

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SOCIOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2016-2018*

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. On July 27, 2015, the Department of Sociology Faculty Committee approved the proposed changes. On May 25, 2015, the College of Liberal Arts Policy and Curriculum Committee approved them, and on September 21, 2015, the dean and the College of Liberal Arts faculty approved the legislation. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *exclusive* interest to only one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on November 5, 2015, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by November 18, 2015.



Hillary Hart, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

- e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? No. If yes, explain:
If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:
 Person communicated with:
 Date of communication:
 Response:
- f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? Yes, see item 2 above.

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date:	July 27, 2015	Approved by:	Department of Sociology Faculty Committee
College approval date:	May 25, 2015	Approved by:	College of Liberal Arts Policy and Curriculum Committee
Dean approval date:	September 21, 2015	Approved by:	College of Liberal Arts Faculty

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

Sociology Honors Program

~~[Majors who plan to seek special honors in sociology should apply to the honors adviser by October 1 for admission to the honors program the following spring; they should apply by April 1 for admission the following summer or fall. If October 1 or April 1 fall on a weekend or an official university holiday, the application is due on the next business day.]~~

Majors applying for Sociology Honors should submit an application to the Sociology Honors Advisor. Consideration of applications for the fall semester begins on February 1st. Consideration of applications for the spring semester begins on September 15th. Applications will be considered until available slots have been filled.

Requirements for admission are completion of sixty semester hours of coursework, a University grade point average of at least 3.00, and a grade point average in sociology of at least 3.50. Students must complete Sociology 302 and either 317L or an approved equivalent before applying for admission to the honors program; they should be enrolled in Sociology 317M and 379M no later than the semester in which they begin the honors thesis coursework. The requirements for graduation with honors in sociology [~~which are in addition to the requirements for the major,~~] are:

1. Sociology 679H, *Honors Tutorial Course*, with a grade of at least A- in each half
2. Satisfactory performance on an oral defense of the senior thesis completed in the second half of Sociology 679H
3. A University grade point average of at least 3.00 and a grade point average of at least 3.50 in the coursework required for the major and for honors
4. Completion in residence at the University of at least sixty semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree

SOCIOLOGY

Major

At least [~~twenty-seven~~] thirty semester hours of coursework in sociology, including Sociology 302, 317L (or approved substitution), 317M, and 379M. At least [~~fifteen~~] eighteen semester hours must be in upper-division courses. Sociology majors must earn grades of at least C in Sociology 302, 317L (or approved substitution), and

317M. To enroll in Sociology 317M for a second time, a student must have the consent of a sociology undergraduate adviser. Students may not enroll in Sociology 317M more than twice.

~~[In place of Sociology 317L, students may complete one of the following alternative courses with a grade of at least C: Mathematics 316, Statistics and Scientific Computation 303, 304, 305, 306.]~~ If the student completes ~~[one of these courses]~~ an approved substitute course instead of Sociology 317L, that course is counted toward the ~~[twenty-seven]~~ thirty hours required for the major and is included in the major grade point average.