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1. **Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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1. **Proposed Change** (for undergraduate curricular changes please provide an 8-semester plan (appendix A), if applicable)

Change the admissions criteria and the section on degree requirements for the MA in Sociology.

1. **Effective Date**

Fall 2021; Bulletin year 2021-2022

1. **Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

The admissions requirements were out-of-date. For example, the Social Statistics Lab is a course we no longer offer or require in our undergraduate program. We also needed to clarify the section on our degree requirements.

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions**  |
| **Please visit** [**http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot**](http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot) **and select the most recent version of the bulletin. Copy and paste all bulletin pages this proposal affects below. Please include a before (with changed areas highlighted) and after of all affected sections.** **\*Please note: Courses are often listed in multiple sections of the bulletin. To ensure that all affected sections have been located, please search the bulletin (ctrl+F) for the appropriate courses before submission of this form.**  |

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**CURRENT**

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Students seeking admission into the Master of Arts degree program in Sociology must meet the admission requirements of Graduate Programs. The specific program requirements are as follows. The student must have:

• a minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.00, or a minimum of 3.0 for the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work completed;

• a minimum of eighteen (18) undergraduate hours in Sociology;

• an overall minimum GPA of 3.00 in undergraduate Sociology courses;

• a minimum grade of B in the following undergraduate courses, or their recognized equivalents:

SOC 2213, Introduction to Sociology

SOC 3383, Social Statistics~~, and SOC 3381, Social Statistics Laboratory~~

SOC 4293, Methods of Social Research

SOC 4243, Social Theory

**~~THESIS OPTION~~**

~~Students electing to complete a thesis may take six (6) hours of SOC 670V, Thesis, with the con­sent of the overseeing faculty member, in lieu of a corresponding number of hours of elective courses. (Note: receipt of credit for thesis hours is contingent upon successful completion and defense of the thesis.)~~

**~~OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE~~**

~~A minimum of eighteen (18) hours for the degree must be in courses numbered at the 6000 level. All students must complete a capstone project for the degree. For the thesis option, this requirement is met by successfully completing and defending the thesis. Students not completing a thesis may apply to take the comprehensive exam after earning a minimum of eighteen (18) hours in the program, includ­ing SOC 6303, Contemporary Social Theory, and SOC 6343, Methods of Social Research.~~

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE**

A minimum of eighteen (18) hours for the degree must be in courses numbered at the 6000 level. Up to six hours (6) may be taken outside of the department. All students must complete a thesis or non-thesis option for the degree. Students electing to complete a thesis may take six (6) hours of SOC 670V, Thesis, with the con­sent of the overseeing faculty member, in lieu of a corresponding number of hours of elective courses. (Note: Receipt of credit for thesis hours is contingent upon successful completion and defense of the thesis.) Students electing to take the non-thesis option will take comprehensive exams after earning a minimum of eighteen (18) hours in the program, includ­ing SOC 6303, Contemporary Social Theory, and SOC 6343, Methods of Social Research.

Admissions are competitive.

Application deadlines: Priority deadlines for admission and for consideration for graduate assis­tantship are May 1 (for Summer or Fall admission); November 1 (for Spring admission).

**PROPOSED**

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**Appendix A, 8-Semester Plan**

(**Referenced in #2** - **Undergraduate Proposals Only)**

*Instructions: Please identify new courses in italics*.

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| **Arkansas State University-Jonesboro****Degree:****Major:****Year:** |
| Students requiring developmental course work based on low entrance exam scores (ACT, SAT, ASSET, COMPASS) may not be able to complete this program of study in eight (8) semesters. Developmental courses do not count toward total degree hours. **Students having completed college level courses prior to enrollment will be assisted by their advisor in making appropriate substitutions. In most cases, general education courses may be interchanged between semesters.** A minimum of 45 hours of upper division credit (3000-4000 level) is required for this degree. |
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