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X PROGRAM: Major Minor X Track
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General Sociology Track

1. Description of Curriculum Change

Students in the General Sociology Track who choose to do an internship in Sociology (SO 493) cannot count the internship as part of their nine credits of Free Sociology Electives and must take it as credits beyond the 30 credits required for the major (out of what would otherwise be Free Electives) (please see 3a). Additionally, these students must write a one-page justification explaining the selection of their nine credits of Free Sociology Electives as they relate to the internship experience (please see 3b).

The current title of the course, "Sociology of Sex and Gender" (SO 363), will be changed to "Sociology of Gender." This course explores current perspectives on the situations faced by women and men, primarily in the United States. Examines issues such as the impact of gender on socialization, the construction of knowledge, intimate relationships, paid work, family relationships, health, and issues of change (please see 3c).

Students in the General Sociology Track will be required to complete 30 credits rather than 27 credits for the General Sociology major (please see 3d).

Students in the General Sociology Track will be required to take nine credits of Free Sociology Electives rather than the current six credits in Free Sociology Electives (please see 3e).

2. Old and New Comparison

Bachelor of Arts — Sociology/General Sociology Track (Old)

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: Mathematics: MA 217 recommended Social Science: SO 151 Liberal Studies electives: no courses with SO prefix	53-55
College: Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)	0-6
Major: Required courses SO 151 Principles of Sociology *sh SO 320 Sociological Theory 3sh SO 380 Social Research Methods 3sh One of the following courses: SO 361 Social Stratification 3sh SO 362 Racial and Ethnic Minorities 3sh SO 363 Sociology of Sex and Gender 3sh At least one <i>different</i> course from four of the following substantive areas: Social Inequality and Social Change: SO 303, 337, 361, 362, 363, 448, 458 Deviance and Social Problems: SO 231, 333, 335, 427, 428 Individual and Society: SO 251, 345, 357 Social Organization and Institutions: SO 286, 336, 339, 340, 341, 342, 348, 352, 421, 458 Comparative Sociology: SO 233, 271, 272, 273, 286, 303, 314, 337, 342	27
Free Sociology Electives:	6
Other Requirements:	0
Free Electives:	<u>36-44</u>
Total Degree Requirements:	124

(*) Credit counted in Liberal Studies, not in the major.
(1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.

Bachelor of Arts — Sociology/General Track (NEW)

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: Mathematics: MA 217 recommended Social Science: SO 151 Liberal Studies electives: no courses with SO prefix	53-55
College: Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)	0-6
Major: Required courses: SO 151 Principles of Sociology *sh SO 320 Sociological Theory 3sh SO 380 Social Research Methods 3sh One of the following courses: SO 361 Social Stratification 3sh SO 362 Racial and Ethnic Minorities 3sh SO 363 Sociology of Gender 3sh At least one <i>different</i> course from four of the following substantive areas: Social Inequality and Social Change: SO 303, 337, 361, 362, 363, 448, 458 Deviance and Social Problems: SO 231, 333, 335, 427, 428, 451 Individual and Society: SO 251, 345, 357 Social Organization and Institutions: SO 286, 336, 339, 340, 341, 342, 348, 352, 421, 458 Comparative Sociology: SO 233, 271, 272, 273, 286, 303, 314, 337, 342	30
Free Sociology Electives: (2)	9
Other Requirements:	0
Free Electives:	<u>33-41</u>
Total Degree Requirements:	124

(*) Credit counted in Liberal Studies, not in the major.
(1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
(2) Internships in Sociology (SO493) will not count as part of the required Free Sociology Electives and must count as credits beyond the 30 hours required for the major (out of Free Electives). The student must write a one-page justification explaining the selection of their 9 credits of Free Sociology Electives as it relates to the internship experience.

3. Rationale for Curriculum Change

(3a) The rationale for this change is that students in General Sociology who schedule their internships within their Free Sociology Electives are leaving the program with less class time in Sociology than students in the Human Services and Applied Social Research Tracks. We do not want to discourage students in General Sociology from doing internships, but at the same time we do not want an internship to detract from students taking an appropriate complement of courses in General Sociology. This program revision maintains a consistency with other proposed revisions such as increasing the General Sociology Track credit load from 27 to 30 credits.

(3b) The rationale for requiring the one-page justification is that students in the General Sociology Track who choose to do an internship need a background specific to their internship so that they may more fully benefit from, and contribute to, the internship experience.

(3c) The rationale for this change is that the new course title, "Sociology of Gender," more accurately represents the content of the course since the course focuses on the sociology of gender rather than on sex differences or sexuality. As noted in materials about teaching such courses published by the American Sociological Association, the preferred title for this course shifted from the Sociology of Sex and Gender in the 1980s to the Sociology of Gender in the 1990s.

(3d) The rationale for this change is that credits required in the General Sociology Track will now be somewhat more consistent with the Applied Social Research and Human Services Tracks. Also, the credits required in the General Sociology Track will be more consistent with other majors in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

(3e) By increasing the Free Sociology Electives credits from six to nine credits, the student will be taking three less credits under Free Electives.

4. Implementation

1. Students will be minimally affected by these revisions.
 - A. Most students in the General Sociology Track do not do internships, and those who do so typically go beyond the credit load required for the major in the General Sociology Track.
 - B. Concerning the one-page justification in the second part of the revision, students will need to plan their selection of courses so that they relate to their internship experience.
 - C. Title change more accurately reflects course work and will not affect students.
 - D. Students in the General Sociology Track typically take at least 30 credits in Sociology already.
 - E. Students in the General Sociology Track typically take at least nine credits of Free Sociology Electives already.
2. Faculty teaching loads will be minimally affected. No additional faculty have been authorized.
3. All present resources are adequate
4. No significant change is expected in the number of students as a result of this revision. There is no need for any adjustments within the department.

Other Related Course Changes:

1. Deviance and Social Problems Substantive Area: New course proposal for SO 451 (Disability and Society) sent to UWUCC separately.
2. Course Title Change: SO 363 (see related attachment)

Letter of Support: N/A

Discrepancies between the 1997-1998 catalogue and the new listing for the General Sociology Track:

1. Deviance and Social Problems Substantive Area: SO 451 has been submitted separately to the UWUCC as a new course proposal, and was added to this substantive area in that proposal.