NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
#4 Meeting – September 24, 2014
Approved Minutes

Present: Dave Ballantine (CLAS), Kate Cady (COMS), Omar Chmaissem (PHYS), Amanda Durik (PSYC), Jeremy Groves (ECON), Frances Jaeger (FL&L), Joel Stafstrom (BIOS), Suzanne Hogan (CLAS)

Guest: Brad Peters (ENGL)

A. Action on Minutes

Minutes from the #3 meeting on September 17, 2014, have been approved electronically and forwarded to the catalog editor.

B. Miscellaneous

Ballantine handed out materials regarding the PLUS program. It was briefly discussed and Stafstrom volunteered to give a presentation at next week’s meeting since he is a member of the PLUS Task Force.

C. Curriculum – Old Business

Department of English

Brad Peters from the Department of English joined the committee to discuss re-writing several course revisions that were tabled at our #2 meeting. The revisions were TABLED again and the committee made several suggestions with regard to structuring the course descriptions. The courses are: ENGL 110, 115, 116, 201, 298, 307, 310, 315, and 318.

D. Curriculum – New Business

Department of Anthropology

The committee approved revisions to ANTH 391, ANTH 425, ANTH 432, ANTH 444, and ANTH 471, which are all being crosslisted with ENVS courses.

Environmental Sciences

The following new courses were approved: ENVS 100, ENVS 391X, ENVS 400, ENVS 425X, ENVS 432X, ENVS 444X, and ENVS 471X. The committee also approved revisions to the program requirements.
Department of Geography

Revisions to the crosslisted course, GEOG 335X, were approved.

Department of Sociology

The following course deletions were approved: SOCI 358, SOCI 370, SOCI 476, SOCI 653, and SOCI 660. The committee approved new courses for SOCI 330, SOCI 382, SOCI 385, and SOCI 452, as well as revisions to SOCI 335, SOCI 457, and SOCI 663/552. Program revisions to the minor, requirements in the department, and the elimination of the limited admissions requirement were approved. The committee also approved the Six-Year (3+3) Accelerated B.S. or B.A./J.D. Program in Sociology and the College of Law.

Tabled:

ENGL Course Revision: ENGL 110
Course Revision: ENGL 115
Course Revision: ENGL 116
Course Revision: ENGL 307
Course Revision: ENGL 298 change to ENGL 309
Course Revision: ENGL 310
Course Revision: ENGL 201 change to ENGL 311
Course Revision: ENGL 315
Course Revision: ENGL 318
Department of Anthropology

Course Revisions 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

ANTH 391. DOMESTICATING THE PLANET (3). Crosslisted as ENVS 391X. Examines the critical problems... …PRQ: Departmental or University Honors Student.

ANTH 425. ENVIRONMENT AND ANTHROPOLOGY (3). Crosslisted as ENVS 425X. Human adaptation to... … PRQ: ANTH 220 or consent of the department.

ANTH 432. NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT ACROSS CULTURES (3). Crosslisted as ENVS 432X. Investigation of the... …and the environment is included.

ANTH 444. PRIMATE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION (3). Crosslisted as ENVS 444X. Study of living... …PRQ: ANTH 240 or consent of department.

ANTH 471. ANCIENT ENVIRONMENTS AND HUMAN TECHNOLOGY (3). Crosslisted as ENVS 471X. In-depth anthropological... …to foster ecological change.

Rationale: Addition of crosslisted ENVS courses.

Notification: The Department of Anthropology is fully supportive of these crosslistings.

Environmental Sciences

New Course 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

CIP Code: 03.0103

ENVS 100. EXPLORING THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MAJOR (1). Discussion of different emphasis and career options. The course will include advising. Internships and research opportunities on campus will be explored. Guest lectures by faculty. Library and literature research skills. S/U grading. PRQ: Declared major in environmental studies.

Rationale: The purpose of this course is to offer environmental studies majors an introduction to the major. The course would be offered every fall semester and be required of all majors (both native and transfer). Many students who major in ENVS are not sure of the differences in the seven different emphases and which will suit them the best. It will also introduce students to other activities on campus (clubs, volunteer activities, etc) that will get them engaged with campus life. The goal is to create a cohort of students. The students will increase their library and writing skills in the course that increase their success in later 300 level courses that focus on writing.

Non-Duplication: None – this is focused on environmental studies majors only.
ENVS 391X. DOMESTICATING THE PLANET (3). Crosslisted as ANTH 391. Examines the critical problems of human interactions with their environment, such as climate change, resource intensification and depletion, resource conflict, disasters, and demographic impacts on the environment using a conceptual background in human ecology and cultural evolution. PRQ: Departmental or University Honors Student.

Rationale: This proposal is to cross-list an already existing course in ANTH. ANTH 391 contains material that is appropriate for environmental studies students.

Non-Duplication: None – this is an existing course offered through the Department of Anthropology. This crosslisting is fully supported by the parent department.

ENVS 400. CAREERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (1). Exploration of career options for environmental studies majors based on emphasis. This one-credit course will assist students with the identification of career paths, the development of skills (e.g., résumé creation, interviewing techniques, adopting professional attitudes and behavior), and will provide coaching and mentoring opportunities. Graduate school and other non-traditional option will be explored. S/U grading. PRQ: Environmental studies major and junior or senior standing.

Rationale: The purpose of this course is to offer environmental studies majors career information and how to succeed after NIU. Prospective students, current students, and alumni state that preparation to join the work force and to do so in a manner that relates their university education is of great value to them. This course will be a good tool for recruitment, retention, and facilitation of alumni success and satisfaction. Although there is a career center on campus that helps with aspects of career development for all students, this specialized environmental studies course offers a specific perspective and speaks to the particular needs of our diverse majors. Since our major has multiple emphases we will help students explore different career paths. We will have them practice interviews and gain other practical experience. We will have a panel of professionals from different sections discuss how they got to the career that many of our students desire.

Non-Duplication: None – this is focused on environmental studies careers.

ENVS 425X. ENVIRONMENT AND ANTHROPOLOGY (3). Crosslisted as ANTH 425. Human adaptation to the natural environment, including interconnections between ideologies.
social systems, economics, political structures, and ecology. Historical development of environmental studies in anthropology, particularly ecological anthropology, up through and including the emergence of political ecology and environmental anthropology. Topics include ecological adaptation of non-industrial societies, communal resources, world food and population, industrial food systems, contemporary environmentalism, and the relationship between science, policy and the state. PRQ: ANTH 220 or consent of the department.

Rationale: This proposal is to cross-list an already existing course in ANTH. ANTH 425 contains material that is appropriate for environmental studies students.

Non-Duplication: None – this is an existing course offered through the Department of Anthropology. This crosslisting is fully supported by the parent department.

New Course 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

CIP Code: 03.0103

ENVS 432X. NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT ACROSS CULTURES (3). Crosslisted as ANTH 432. Investigation of the different ways people conceptualize nature and the environment across cultures. Focus on out-of-awareness cultural models, that is, intermediary mental organizations of meaning that stand between universal concepts and culturally bound realizations. Critical evaluation of a number of projects that attempt to use local and/or indigenous knowledge in managing the relationship between people, nature, and the environment is included.

Rationale: This proposal is to cross-list an already existing course in ANTH. ANTH 432 contains material that is appropriate for environmental studies students.

Non-Duplication: None – this is an existing course offered through the Department of Anthropology. This crosslisting is fully supported by the parent department.

New Course 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

CIP Code: 03.0103

ENVS 444X. PRIMATE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION (3). Crosslisted as ANTH 444. Study of living nonhuman primates with an understanding of how primates have adapted to their environment and how this information is essential for conservation planning. PRQ: ANTH 240 or consent of department.

Rationale: This proposal is to cross-list an already existing course in ANTH. ANTH 444 contains material that is appropriate for environmental studies students.

Non-Duplication: None – this is an existing course offered through the Department of Anthropology. This crosslisting is fully supported by the parent department.
New Course

2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

CIP Code: 03.0103

**ENVS 471X. ANCIENT ENVIRONMENTS AND HUMAN TECHNOLOGY (3).** Crosslisted as ANTH 471. In-depth anthropological perspective on ancient human interaction with the environment, with emphasis on the role the environment plays in cultural change. Experience in the synchronization of environmental and archaeological research and understanding how ancient societies manipulated their environments to foster ecological change.

**Rationale:** This proposal is to cross-list an already existing course in ANTH. ANTH 471 contains material that is appropriate for environmental studies students.

**Non-Duplication:** None – this is an existing course offered through the Department of Anthropology. This crosslisting is fully supported by the parent department.

Other Catalog Change

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**Environmental Studies (B.A. or B.S.)**

↓ **Requirements in Environmental Studies (48-19)**
ENVS 100 – Exploring the environmental studies major (1)
ENVS 301 – Environmental Science I: Physical Systems (3)
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ENVS 305X – Green Technologies (3)
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**Emphasis 1. Biodiversity and Environmental Restoration (34-41)**
↓ **Requirements outside Environmental Studies (14)**
↓ **Select one of the following humanities and social sciences courses (3)**
   ANTH 425 – Environment and Anthropology (3)
   OR ENVS 425X – Environment and Anthropology (3)
   ANTH 432 – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
   OR ENVS 432X – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
   ECON 386 – Environmental Economics (3)
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   SOCI 364 – Environmental Sociology (3)
↓ **Electives (18)**
↓ **Select at least one of the following conceptually-based courses (3)**
   ANTH 343 – Extinction: Where the Wild Things Were (3)
   OR ENVS 343X – Extinction: Where the Wild Things Were (3)
   ANTH 444 – Primate Ecology and Conservation (3)
   OR ENVS 444X – Primate Ecology and Conservation (3)
   ANTH 445 – Primate Evolution (3)
OR BIOS 435X – Primate Evolution (3)

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GEOL 488 – Environmental Change (3)

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**Emphasis 2. Energy Studies (34)**

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**Requirements outside Environmental Studies (13)**

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Select one of the following humanities and social sciences courses (3)

- ANTH 425 – Environment and Anthropology (3)
  - OR ENVS 425X – Environment and Anthropology (3)
- ANTH 432 – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
  - OR ENVS 432X – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
- ANTH 464 – Disasters without Borders (3)
  - OR CLCE 464X – Disasters without Borders (3)

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SOCI 364 – Environmental Sociology (3)

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**Emphasis 3. Human Experience (33-34)**

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**Requirements outside Environmental Sciences (15)**

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Select one of the following social sciences courses (3)

- ANTH 425 – Environment and Anthropology (3)
  - OR ENVS 425X – Environment and Anthropology (3)
- ECON 386 – Environmental Economics (3)
- SOCI 364 – Environmental Sociology (3)

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**Electives (15)**

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Select at least two of the following social science courses (6)

- ANTH 343 – Extinction: Where the Wild Things Were (3)
  - OR ENVS 343X - Extinction: Where the Wild Things Were (3)
- ANTH 363 – Globalization and Corporate Cultures (3)
- ANTH 404 – Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean (3)
- ANTH 425 – Environment and Anthropology (3)
  - OR ENVS 425X – Environment and Anthropology (3)
- ANTH 432 – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
  - OR ENVS 432X – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
- ANTH 401 – Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean (3)
- ANTH 444 – Primate Ecology and Conservation (3)
  - OR ENVS 444X – Primate Ecology and Conservation (3)
- ANTH 464 – Disasters without Borders (3)
  - OR CLCE 464X – Disasters without Borders (3)
- ANTH 466 – Hunters-Gatherers and the Transition to Food Production Credits: 3
  - OR CLCE 464X – Disasters without Borders (3)
- ANTH 491 – Current Topics in Anthropology (3)
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Course taught on an intermittent basis and will count towards ENVS when the topic is appropriate.

CLCE 429 – International NGOs and Globalization (3)

Emphasis 4. Environmental Policy (30-31)

Requirements outside Environmental Studies (9)
Select one of the following policy/social science courses (3)
   ANTH 425 – Environment and Anthropology (3)
   OR ENVS 425X – Environment and Anthropology (3)
   ANTH 432 – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
   OR ENVS 432X – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
   CLCE 429 – International NGOs and Globalization (3)
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   POLS 410 – Constitutional Law I (3)

Select one of the following social sciences courses (3)
   ANTH 425 – Environment and Anthropology (3)
   OR ENVS 425X – Environment and Anthropology (3)
   ANTH 432 – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
   OR ENVS 432X – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
   ANTH 464 – Disasters without Borders (3)

Emphasis 5. Non-Government Organization (33-34)

Requirements outside Environmental Studies (9)
Select two of the following humanities and social sciences courses (3)
   ANTH 343 – Extinction: Where the Wild Things Were (3)
   OR ENVS 343X – Extinction: Where the Wild Things Were (3)
   ANTH 404 – Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean (3)
   ANTH 425 – Environment and Anthropology (3)
   OR ENVS 425X – Environment and Anthropology (3)
   ANTH 432 – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
   OR ENVS 432X – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
   ECON 386 – Environmental Economics (3)
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   SOCI 364 – Environmental Sociology (3)

Emphasis 6. Water (37-41)

Requirements outside Environmental Studies (13)
Select one of the following humanities and social sciences courses (3)
   ANTH 425 – Environment and Anthropology (3)
   OR ENVS 425X – Environment and Anthropology (3)
   ANTH 432 – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
   OR ENVS 432X – Nature and the Environment Across Cultures (3)
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ECON 386 – Environmental Economics (3)
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CLCE 429 – International NGOs and Globalization (3)
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Rationale: 1) The new ENVS 100 course will be required for all majors. The course covers topics that are important to all students (native and transfer) in the environmental studies major. It will be offered once a year. It is hoped that the course will increase retention of students in the major. It will also give freshman and sophomore a much needed introduction class to the major. 2) Addition of crosslistings and correcting courses that are out of numerical order.

Notification: This program is exclusive to Environmental Studies. Notification is not required.

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Minor in Environmental Studies (21-22)
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Requirements (21-22)
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Select from one of the following humanities and social sciences courses (3)
ANTH 425 – Environment and Anthropology (3)
OR ENVS 425X – Environment and Anthropology (3)
ECON 386 – Environmental Economics (3)
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Rationale: Addition of course crosslisting.

Notification: This program is exclusive to Environmental Studies. Notification is not required.

Department of Geography

Course Revision 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

GEOG 335X. IMMIGRATION (3). Crosslisted as SOCI 335. Examines the national and international dynamics… … SOCI 270, or consent of department.

Rationale: Change in course title by parent department.

Department of Sociology

Course Deletions 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

SOCI 358, RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY FAMILIES (3)
SOCI 370, HISTORY OF SOCIAL THOUGHT (3)
SOCI 476. SEMINAR IN SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS (4)

SOCI 653. SOCIAL DYNAMICS (3)

SOCI 660. SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND PERSONALITY (3)

**Rationale:** Over the years, several of our courses have become “orphaned,” became no longer necessary in our current curriculum as program requirements were updated, and/or we cannot offer certain courses due to faculty staffing changes.

**Notification:** The School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences, Center for Black Studies, Center for Latino/Latin American Studies, and Women’s Studies were notified of the deletion of SOCI 358 via email on October 1, 2014. A thorough search of the catalog was completed and SOCI 370, SOCI 476, SOCI 653, and SOCI 660, are not currently being used as requirements for any programs outside the Department of Sociology.

New Course 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

CIP Code: 45.1101

SOCI 330. ANIMALS AND SOCIETY (3). Application of sociological theories and concepts to the various roles that animals play in society. Examination of the nature of the human-animal bond. **PRQ:** SOCI 170 or SOCI 250 or SOCI 260 or SOCI 270, or consent of the department.

**Rationale:** This course gives students the opportunity to apply sociological theories and concepts to human-animal interaction, our cultural understandings of animals, and the role animals play in society. It will attract students interested in the sociological study of animals and has the potential to attract students from biology and anthropology. Because of its emphasis on animal crime, it would also appeal to students interested in criminology.

**Non-Duplication:** The Departments of Biological Sciences, History, and Philosophy were notified with regard to this course and have indicated there is no significant duplication with any of their current course offerings.

New Course 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

CIP Code: 45.1101

SOCI 382. TERRORISM, HATE GROUPS, & HOMELAND SECURITY (3). A global sociological perspective to survey international and domestic forms of terrorism, hate crimes/groups, extremism, and counter-terrorism. Using video, websites and readings/writings we will develop an understanding of the who, what, when, where, why, and how of groups as diverse as Al Qaeda, Irish separatists, the KKK and many others from around the world, as well as what can (and cannot) be done about them. **PRQ:** SOCI 170 or SOCI 250 or SOCI 260 or SOCI 270, or consent of the department.
Rationale: This course has been offered as a generic 400 level (495) proseminar in our department for several years (since 2008), and has maintained a growing enrollment that averages about the maximum limit. This indicates a course that is both popular with students and useful to our department’s curriculum. Our department has created an undergraduate certificate in criminology that is active for the current year, and this course fills a need for further elective courses that apply toward the certificate. In general, this course appeals to students with an interest in crime and criminal justice as well as sociology.

Non-Duplication: The following departments were notified with regard to this course and have indicated there is no significant duplication with any of their current course offerings: Chemistry and Biochemistry, Geography, History, Homeland Security Certificate Program, Political Science, and Technology.

New Course 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

CIP Code: 45.1101

**SOCI 385. GANGS AND GANG BEHAVIOR (3).** Examines the nature and dynamics of gangs and gang behavior in the United States. The course content focuses on the problem of defining gangs and gang behavior, the extent of gang and gang behavior and the time trends of gangs/gang behavior, the commonalities and variability in gangs and gang behavior, the link between gangs and criminal behavior, and an understanding of the structure, logic, and limitations of empirical social research on gangs. **PRQ:** SOCI 170 or SOCI 250 or SOCI 260 or SOCI 270, or consent of the department.

Rationale: This course gives students the opportunity to apply critical thinking to the many issues surrounding gangs and gang behavior; many of the issues are often inaccurately, sensationalized, or falsely presented in the media, which presents an opportunity to critically examine the presentation of gangs in the media versus the findings of empirical sociological research on the issues. This course can also be used to satisfy the new criminology certificate requirements and will attract students interested in the critical study of gang behavior.

Non-Duplication: A thorough search of the course catalog was completed. No other course offerings with similar content were found.

New Course 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

CIP Code: 45.1101

**SOCI 452. WOMEN’S HEALTH ISSUES (3).** Critical analysis of selected health issues that affect the life experiences of women. Emphasis on feminist theories and the intersections of race, class, and culture to interpret these health-related experiences of women. A culminating experience integrating theory, research, and scholarly writing is required. **PRQ:** SOCI 300. **CRQ:** SOCI 301 or SOCI 302; and SOCI 377A or SOCI 377B; or consent of the department.
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Rationale: We have been teaching this course at the undergraduate level as a special topics (SOCI 495) course for over a decade. Making this course a regularly-numbered course would increase its visibility and afford students the opportunity to add it to their list of 400-level electives. It could still be cross-listed with Women’s Studies, and possibly LGBT studies in the future.

Non-Duplication: The School of Nursing and the Women’s Studies Program were notified with regard to this course and have indicated there is no significant duplication with any of their current course offerings.

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SOCI 335. IMMIGRATION (3). Crosslisted as GEOG 335X. Examines the national… …PRQ: SOCI 170 or SOCI 250 or SOCI 260 or SOCI 270, or consent of department.

Rationale: We feel the new course title better describes the overall content of the course.

Notification: The Department of Geography was notified of this change via email on October 1, 2014.

Course Revision 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog

SOCI 457. FAMILIES IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE (3). Examination and comparison of the diverse… …Recommended: SOCI 354 or SOCI 358. PRQ: SOCI 300. CRQ: SOCI 301 or SOCI 302; and SOCI 377A or SOCI 377B; or consent of department.

Rationale: Deletion of SOCI 358.

Notification: Not required for this change.

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Rationale: This course is being renumbered to mirror the newly approved undergraduate version of the course.

Notification: The School of Nursing and Health Studies and the Women’s Studies Program were notified of this change via email on October 2, 2014.

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Minor in Sociology (19 18)
SOCI 170 – Introduction to Sociology (3)
SOCI 300 – Foundations of Sociology (3)
SOCI 301 – Classical Sociological Theory (3),
OR SOCI 302 – Contemporary Sociological Theory (3),

SOCI 377A – Sociological Inquiry I (4),

OR SOCI 377B – Sociological Inquiry II (4)

A minimum of 12 semester hours of electives in sociology.

Six or more semester hours in the minor must be taken at the upper (300-400) level.

Six or more semester hours in the minor must be taken at NIU.

A student must have an overall GPA of at least 2.00 in the minor courses and have completed the following courses with a grade of C or better in each course to complete the minor in Sociology:

- SOCI 170 – Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SOCI 300 – Foundations of Sociology (3)

Rationale: After a review of cognate programs as well as Sociology Departments at peer institutions, the Department undertook a review of our Minor in Sociology program. We decided to drop requirements in courses on social theory and sociological research methodology. Most other cognate departments and peer sociology programs do not require any theory or methods courses in their minor programs. This proposed change will bring us in line with our peers and allow minor students to explore topical content areas within their sociology minor program and may create less of an enrollment bottleneck in theory and methods courses for sociology majors.

Notification: This program is exclusive to the Department of Sociology. Notification is not required.

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Admission

Undergraduate Admission

Department of Literacy and Elementary Education (elementary education)

Department of Sociology

Department of Special and Early Education (early childhood students)

Rationale: Elimination of the limited admission program for SOCI.

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Limited Admissions and Limited Retention Requirements

Sociology Major

(Department of Sociology)
Before formally applying for admission to the major or minor program in the Department of Sociology, a student must have an overall GPA of at least 2.00 and have completed the following courses, with a grade of C or better in each.

- ENGL 104, Rhetoric and Composition II (3),
- or ENGL 105, Rhetoric and Composition (3), if placed into ENGL 105,
- or pass the English Core Competency II Examination
- SOCI 170, Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SOCI 280, Foundations of Sociology (3)

For B.A. students
- STAT 208, Basic Statistics (3),
- or STAT 301, Elementary Statistics (4)

For B.S. students
- MATH 206, Introductory Discrete Mathematics (3),
- or MATH 210, Finite Mathematics (3),
- or MATH 229, Calculus I (4),
- or STAT 301, Elementary Statistics (4)

Rationale: Elimination of the limited admission program for SOCI.

Other Catalog Change

Department of Sociology (SOCI)

Admission to the major and minor in the Department of Sociology is limited. See “Limited Admissions and Limited Retention Requirements” in the Admission section.

Major in Sociology (B.A. or B.S.)

Requirements in Department (38)

Additional courses in sociology (18), at least 6 semester hours of which much be 400-level courses.

A student must have an overall GPA of at least 2.00 in the major courses and have completed the following courses, with a grade of C or better in each course, to complete the major in Sociology:

- SOCI 170 – Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SOCI 300 – Foundations of Sociology (3)

Requirements outside Department (B.A., 3-16; B.S., 11-14)

Rationale: We no longer see the logic of limiting admission to the major and have agreed to eliminate it. Further, the limited admission policy was largely redundant to core competency and other baccalaureate requirements. Further, the policy creates confusion among students and other stakeholders outside of the department in describing the size and composition of the Bachelor’s program in Sociology due to the
associated use of pre-admissions designators (Pre-SOCI) in addition to the standard declared major
designator (SOCI).

While voting to eliminate the limited admissions policy, the department faculty strongly agreed to retain
the C letter grade requirement in SOCI 170 and SOCI 300 from the limited admission requirements as
applied to program requirements. While the C grade is no longer an admission requirement, we propose
to keep this as a program requirement for majors and minors in sociology. These C grade requirements
were already program requirements that were “located” within the admissions policy rather than within
the program requirements section of the catalog. Therefore, this “change” merely relocates this
requirement away from limited admission policy and into the program description. Very few students in
the program were denied admission due to this aspect of the program, though we firmly believe these
minimum criteria for major students are an important requirement to maintain.

Notification: This program is exclusive to the Department of Sociology. Notification is not required.

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Department of Sociology (SOCI)

Professional Educator Licensure – Social Sciences: Sociology

Six-Year (3+3) Accelerated B.S. or B.A./J.D. Program in Sociology and the College of Law

Admission

The six-year integrated sequence leads to either a B.S. or B.A. in Sociology and the J.D. degree.

Students who want to complete this program must identify themselves to the Sociology
Department as majors who will complete the 3+3 Program. This program is open to all
undergraduates who major in Sociology and have completed at least 90 credit hours of
undergraduate coursework, including all requirements for the Sociology B.A. or B.S. degree as
well as all general education requirements, with a minimum GPA of 3.25. Juniors who have met
these standards in their B.S. or B.A. degree in Sociology are eligible to apply for admission to
NIU’s College of Law under the special provisions of this program. The application to the
College of Law must be submitted no later than February 15 of the applicant’s junior year. As part
of the application to the College of Law, applicants must take the LSAT no later than February of
their junior year and must score above the 50th percentile of the previous year’s matriculating law
class.

Curriculum

Students must complete all the requirements of the Sociology B.A. or B.S. degree as well as all
general education requirements by the end of their junior year. Students accepted into the
College of Law pursuant to the special provisions of this program will matriculate in the College
of Law in the fall of their senior year. Up to 30 hours of law courses will count toward the final
30 credits of the undergraduate degree. The final two years of the program will follow the
standard College of Law timetable.
**Degree with Honors**

**Rationale:** A number of universities and law schools, including several in Chicago, have accelerated programs that permit students to obtain both a baccalaureate degree and a law school degree in a total of six years. The concept behind these programs is to permit highly qualified students to start law school following completion of their junior year of undergraduate study. To make this possible, students must complete all requirements for their baccalaureate degrees (general education requirements, B.S./B.A. requirements, and major requirements) except for the total number of credit hours by the end of their junior year. Courses taken during the first year of law school are then applied as general electives toward the undergraduate degree, so that the student receives his or her undergraduate degree at the end of the first year of law school. Participation in such a program permits the student to save an entire year of tuition as well as to complete his or her education a year earlier.

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**College of Health and Human Sciences (H&HIS)**

**School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences (FCNS)**

**Comprehensive Major in Family and Child Studies (B.S.)**

**Emphasis 2. Family Social Services**

**Requirements in School (43)**

- FCNS 488 – Working with Ethnically Diverse Children and Families in the U.S. (3)
- OR FCNS 384 – Asian American Families (3)
- OR SOCI 358 – Racial and Ethnic Minority Families (3)

One of the following (3)

**Rationale:** Deletion of course offering.

**Notification:** The College of Health & Human Sciences and School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences were notified of this change via email on October 1, 2014.

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**College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS)**

**Interdisciplinary Minors**

**Minor in Latino/Latin American Studies**
Requirements (18)

- POLS 381 – Regional Security (3)
- SOCI 358 – Racial and Ethnic Minority Families (3)
- SOCI 361 – Race and Ethnicity (3)

Rationale: Deletion of course offering.

Notification: The Center for Latino/Latin American Studies was notified of this change via email on October 1, 2014.

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Minor in Women’s Studies

- Requirements (18)
  - SOCI 357 – The Sociology of Gender (3)
  - SOCI 358 – Racial and Ethnic Minority Families (3)
  - SOCI 450 – Social Inequality (3)

Rationale: Deletion of course offering.

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Certificates of Undergraduate Study

- Women and Gender Studies
  - Requirements
    - SOCI 357 – The Sociology of Gender (3)
    - SOCI 358 – Racial and Ethnic Minority Families (3)
    - SOCI 450 – Social Inequality (3)

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Other Academic Units

Minor in Black Studies (18)

African American Options (6)

POLS 326 – Nonprofit Management (3)
OR PSPA 326X – Nonprofit Management (3)

SOCI 358 – Racial and Ethnic Minority Families (3)
SOCI 361 – Race and Ethnicity (3)

Rationale: Deletion of course offering.

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Minor in Global Studies

Global Politics Studies

COMS 454 – Transnational Communication and Media (3)
GEOG 335X – Immigration (3)
GEOG 430 – Population Geography (3)

SOCI 352 – Population (3)
SOCI 335 – Migration (3)

Rationale: Change in course title by parent department.

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Department of Geography (GEOG, MET)

Emphasis 1: Geography (B.A. or B.S.)

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GEOG 332 – Geography of Latin America (3)
GEOG 335X – Migration Immigration (3)

**Rationale:** Change in course title by parent department.

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**College of Health and Human Sciences**

Nursing and Health Studies (NURS, PHHE)

Certificates of Graduate Study

Health Education (15)

Requirements

PHHE 620 – Current Issues in Health Theories and Concepts (3)

PHHE 626 – Methods and Materials in School Health Education (3)

SOCI 663 552 – Women’s Health Issues (3)

**Public Health (16)**

**Rationale:** Change in course number.

**Notification:** The School of Nursing and Health Studies was notified of this change via email on October 15, 2014.

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**College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Certificates of Graduate Study

Law and Women’s Studies

Requirements (12)

One of the following (2-4)

ANTH 522 – Gender in Southeast Asia (3)

SOCI 587 – Gender and Crime (3)
SOCI 663 552 – Women’s Health Issues (3)
WOMS 530 – Special Topics in Women’s Studies (3)

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Women’s Studies (12)

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Requirements (12)

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SOCI 587 – Gender and Crime (3)
SOCI 663 552 – Women’s Health Issues (3)
TLCI 540 – The Gender Sensitive Curriculum (3)

Rationale: Change in course number.

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