

SOC 500: MASTER OF ARTS THESIS/PROJECT

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Catalog Title:

Master of Arts Thesis/Project

Class Schedule Title:

Master of Arts Thesis/Project

Academic Group: (College)

SSIS - Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

Academic Organization: (Department)

Sociology; Labor Studies

Will this course be offered through the College of Continuing Education (CCE)?

No

Catalog Year Effective:

Fall 2024 (2024/2025 Catalog)

Subject Area: (prefix)

SOC - Sociology

Catalog Number: (course number)

500

Course ID: (For administrative use only.)

162846

Units:

3-6

Is the only purpose of this change to update the term typically offered or the enforcement of existing requisites at registration?

No

In what term(s) will this course typically be offered?

Fall, Spring

Does this course require a room for its final exam?

No, final exam does not require a room

This course complies with the credit hour policy:

Yes

Justification for course proposal:

DETAILED REVISIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS:

During the last two years, the Graduate Program Committee, Graduate Coordinator, Department Chair, and the full Department had 3-4 meetings a month to discuss and assess the reactivation of the Sociology MA Program. After which, at our last 2022-2023 AY full department meeting, we voted to reinstate/reactivate the Sociology MA Program for the AY 2024-2025. We determined it is possible to reactivate the program based on the following curricular changes to the program and the 2024-2025 Catalog.

Several semester ago, we decided to create a SOC 200 (3 units) course to capture program orientation/writing into one course (SOC 200), formerly SOC 200A (1 unit) and SOC 200B (2 units). SOC 200 is in fact approved for our program at 3 units and is approved as a GWI, and will be the first course students take. We will no longer have SOC 200A.

Upon review of the program, the needs of students, the review of other MA programs at CSUS, and Curriculum Committee feedback, we edited the formerly submitted SOC 200B by renumbering it as SOC 270 and retitling it as "Master of Arts Thesis/Project Seminar" (see Course Management Form A to view SOC 270 edit). Moreover, after broadening and restructuring the Culminating Experience, it now includes the two courses: the revised SOC 270 (3 units) and SOC 500 (3 units)--also retitled (now: "Master of Arts Thesis/Project").

These two courses combine to make the required 6 units of Culminating Experience (which is exactly how the MA in Education Higher Education Leadership does the Culminating Experience--a successful sequence of courses, giving precedent for our course/program edits; for more information, see <https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/education/graduate-professional-studies-education/ma-in-education-higher-education-leadership/>).

Going forward, the sequence of courses will be as follows (also see Program Management (Form B) for full course listing and sequence order):

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (3 units of 15 taken the first semester of enrollment):

SOC 200 Orientation and Writing for Sociological Graduate Studies (3 units; GWI)

CULMINATING EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS (6 units taken consecutively in last semesters of enrollment):

SOC 270 Master of Arts Thesis/Project Seminar (3 units; Seminar)

SOC 500 Master of Arts Thesis/Project (3 units; Supervised)*

*If extra time needed for SOC 500 completion, enrollment in SOC 599 Continuous Enrollment.

This course sequence justifies the SOC 500 prerequisite course changes to: (1) advancement to candidacy, (2) SOC 270, (3) a minimum 3.0 GPA, and (4) thesis or project chair permission.

If students need more time to complete SOC 500, they will enroll in SOC 599 Continuous Enrollment in the semester after they took SOC 500. Therefore, there is no need to make a SOC 500 series of SOC 500A/SOC 500B like the PSYCH and ENVS departments made. This SOC 599 footnote is also on the Program Management (Form B) after the list of SOC course offerings.

SUMMARY LIST OF CHANGES:

1. Edited Justification
2. Updated Syllabus
4. Amended PLOs/ELOs
5. Updated Course Prerequisites
6. Revised Course Focus to Thesis/Project

Course Description: (Not to exceed 80 words and language should conform to catalog copy.)

SOC 500 Culminating Experience is a supervised course that helps graduate students complete their MA project/thesis. It is for graduate students who are writing their MA project/thesis. Students must complete 3 units of SOC 500 to graduate but may take up to 6 units in the one semester they enroll in it. Students must get permission from the Department Chair and project/thesis chair to enroll and have a structured plan prior to enrolling.

Are one or more field trips required with this course?

No

Fee Course?

No

Is this course designated as Service Learning?

No

Is this course designated as Curricular Community Engaged Learning?

No

Does this course require safety training?

No

Does this course require personal protective equipment (PPE)?

No

Does this course have prerequisites?

Yes

Prerequisite:

Advancement to candidacy, SOC 207, a minimum 3.0 GPA, and thesis or project chair permission.

Prerequisites Enforced at Registration?

No

Does this course have corequisites?

No

Graded:

Thesis in Progress

Approval required for enrollment?

No Approval Required

Course Component(s) and Classification(s):

Thesis Research

Thesis Research Classification

S3/CS#25 - Practice Teaching/Workstudy/Thesis Project/Independent Study (S-factor=.5 WTU per student enrolled)

Thesis Research Units

3-6

Is this a paired course?

No

Is this course crosslisted?

No

Can this course be repeated for credit?

No

Can the course be taken for credit more than once during the same term?

No

Description of the Expected Learning Outcomes and Assessment Strategies:

List the Expected Learning Outcomes and their accompanying Assessment Strategies (e.g., portfolios, examinations, performances, pre- and post-tests, conferences with students, student papers). Click the plus sign to add a new row.

	Expected Learning Outcome	Assessment Strategies
1	Apply advanced sociological concepts, theories and skills to current, practical, and important contexts and situations.	Final Culminating Experience Thesis or Project using sociological concepts, theories, and methods.
2	Communicate effectively through written form to a community of sociology scholars.	Final Culminating Experience Thesis or Project using sociological concepts, theories, and methods.
3	Critically evaluate multiple sources.	The Final Culminating Experience Thesis or Project will evaluate multiple sources.
4	Employ integrity and ethics within sociology.	Employing and abiding by ASA Style, Format, Ethics, Academic Integrity, and IRB rules in all course papers and the Final Culminating Experience Thesis or Project.
5	Analyze data to help understand the social experience or problem.	The Final Culminating Experience Thesis or Project analyzes, primary, secondary, or another type of datum to understand the social experience or problem.

Attach a list of the required/recommended course readings and activities:

SOC 500 Syllabus MA Program in Sociology MA Thesis_Project.pdf

Is this course required in a degree program (major, minor, graduate degree, certificate?)

Yes

Has a corresponding Program Change been submitted to Workflow?

Yes

Identify the program(s) in which this course is required:**Programs:**

MA in Sociology

Does the proposed change or addition cause a significant increase in the use of College or University resources (lab room, computer)?

No

Will there be any departments affected by this proposed course?

No

I/we as the author(s) of this course proposal agree to provide a new or updated accessibility checklist to the Dean's office prior to the semester when this course is taught utilizing the changes proposed here.

I/we agree

University Learning Goals

Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:

Disciplinary knowledge
Communication
Information literacy
Professionalism
Research (optional)

Is this course 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

Is this a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course?

No

Reviewer Comments:

Rachel Flamenbaum (flamenbaum) (Mon, 11 Sep 2023 18:14:48 GMT): Rollback: Needs full review except for reasons of changing term taught or computer enforcement of pre-reqs at registration

Amy Liu (liuqa) (Sat, 16 Sep 2023 18:08:19 GMT): Please roll it back to our graduate coordinator, Dr. Amanda Shigihara.

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Amanda Shigihara (shigihara) (Sat, 16 Sep 2023 18:58:50 GMT): I made all the discussed changes.

Rachel Flamenbaum (flamenbaum) (Thu, 21 Sep 2023 03:54:50 GMT): Rollback: Pls see email feedback

Amanda Shigihara (shigihara) (Mon, 25 Sep 2023 19:42:26 GMT): I made one error -- Please amend prerequisite: instead of SOC 200, please make it SOC 270. It should read: "Prerequisite: Advancement to candidacy, SOC 270, successful thesis prospectus hearing, and a minimum 3.0 GPA, and thesis or project chair permission. GPA."

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