

## Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number \_\_\_\_\_ or Degree Plan(s) Sociology Minor

State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

We propose changing the selection wording from SOCI 300-499 to SOCI 200-499. This will allow students to include SOCI 222 - Social Problems towards the minor (it is the only 200 level sociology course offered).

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

|     |                                                                                                                   | COUNCIL <sup>3</sup> |                  |       |     |      |      |      |         |           |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------|-----|------|------|------|---------|-----------|
|     | Change to a Course                                                                                                | Dept./School         | College Academic | Deans | TEC | UGEC | UUAC | GRAD | Provost | President |
| 1.  | Title (description unchanged)                                                                                     | A                    | A                | A     |     | I    |      |      | I       | I         |
| 2.  | Description (not affecting content)                                                                               | A                    | A                | A     |     | I    |      |      | I       | I         |
| 3.  | Content (substantive change)                                                                                      | A                    | A                | A     |     | I    |      |      | A       | A         |
| 4.  | Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)                                                                           | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      |      | A       | A         |
| 5.  | Course number within the hundred                                                                                  | A                    | A                | I     |     | I    |      |      | I       | I         |
| 6.  | Course number beyond the hundred                                                                                  | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      |      | A       | A         |
| 7.  | Prerequisites                                                                                                     | A                    | A                | A     |     | I    |      |      | I       | I         |
| 8.  | Course fee(s)                                                                                                     | A                    | --               | A     |     | --   |      |      | A       | I         |
| 9.  | From U to G or G to U                                                                                             | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      |      | A       | A         |
| 10. | Cross list with another department: U or G level                                                                  | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      |      | A       | A         |
| 11. | Department of record                                                                                              | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      |      | A       | A         |
| 12. | Open or close a course                                                                                            | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      |      | A       | A         |
| 13. | New course — See website for application and process.<br>This change includes combining or splitting a course(s). | A                    | A                | A     |     | A    |      |      | A       | A         |

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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|     | Change to a Degree Plan                                                                                     | Dept./School         | College Academic | Deans | TEC | UGEC | UUAC | GRAD | Provost | Faculty | President | Board of Trustees |
| 1.  | University Requirements — Change in approved course content <sup>6</sup>                                    | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | --      | A         | --                |
| 2.  | University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart <sup>6</sup> | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | A       | A         | --                |
| 3.  | University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements <sup>6</sup>  | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | --      | A         | --                |
| 4.  | University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart <sup>6</sup>      | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | A       | A         | --                |
|     |                                                                                                             |                      |                  |       |     |      |      |      |         |         |           |                   |
| 5.  | Major — Revision of major <sup>4,5</sup>                                                                    | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | --      | A         | --                |
| 6.  | Major — Adopt or change admission requirements                                                              | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | --      | A         | --                |
| 7.  | Major — Add <sup>4,5</sup>                                                                                  | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | A       | A         | I                 |
| 8.  | Major — Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)                                                 | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | A       | A         | I                 |
| 9.  | Major — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)                                                               | See below.           |                  |       |     |      |      |      |         |         |           |                   |
|     |                                                                                                             |                      |                  |       |     |      |      |      |         |         |           |                   |
| 10. | GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement                                                                | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | A       | A         | --                |
|     |                                                                                                             |                      |                  |       |     |      |      |      |         |         |           |                   |
| 11. | Minor — Revise course selection                                                                             | A                    | A                | A     | I   |      |      |      | I       | --      | I         | --                |
| 12. | Minor — Add                                                                                                 | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | --      | A         | --                |
| 13. | Minor — Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)                                                 | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | --      | A         | --                |
| 14. | Minor — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)                                                               | See below.           |                  |       |     |      |      |      |         |         |           |                   |
|     |                                                                                                             |                      |                  |       |     |      |      |      |         |         |           |                   |
| 15. | Degree — Add                                                                                                | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | A       | A         | I                 |
| 16. | Degree — Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)                                                | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | A       | A         | I                 |
| 17. | Degree — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)                                                              | See below.           |                  |       |     |      |      |      |         |         |           |                   |
| 18. | Any change to a graduate degree program                                                                     | A                    | A                | A     | A   |      |      |      | A       | --      | A         | --                |

| COUNCIL' |                                                                |         |            |      |     |      |          |         |           |                   |
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|          | Provost-Proposed Change                                        | Provost | Department | Dean | TEC | UUAC | Graduate | Faculty | President | Board of Trustees |
| 1.       | Major/Graduate Program – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost) | A       | R          | R    | A   |      |          | A       | A         | I                 |
| 2.       | Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)                  | A       | R          | R    | A   |      |          | --      | A         | --                |
| 3.       | Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)                 | A       | R          | R    | A   |      |          | A       | A         | I                 |

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|                      | Change to the Catalog Information                                                                                            | Dept./School | College Academic | Deans | UGECE | UUAC | GRAD | Provost | President |
| 1.                   | General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees <sup>7</sup> | --           | --               | --    |       | A    |      | A       | A         |
| 2.                   | Admission requirements                                                                                                       | --           | --               | --    |       | A    |      | A       | A         |
| 3.                   | Policies governing academic probation and suspension                                                                         | --           | --               | --    |       | A    |      | A       | A         |
| 4.                   | Requirements for graduating with honors                                                                                      | --           | --               | --    |       | A    |      | A       | A         |
|                      |                                                                                                                              |              |                  |       |       |      |      |         |           |
| 5.                   | Other academic policy changes                                                                                                | --           | --               | --    |       | A    |      | A       | A         |

<sup>1</sup> Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

<sup>2</sup> The Dean and Department should respond to the Provost's recommendation to close a program in writing. Advise & Respond (R) requires that the voting body should receive the written responses at least one week prior to the vote.

<sup>3</sup> All courses that meet University Requirements for general education must go through UGEC. Courses or degrees offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council. All undergraduate changes must go before the UUAC. All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

<sup>4</sup> A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

<sup>5</sup> Program or course changes that apply to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

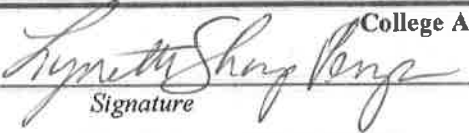
<sup>6</sup> Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession" (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

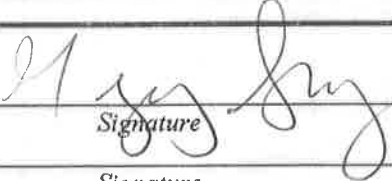
<sup>7</sup> The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the enumerated items in the "General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees" section of the catalog.

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# Curriculum/Catalog Changes Signature Page

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| <b>Department/School Chair(s)</b>                                                              |                                   |
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| _____<br>Signature                                                                             | _____<br>Approval date            |

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| <b>College Academic Council(s)</b>                                                             |                                |
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# Sociology

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 Suzanne Macaluso, *Assistant Professor*

**Majors:** Sociology (BS)

**Minors:** Sociology

The Sociology Program offers the Bachelor of Science degree in sociology. A minor in sociology may be added to other majors.

## Introduction

The Sociology Program builds upon the University's mission to educate students for Christian service and leadership by equipping students to address contemporary social issues in a variety of community settings.

The program is committed to attaining high standards in education while offering personal guidance to students regarding their life choices.

## Study Abroad Expectations

All students are encouraged to participate in ACU's Study Abroad program. Classes offered at Study Abroad sites vary depending on the site. Academic advisors can assist students in planning ahead for their Study Abroad experience and should be consulted during the freshman year.

## Bachelor of Science Degree (BS)

### Admission Requirements

Before being admitted to this program, a student must satisfy the requirements listed in the *ACT/SAT Placement Information* section of this catalog (page 19).

## Sociology

The primary goal of the sociology program is to provide a quality educational experience within a Christian, liberal arts perspective. Students will be prepared to assume entry level careers of service and leadership in communities or continue graduate studies in related fields of study.

Sociology is devoted to understanding our social world – how and why it is changing and how to make it better. Its primary subject matter is the group, not the individual. Sociology attempts to give people an insight into intergroup relationships at work, in the family, the church, the community and the world. Since all human activity is social, our subject matter ranges from family relationships to mob violence, from religion to organized crime, from divisions over gender, race and social class to consensus on basic values, from the sociology of work to the sociology of sports. In fact, few fields of study have such a global scope and relevance for so many applications.

Because sociology offers special training in a broad range of social issues and competency in gathering, organizing and evaluating data, a degree in sociology helps open numerous job opportunities in our information-oriented society. At the baccalaureate level, sociology majors acquire positions in such diverse occupational settings as social service agencies, management, criminal justice, community research, gerontology, public relations, medical facilities, church ministries, case workers, lobbyists, community planning, public school teaching, legal offices, public/social policy, and numerous others.

Many undergraduates in sociology pursue their master's and doctorates in specialized fields of sociology. Others use their sociology training in diverse graduate fields such as community studies and development, family therapy, social work, urban planning, church ministry and missions. Sociology also provides excellent preparation for law school by exposing students to critical thinking and research skills, interpersonal and organizational dynamics, and social policy issues.

## SOCIOLOGY (BS)

| BS: SOCIOLOGY DEGREE PLAN (SOCD)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
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| UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Please see the University Requirements section of this catalog (page 37).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| MAJOR REQUIREMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| <b>Sociology</b><br>SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology .....(3) <sup>1</sup><br>SOCI 385 Social Theory (writing-intensive course) ..... 3<br>SOCI 415 Social Research (writing-intensive course) ..... 3<br>SOCI 416 Social Statistics ..... 3<br>SOCI 460 Social Ethics ..... 3<br>SOCI 495 Sociology Seminar (Capstone) ..... 3<br>Choose 8 courses from: SOCI 200-499, ECON 438, HIST 455, PSYC 370, or SOCW 329 ..... 24<br><b>TOTAL</b> ..... 39<br><sup>1</sup> Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements |  |
| ELECTIVES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| Minimum ..... 33                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| <b>TOTAL MAJOR HOURS</b> ..... 72                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| Minimum grade for each course in major ..... C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| Minimum GPA in major ..... 2.25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| Minimum GPA for graduation ..... 2.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| Minimum advanced hours ..... 33                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| Minimum total hours ..... 128                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <i>Courses numbered 0** do not count in minimum hours required for degree.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |

## Minor in Sociology

| MINOR: SOCIOLOGY (SOCD)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
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| SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology .....3<br>SOCI 385 Social Theory (writing-intensive course) ..... 3<br>SOCI 415 Social Research (capstone and writing-intensive course) ..... 3<br>Choose 9 hours from: SOCI 200-499, BIBP 486 or HIST 455 ..... 9<br><b>TOTAL</b> ..... 18 |  |

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