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**Program Modification Form**

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

Changes to M.A. in Sociology:

1. Revise admissions criteria.
2. Change program requirements.
3. **Effective Date**

Fall 2022; Bulletin year 2022-2023

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

We would like to delete the admission requirements that require previous coursework in Sociology, which discourages students from applying who have non-Sociology undergraduate degrees. They will be sufficiently equipped to enter the program if they have a degree in a related field and have taken Social Statistics (or an equivalent) and Research Methods (or an equivalent).

We would like to add several admissions requirements including a statement of purpose, a resume/CV, and two references. This is necessary because our current requirements have allowed for students to be accepted into the program who have struggled to complete the first semester and dropped out. We want to ensure that students receive quality instruction and mentorship and to obtain the necessary skills to make them competitive on the job market and in Ph.D. programs. In order to do this, we need to better assess their preparation prior to them entering the program.

Change the M.A. in Sociology as follows:

1) adjusting the number of electives to 18 rather than a range; 2) removing the sentence about the CRIM internship option since we are adding a SOC internship; 3) adding SOC 6373 and SOC 6363 to the curriculum; (4) moving Advanced Data Analysis to the electives section with a new number and replacing it with new course SOC 6393 Quantitative Analysis (see separate proposals).

**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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**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

SOC 4293, Methods of Social Research

~~SOC 4243, Social Theory~~

**REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS AND DOCUMENTS**

• CV/Resume.

• Transcripts from all degree-awarding colleges and universities. (Unofficial transcripts may be submitted initially; official transcripts will be required upon admission and enrollment.)

• Statement of purpose that describes the applicant’s career and academic goals.

• Two letters of recommendation from instructors or employers who are acquainted with the applicant’s qualifications.

• No GRE required.

For an introduction to the A-State Graduate school and other useful information, please visit the [*Graduate Admissions* site**.**](https://www.astate.edu/info/admissions/graduate/) For students outside the US, please refer to the information on the international section of the [*Admissions*](https://www.astate.edu/a/global-initiatives/international/admissions/graduate/) site(academic criteria and English Proficiency Requirements, etc.)

Admissions are competitive.

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

**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.

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## Sociology

**Master of Arts**

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| **University Requirements:** |  |
| See Graduate Degree Policies for additional information (p. 47) |  |
| **Program Requirements:**~~Students electing to complete an internship, with consent of the overseeing faculty member and approval of the Department Graduate Studies Committee, may take CRIM 6603, Internship, as an elective course.~~ | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| SOC 6303, Contemporary Sociological Theory | 3 |
| SOC 6343, Methods of Social Research | 3 |
| ~~SOC 6383, Advanced Data Analysis~~  SOC 6393, Quantitative Analysis | ~~3~~ |
| SOC 6423, Seminar in Race, Gender and Class | 3 |
| Electives**Select ~~12-~~18 hours from the following:** SOC 5273, World Population and Society SOC 6003, Perspectives in Death and Dying SOC 6063, Sociology of DisastersSOC 6073, Sociology of Family Violence SOC 6103, Social ChangeSOC 6113, Seminar in Contemporary Sociology SOC 6213, Sociology of EducationSOC 6123, Aging, Law and Social Issues SOC 6203, Social PsychologySOC 6223, Urban Sociology SOC 6243, Social Theory SOC 6253, Rural SociologySOC 6263, Terrorism as a Social Movement SOC 6273, Social OrganizationSOC 6353, Qualitative Methods of Social Research SOC 6363, Environmental SociologySOC 6373, Sustainable Developments in Modern SocietySOC 6413, Seminar in the FamilySOC 6433, Sociology of AgingSOC 6453, Sociology of Youth Subcultures SOC 6463, Advanced Data AnalysisSOC 6653, Special Topics SOC 6603, Internship SOC 670V, Thesis (maximum of 6 hours for students selecting thesis) SOC 680V, Independent StudyAny additional methods course approved by program director.(*Other courses require approval from the Director of the MASOC program and the Chair of the Criminology, Sociology, and Geography Department.*) | 18 |
| **Sub-total** | **30** |
| **Total Required Hours:** | **30** |

Number of Advanced Data Analysis changed in separate proposal.

SOC 6603 created in separate proposal.

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

SOC 3383, Social Statistics

SOC 4293, Methods of Social Research

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## Sociology

**Master of Arts**

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| See Graduate Degree Policies for additional information (p. 47) |  |
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| SOC 6343, Methods of Social Research | 3 |
| SOC 6393, Quantitative Analysis | 3 |
| SOC 6423, Seminar in Race, Gender and Class | 3 |
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| **Sub-total** | **30** |
| **Total Required Hours:** | **30** |

**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. |
| **Year 1** |  | **Year 1** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
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| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
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| **Graduation Requirements:** |