MA IN SOCIOLOGY

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Type of Program Proposal:

Major

Program Change Type:

Non-Substantive

Title of the Program:

MA in Sociology

Designation: (degree terminology)

Master of Arts

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:

The department would like to put a moratorium on admissions for one year. The number of current students who are trying to complete their theses is placing a burden on the limited number of available faculty. The department feels it would be best to focus on guiding our existing students to graduation before accepting more students into the program, given our limited personnel.

During the one year moratorium, the department of Sociology is intending to reevaluate the curriculum, including the culminating requirement with a focus of determining a program that will best support the students in the program so they achieve the learning goals, while reducing time to graduation for our graduate students.

Objectives of the degree program:

The Master of Arts Program in Sociology is designed to provide a broad academic foundation for a variety of professional opportunities and community needs such as survey research, evaluation research, social problems analysis, career interest in community organizations, and teaching.

University Learning Goals

Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:

Critical thinking/analysis
Communication
Information literacy
Disciplinary knowledge
Intercultural/Global perspectives
Professionalism
Research (optional)

Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?

No

Catalog Description:

Total units required for MA: 30

Program Description

The Master of Arts Program in Sociology is designed to provide a broad academic foundation for a variety of professional opportunities and community needs such as survey research, evaluation research, social problems analysis, career interest in community organizations, and teaching.

The program offers small seminars and allows for close student-faculty contact. The program encourages students to seek internships and fieldwork, and participate in observation experience among the many government, voluntary, and private agencies in the Sacramento area. Students concentrate on theory and research methods as well as areas of specialization. Following coursework, students write a thesis based on original research.

Some graduates of the program enter Ph.D. programs at a variety of universities throughout the United States and others are employed in many state, local, and city government agencies and private businesses doing evaluation research, systems analysis, social problems analysis, and social impact assessment.

Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.

Admission Requirements

Admission as a classified graduate student in Sociology requires:

- a baccalaureate degree;
- a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 units attempted;
- satisfactory completion of a minimum of 18 units of undergraduate work in Sociology, including one course each in theory, statistics, and methodology, with a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- two letters of recommendation from faculty members in Sociology who know the applicant well enough to assess his/her potential for graduate study.

Students who have deficiencies in admission requirements that can be removed by specified additional preparation may be admitted with conditionally classified graduate status. Any such deficiencies will be noted on a written response to the admission application.

Admission Procedures

Applications are accepted as long as room for new students exists. All prospective graduate students, including Sacramento State graduates, must file the following with the Office of Graduate Studies, River Front Center 215, (916) 278-6470:

- an online application for admission;
- two sets of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, *other than Sacramento State; and*
- two letters of recommendation from Sociology faculty members to the Graduate Coordinator in the Sociology Department.

For more admissions information and application deadlines please visit http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/.

Minimum Units and Grade Requirement for the Degree

Units required for the MA: 30

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.0

Advancement to Candidacy

Each student must file an application for Advancement to Candidacy, indicating a proposed program of graduate study. This procedure should begin as soon as the classified graduate student has:

- removed any deficiencies in admission requirements;
- completed at least 15 units in the graduate program with a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- completed a draft of the thesis prospectus; and
- taken the Writing Placement for Graduate Students (WPG) or taken a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course in their discipline within the first two semesters of coursework at California State University, Sacramento or secured approval for a WPG waiver.

Advancement to candidacy forms are available in the Department Office. The student fills out the form after planning a degree program in consultation with a Sociology Graduate Advisor. The completed form should be returned to the Office of Graduate Studies for approval.

Note: A foreign language is not required for the degree. However, students who plan further graduate study are encouraged to study French, German, or Spanish since proficiency in one of these is sometimes required in doctoral programs.

As defined by policy http://www.csus.edu/umanual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the 'Program Change Type' field above to ensure that 'Substantive' is selected.

Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Core Courses (15 Units)		
SOC 200A	Orientation to Graduate Studies in Sociology	1
SOC 200B	Thesis Prospectus/Project Preparation Seminar	2
SOC 214	Research Methods ✎	3
SOC 215	Data Analysis	3
SOC 235	Social Psychology	3
SOC 240	Seminar: Sociological Theory	3
Electives (9 Units)		
Select 9 units from the following:		9
SOC 210	Urban Sociology	
SOC 220	Seminar: Social Change	
SOC 225	Social Stratification	
SOC 226	Sociology of Gender	
SOC 230	Seminar: Social Organization	
SOC 238	Environmental Sociology	
SOC 255	Social Research in Crime and Deviance	
SOC 260	Contemporary Issues of the Middle East and North Africa	
SOC 265	Race and Ethnic Relations	
SOC 266	Sociology of The Family	
SOC 295	Internship and Fieldwork [1]	
SOC 299	Special Problems [1]	
Culminating Experience (6 Units)		
SOC 500	Culminating Experience	6
Total Units		30

[1]   No more than 3 units of SOC 295 and SOC 299 may be counted toward the degree.

For graduate programs, the number of declared undergraduate major and the degree production over the preceding years of the corresponding baccalaureate program:
800

Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:
We will offer fewer graduate level courses in the 21/22 academic year.

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:
none anticipated

How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?
no changes anticipated

Will the proposed changes require additional resources?
No

What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?
none

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