



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

Institutional Substantive Program Modification Requests

Institution: Northern State University **Date:** 10/24/2018

Institutional representatives should provide direct links to PDF documents for each of the program modification requests represented below. All requests should be posted on the campus Curriculum and Instruction website one week prior to the Academic Affairs Council meeting where the program modification request is being considered.

Program Title	Approval
Sociology (BA)	PT

Program modifications referenced above for approval have been reviewed by the Academic Affairs Council and the System Vice President for Academic Affairs and may be advanced forward for entry in Colleague. For those program modifications listed above that did not receive approval, additional clarification or justification will be necessary and should be re-routed through the review process on a separate "Institutional Substantive Program Modification Requests" form once all issues have been resolved.


Signature: System Vice President for Academic Affairs

12/12/2018
Date



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Substantive Program Modification Form

Use this form to request minor changes in existing programs (majors, minors, certificates, or specializations).

UNIVERSITY:	NSU
CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:	Sociology (BA)
CIP CODE:	451101
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	History and Social Sciences
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	College of Arts and Sciences

University Approval

To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.

Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

10/10/2018

Date

1. This modification addresses a change in (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) |

2. Effective date of change: 8/1/2019

3. Program Degree Level (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Associate ☐ Bachelor's ☒ Master's ☐ Doctoral ☐

4. Category (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Certificate ☐ Specialization ☐ Minor ☐ Major ☒

5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

- ☐ On the effective date for all students
- ☐ On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

Proposed new name: _____

Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.

6. Primary Aspects of the Modification (add lines or adjust cell size as needed):

Existing Curriculum				Proposed Curriculum (<i>highlight changes</i>)			
Pref.	Nu m.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Nu m.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
IDL	190	Seminar	2	IDL	190	Seminar	2
		Choose one course	3			Choose one course	3
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology (3) OR		SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology (3) OR	
SOC	150	Social Problems (3)		SOC	150	Social Problems (3)	
SOC	209	Statistical Reasoning for Social Science	3				
				CJUS	380	Research and Data Analysis in Criminal Justice	3
				SOC	270	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOC	281	Socio-Cultural Theory	3	SOC	281	Socio-Cultural Theory	3
SOC	410	Methods of Social Research	3				
				SOC	315	Social Work Practice I	3
				SOC	320	Social Work Practice II	3
				SOC	485	Social Science Capstone	3
SOC	396	Field Experience OR	1-12				
SOC	489	Capstone	3			Choose one	1
				SS	360	The Traveling Classroom (1-4) OR	
				SOC	396	Field Experience (1-12)	
		Choose 1 elective of the following courses:	3				
SOC	260	Popular Culture and Society (3)					
SOC	261	Human Sexuality (3)					
SOC	330	Self and Society (3)					
SOC	350	Race and Ethnic Relations (3)					
SOC	383	Sport and Society (3)					
SOC	423	Social Stratification (3)					
SOC	483	Sociology of Gender Roles (3)					
		For the Human Services specialization:					
SOC	270	Introduction to Social Work	3				
SOC	315	Social Work Practice I	3				
SOC	320	Social Work Practice II	3				
		Choose 3 courses	9				

SOC	400	Social Policy (3)					
CJUS	401	Law and Society (3) OR					
SOC	401	Law and Society (3)					
CJUS	452	Prisons and Penology (3)					
POLS	210	State and Local Government (3)					
POLS	320	Public Administration (3)					
SOC	354	Victimology (3)					
SOC	382	The Family (3)					
SOC	455	Juvenile Delinquency (3)					
SOC	456	Community Corrections (3)					
SOC	458	Sociology of Aging (3)					
SOC	459	Sociology of Death and Dying (3)					
SOC	470	Child Abuse and Neglect (3)					
SOC	471	Medical Sociology (3)					
SS	360	The Traveling Classroom (1-4)					
SS	396	Field Experience (1-12)					
		Any approved Sociology or Anthropology course					
		For the Criminal Justice specialization:					
CJUS	201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3				
SOC	433	Criminal Procedure	3				
SOC	351	Criminology	3				
		Choose 3 courses	9				
CJUS	203	Policing in a Free Society (3)					
CJUS	401	Law and Society (3) OR					
SOC	401	Law and Society (3)					
CJUS	431	Criminal Law (3)					
CJUS	452	Prisons and Penology (3)					
POLS	210	State and Local Government (3)					
POLS	320	Public Administration (3)					
POLS	430	Constitutional Law (3)					
SOC	354	Victimology (3)					
SOC	402	Social Deviance (3)					
SOC	455	Juvenile Delinquency (3)					
SOC	456	Community Corrections (3)					
SS	360	The Traveling Classroom (1-4)					
SS	396	Field Experience (1-2)					
						Stratification and Inequality Choose 2 Courses:	6
				SOC	261	Human Sexuality (3)	
				SOC	350	Race and Ethnic Relations (3)	
				SOC	423	Social Stratification (3)	
				SOC	458	Sociology of Aging (3)	
				SOC	483	Sociology of Gender Roles (3)	
				HIST	485	History of Modern Genocide (3)	

						Social Institutions Choose 1 Course:	3
				CJUS	203	Policing in a Free Society (3)	
				POLS	210	State and Local Government (3)	
				POLS	320	Public Administration (3)	
				SOC	400	Social Policy (3)	
				CJUS	401	Law and Society (3) OR	
				SOC	401	Law and Society (3)	
				CJUS	452	Prisons and Penology (3)	
				SOC	456	Community Corrections (3)	
				SOC	471	Medical Sociology (3)	
						Sociology Electives Choose 2 Courses:	6
				SOC	260	Popular Culture and Society (3)	
				SOC	330	Self and Society (3)	
				SOC	354	Victimology (3)	
				SOC	382	The Family (3)	
				SOC	383	Sport and Society (3)	
				SOC	402	Social Deviance (3)	
				SOC	455	Juvenile Delinquency	
				SOC	459	Sociology of Death and Dying (3)	
				SOC	470	Child Abuse and Neglect (3)	
Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization			38				39
Total number of hours required for degree			120				120

7. Explanation of the Change:

With the impending programmatic split within Sociology as Criminal Justice (CJ) becomes its own major, the Sociology program needs to update its curriculum to better serve students. This proposed update includes the removal of the CJ specialization from the program as students seeking a career in a CJ-related field would be better prepared for that career through the new CJ major. We have also removed the Human Services (HS) specialization from the program by incorporating those courses (SOC 270, SOC 315, and SOC 320) into the “core” classes of the major which all Sociology students are required to take. As students will no longer be required to choose between the two specializations, the Sociology faculty believe that leaving a single specialization in the program would only unnecessarily confuse students.

We have also rearranged our other core courses within the major by submitting a new Capstone course that will work for both SOC and CJ students. We are also combining our previous Methods/Statistics courses into a new Data Analysis course (CJUS 3xx) that will be able to better prepare students for applied work and research within their fields. We have also added an experiential requirement within the program to increase student practical skills and attractiveness on the job market. Students will be required to take at least 1 credit hour of The Traveling Classroom (SS 360) OR at least 1 credit hour of Field Experience (SOC 396). SS 360 is offered every other year and offers students an opportunity to tour several institutions related to criminal justice (e.g., South

Dakota State Penitentiary, the Board of Pardons and Paroles, etc.) and human service/social work (e.g., rehabilitation agencies) across the state. SOC 396 offers students the chance to experience work within various organizations and build professional networks that will assist them in their careers and is available for students to take every semester. We have also rearranged the 15 credit hours of electives into 3 categories to help guide students in their choices in ways that will encourage them to learn the most relevant content and skills for their future jobs.

The number of required credit hours in the major has increased to 39 to reflect the inclusion of the 2-credit hour first year seminar (IDL 190) required of all incoming students and the 1-credit experiential requirement. This is broken into 24-credit hours within the “core” requirements all Sociology majors will take and 15-credit hours of electives.

As we are not proposing any new courses within this curriculum – only replacing existing ones with newer, more relevant versions – we would be able to offer these courses on a regular rotation similar to our current offering without issues of faculty workload and ensure timely completion for students. Currently, several sections of SOC 100 are offered each semester. We also wish to increase our offerings of SOC 150 (Social Problems) to at least one section per semester in the future. This increases the amount of available sections for our introductory courses within the major but also our offerings within the general education curriculum for goal 3 (Social Science). All other core classes within the program will be offered on an annual basis with electives rotating bi-annually.