlands in Chang	
SOCL 5360	Gender	
SOCL 5362	Border Research	
SOCL 5363	Environmental Justice	
SOCL 5364	Sociology of Health	
SOCL 5365	Seminar-Sociology of Education	
SOCL 5381	Cartography & Visualization	
SOCL 5390	Individual Studies	
SOCL 5396	Non-Thesis Project I	
SOCL 5397	Non-Thesis Project II	
Applied or Thesis Option (All courses require a grade of C or better):		
Select applied non-thesis option of SOCL 5396 & 5397, or thesis option of SOCL 5398 & 5399, <u>or Course Option</u>		6
SOCL 5396 & SOCL 5397	Non-Thesis Project I and Non-Thesis Project II	
SOCL 5398 & SOCL 5399	Thesis and Thesis	

Code	Title	Hours
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<u>Two additional courses under “course option” are require a grade of B or better.</u>		
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Commented [MOU1]: This information should be directly under “Soci 5398 & Soci 5399” Thesis and Thesis info above.

Total Hours		33
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¹ Only one grade lower than a "B" in coursework taken for graduate credit will be allowed.

² Undergraduate courses with additional work approved for graduate credit are also available for use as electives.