### 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 minor 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.

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Hillary Hart, Secretary General Faculty and Faculty Council

Posted on the Faculty Council website (http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/) on November 12, 2015.

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Type of Change	🔀 Academic Change		
	Degree Program Change (THECB form required)		

<b>Proposed classification</b>	🔀 Exclusive	General	🗌 Major
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1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACS-COC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.

Yes 🗌 No 🖂

Yes 🗌 No 🖂

Yes 🗌 No 🖂

- Is this a new degree program?
- Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus?
- Will courses in this program be delivered electronically?

# 2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:

We are increasing the total required hours for our major from twenty-seven to thirty. Increasing the number of hours required will bring more rigor to the program and bring our program more in line with other majors within the College of Liberal Arts.

## 3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES (Please check all that apply)

C	Courses in other colleges	Courses in proposer's college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges	Flags			
	<ul> <li>Course in the core curriculum</li> <li>Change in admission requirements (external or internal)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Change in course sequencing for an existing program</li> <li>Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office)</li> </ul>	Courses that have to be added to the inventory			
SC	OPE OF PROPOSED CHANGI	£				
a.	Does this proposal impact other	Yes 🗌 No 🔀				
	If yes, then how?					
b.	b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes ☐ No ⊠ If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?					
c.	. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college					
	taking <u>classes in your college</u> ?		Yes 🗌 No 🖂			
	If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.					
d.	d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking					
	$\frac{\text{courses in other colleges}}{\text{If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.}} $					
If 4		yes, please answer the following question	ns. If the proposal has			
		other college/school, such as requiring n				
-	••••	f seats offered, at least one contact must				
c	How many students do you expe		0			
Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:						
	Person communicated with:					
	Date of communication:					
	Response:					

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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 1<sup>st</sup>. Consideration of applications for the spring semester begins on September 15<sup>th</sup>. 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
- 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.