

Applied Social Research Track

1. Description of Curriculum Change

SO 231 (Contemporary Social Problems) and PS 354 (Metropolitan Problems) will be added as required courses in the Community Development substantive area. Since two courses (rather than one) are now required, students will choose 3 (rather than 4) courses from the list of controlled electives, and SO 231 and PS 354 will be deleted from this list (please see 3a). SO 459 (Development of Social Services) will be deleted as a controlled elective in the Medical Sociology substantive area. SO 335 (Alcohol and Drug Abuse) and SO 428 (Child Abuse) will be added as controlled electives in the Juvenile Delinquency substantive area, while SO 448 (Social Policy) will be listed as a controlled elective in each of the following substantive areas: Medical Sociology, Gerontology, Interpersonal and Family, Labor and Industry, and Community Development. SO 451 (Disability and Society) is a new course and will be listed as a controlled elective in the Medical Sociology and Interpersonal and Family Substantive areas because the course content focuses on the interrelationship between disabled persons, their families, and the medical sector (see separate new course proposal for further rationale). RP 350 is the new course title for GE 360. Thus, any reference to GE 360 below has been changed to RP 350. In addition, RP 350 is now listed as a controlled elective in the Medical Sociology substantive area. It is supposed to be part of this substantive area but has "slipped out" of the catalogue over time. The rationale for its inclusion in the Medical Sociology substantive area is that regional planning is an important tool in delivering medical services and thus is a valuable skill for students interested in working in the health care sector. In the Labor and Industry substantive area, PC 390 (Industrial Organizational Psychology) is now listed. It replaces PC 420, but it is the same course (Psychology changed the course number from PC 420 to PC 390). SO 338 has been dropped from the Community Development substantive area because this course was dropped from the Sociology curriculum some time ago and is no longer offered (please see 3b). In Item 3d of the footnote section, "At least two required courses in any substantive area must be a SO (Sociology) courses" will be changed to "At least three courses in any substantive area must be SO (Sociology) courses (please see 3c).

2. Old and New Comparison

Bachelor of Arts --- Sociology/Applied Social Research Track (Old)

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 53-55
Mathematics: MA 217
Social Science: SO 151 required, AN110 recommended
Liberal Studies electives: CO101, no courses with SO prefix

College: 0-6
 Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)

Major: 42
Required courses:
 SO 151 Principles of Sociology *sh
 SO 320 Sociological Theory 3sh
 SO 380 Social Research Methods 3sh
 SO 456 Field Research Methods 3sh
 SO 457 Computer Use in Sociology 3sh
 SO 458 Political Sociology 3sh
 SO 471 Internship in Sociology 12sh

Controlled electives: One substantive area (2) 15sh (3)

Medical Sociology: AN444 or SO342, and 4 courses from list: AN222, 444, BI151 or 155, EC335, FN212, GE360, PC321, 378, SO231, 335, 336, 342, 357, 459
Gerontology: PC378 or SO357, and 4 courses from list: AN444, EC335, 360, GE360, PC312, 378, SO231, 251, 336, 342, 352, 357
Juvenile Delinquency: CR451 or SO333, and 4 courses from list: CR102, 270, 361, 370, 451, GE432, HI374, SO231, 333, 336, 339, 345, 361, 362
Interpersonal and Family Sociology: SO335 or 345, and 4 courses from list: AN319, HE218, 224, PC311, 321, 330, SO251, 335, 336, 337, 339, 345, 361, 362, 427, 428, 435
Labor and Industry: SO340 or 348, and 4 courses from list: EC330, 350, 371, 372, 373, HI373, LR426, 480, PC420, PS352, SO231, 303, 340, 348, 361, 458
Community Development: SO339 and 4 courses from list: AN271, 272, 314, EC336, 383, FN402, GE331, 332, 360, PS251, 354, SO231, 333, 336, 338, 339, 341, 363

Other Requirements: 0

Free Electives: 21-29

Total Degree Requirements: 124

- (*) Credit counted in Liberal Studies, not in the major.
- (1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
- (2) Students may create their own substantive area with the approval of the department chairperson.
- (3) At least two courses in any substantive area must be SO (Sociology) courses.

Bachelor of Arts --- Sociology/Applied Social Research Track (New)

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 53-55
Mathematics: MA 217
Social Science: SO 151 required, AN110 recommended
Liberal Studies electives: CO101, no courses with SO prefix

College: 0-6
 Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)

Major: 42
Required courses:
 SO 151 Principles of Sociology *sh
 SO 320 Sociological Theory 3sh
 SO 380 Social Research Methods 3sh
 SO 456 Field Research Methods 3sh
 SO 457 Computer Use in Sociology 3sh
 SO 458 Political Sociology 3sh
 SO 493 Internship in Sociology (4) 12sh

Controlled electives: One substantive area (2) 15sh(3)

Medical Sociology: AN444 or SO342, and 4 courses from list: AN222, 444, BI151 or 155, EC335, FN212, PC321, 378, RP350, SO231, 335, 336, 342, 357, 448, 451
Gerontology: PC378 or SO357, and 4 courses from list: AN444, EC335, 360, PC312, 378, RP350, SO231, 251, 336, 342, 352, 357, 448, 451
Juvenile Delinquency: CR451 or SO333, and 4 courses from list: CR102, 270, 361, 370, 451, GE432, HI374, SO231, 333, 335, 336, 345, 361, 362, 428
Interpersonal and Family Sociology: SO336 or 345, and 4 courses from list: HE218, 224, PC311, 321, 330, SO251, 335, 336, 345, 361, 363, 427, 428, 448, 451
Labor and Industry: SO340 or 348, and 4 courses from list: EC330, 350, 371, 372, 373, HI373, LR426, 480, PC390, SO231, 303, 340, 348, 361, 448, 458
Community Development: SO231, PS354 and 3 courses from list: AN271, 272, 314, EC336, 383, FN402, GE331, 332, PS251, RP350, SO 333, 336, 341, 363, 448

Other Requirements: 0

Free Electives: 21-29

Total Degree Requirements: 124

- (*) Credit counted in Liberal Studies, not in the major.
- (1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
- (2) Students may create their own substantive area with the approval of the department chairperson.
- (3) At least three courses in any substantive area must be SO (Sociology) courses.
- (4) SO 380, SO 456, and SO 457 must be taken before taking SO 493. Generally SO 493 is taken in the summer before the senior year.

3. Rationale for Curriculum Change

(3a) SO 339 (The Community) is no longer being offered. For this reason, two courses (SO 231 and PS 354) were chosen from the controlled electives list in the Community Development substantive area as replacements for the requirement. The rationale for now requiring two courses is that SO 231 is broad in course content, while PS 354 is specialized and not sociological enough to be the lone requirement. Together, the two complement each other in providing a sociological understanding of community issues. (3b) Regarding the additions of SO 335 and SO428 into the Juvenile Delinquency substantive area: many of the children processed by the juvenile justice system have been exposed to abuse. Students who seek employment with an agency dealing with juvenile delinquents may find it useful to have a background in child and/or drug abuse. The content of SO 448 is pertinent to all the substantive areas. Examples include social policies regarding Medicare, health care in general, welfare, unemployment, and crime. The other changes are primarily administrative, and the rationale for these changes is given on page 12 under Description of Curriculum Change.

(3c) Changing the number of required courses with an SO prefix in the footnote from two to three is to make certain that the majority of courses will be in Sociology, which seems appropriate since these courses are being taken as part of a Sociology major.

4. Implementation

1. Students will be minimally affected by these revisions.
 - A. SO 231 and PS 354 were previously offered as controlled electives in the Community Development substantive area, and very few Sociology majors have Community Development as their substantive area.
 - B. The addition of SO 335, SO 428, SO 448, and SO 457 to the previously stated substantive areas gives students more choices in selecting their controlled electives, which will be helpful when other controlled electives are filled, or these new controlled electives are more applicable to the student's interests.
 - C. Changing the number of courses required in any substantive area with an SO prefix from two to three will have minimal effect on students because most students already take at least three of their five courses in sociology.
2. Faculty teaching loads will be minimally affected, and will be handled within the existing rotation.
3. All present resources are adequate.
4. No significant change is expected in the number of students as a result of these revisions. There is no need for any adjustments within the department.

Other Related Course Changes:

1. Course deletion: SO 459 (see attachment).
2. New course proposal for SO 451 (Disability and Society) sent to UWUCC separately.

Letter of Support:

The Political Science Department will be affected by the requirement of PS 354 in the Community Development substantive area. For this reason a letter of support from Dr. David Chambers, Chairperson of the Political Science Department is included (see attachment).

Discrepancies between the 1998-1999 catalogue and the new listing for the Applied Social Research Track:

Medical Sociology, Gerontology, and Community Development substantive areas:

- * GE 360 has been changed to RP 350

Community Development substantive area:

- * SO 338 has been deleted as a course, and should have been deleted from this substantive area at that time.

Medical Sociology, Gerontology, Interpersonal and Family, Deviance and Social Problems Sociology substantive areas:

- * SO 451 has been submitted separately to the UWUCC as a new course proposal, and was added to each of these tracks in that proposal.

Juvenile Delinquency, Interpersonal and Family, and Community Development substantive areas:

- * SO 339 has been deleted as a course, and should have been deleted from these substantive areas at that time.

Labor and Industry substantive area:

- * PS 351 has been dropped as a course, and should have been deleted from this substantive area at that time.
- * PC 390 (Industrial Organizational Psychology) is now listed. It replaces PC 420, but it is the same course (Psychology changed the course number from PC 420 to PC 390).

Major: Required Courses.

- * Internship in Sociology should be SO 493 (not SO 471), since the course number for internships was changed university-wide some years ago.

Interpersonal and Family Sociology substantive areas:

- * SO 363 should be included instead of SO 362 (when SO 354 was changed to SO 363, the course was mistakenly listed as SO 362 for the Interpersonal and Family Substantive area).
- * SO 435 has been changed to SO 361, and therefore SO 435 should no longer be listed.
- * SO 337 has never been approved as a course in this substantive area, and should therefore be deleted.
- * AN 319 is no longer listed in the catalog as a course and therefore should be deleted from this substantive area.
- * The required courses should be listed as SO 336 or 345 (not SO 335 or 345). SO 336 was originally approved by the Senate as the appropriate course and this has never been changed.