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Program Status: Active

Academic Level: Graduate

Type of proposal: Major/Field of Study

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)

Are you adding a concentration?
No

Are you adding or modifying a track?
No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?
No

Effective Catalog Year: Fall 2024

College/School Code: Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code: Department of Sociology and Criminology (SOCI)

Program Code: SOCIMA

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. GRAD Dean Initial
3. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
4. Registrar Initial
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3. 01/30/24 4:03 pm
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Degree Master of Arts

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- 8. 02/27/24 2:51 pm
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1. May 17, 2016 by
Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza)
2. May 24, 2018 by
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3. Jun 4, 2020 by Lisa
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Program Title

Sociology, Master of Arts

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total 32
hours needed to
complete the
program?

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Application Requirements for the MA in Sociology Program: Applicants for graduate studies in sociology must be admitted to the Graduate School and must also submit the following: 1) at least two letters of recommendation from people who can judge the applicant's academic potential as a graduate student; 2) a sample of written academic work (i.e., a research paper); 3) a one page statement in which the applicant discusses the educational objectives sought by entering our graduate program; 4) satisfactory GRE scores.

Prerequisites to Degree Program: Prior undergraduate work in social theory, research methods, statistics, and writing is considered necessary for successful performance at the graduate level. [SOCI 33003](#) [SOCI 3303](#) (or an approved equivalent), [SOCI 33103](#) [SOCI 3313](#) and [SOCI 34203](#) [SOCI 3423](#) (or an approved equivalent) are required to eliminate deficiencies. Additionally, students applying to the criminology concentration must show prior undergraduate work in introductory criminal justice or criminology. [SOCI 30203/CRIM 30203](#) [SOCI 3023](#) [CRIM 3023](#) (or an approved equivalent) is required to eliminate deficiencies for students pursuing the criminology concentration. Undergraduate deficiencies must be removed by taking the appropriate undergraduate courses during the first twelve hours of graduate work or the first time the courses are offered.

Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree: (Minimum 32 hours.)**Core Requirements:**

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SOCI 5013	Course SOCI 5013 Not Found	
<u>SOCI 50001</u>	<u>Proseminar</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>SOCI 52503</u>	<u>Classical Social Theory</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>SOCI 53101</u>	<u>Applied Data Analysis Laboratory</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>SOCI 53203</u>	<u>Applied Data Analysis</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>SOCI 50203</u>	<u>Advanced Social Research</u>	<u>3</u>

In addition to these common core courses, the courses required in a specific concentration, and the six hours of specialization-specific restricted electives, the student must take sufficient hours of electives to reach 32 semester hours total. The Department of Sociology and Criminology retains the right to make exceptions to the list of concentration-specific electives. Such exceptions must be approved by the Graduate Committee and authorized in writing by the Graduate Director. A maximum of three elective credit hours may be taken at the 4000 level without prior approval by the Graduate Committee. Students may apply three hours of independent study toward the degree provided that a research proposal is approved by the instructor prior to enrollment in the course. The student's adviser must authorize courses outside of the department. Except for rare circumstances, no more than three hours of credit outside of the department will count for the degree.

The Department of Sociology and Criminology offers a thesis and non-thesis options. ~~option~~. Completion of the program for all students is contingent upon passing a comprehensive examination covering major course work.

Thesis Option: ~~Students~~ Students must take 26 hours of course work and six hours of thesis credit. All M.A. candidates in this option are required to develop and present a prospectus of the thesis to their thesis committee. They must also write and orally defend their thesis, including research methods, theory, and the area of thesis concentration.

Non-Thesis Option, Practicum: ~~Option: Students~~ Option: Students must take ~~26~~ 32 hours of course work and six hours of graduate internship credit. ~~work.~~ All M.A. candidates in this option are required to develop a practicum proposal in conjunction with a community partner agency and present this proposal to their practicum committee. They must also design, write and orally defend a descriptive paper based on their work or research with the partner agency.

Non-Thesis Option, Comprehensive Exams: Students must take 32 hours of course work. Students must select an area of study as listed in the departmental graduate handbook. Under this option, students must take a written comprehensive examination in theory, research methods, and the area of study.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to master's degrees.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student na

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Scheduled Program 2027-2028 na

Review Date

Program Goals and Objectives

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The discipline of sociology is characterized by its breadth and the diversity of its subfields and specializations. Hence, of particular importance to the Department of Sociology and Criminology are the following general goals included in our mission statement: to provide knowledge and understanding of the historical, social, intellectual bases of human culture and environment;
to provide habits of thought and investigation useful in later life; na

to encourage exploration and development of ethical values;

and
to offer the necessary foundation for professional competence or further training in professional or graduate schools.

Learning Outcomes

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By graduation, MA students in sociology should be able to:
effectively use communication skills in writing, editing, speaking and listening; na

effectively use analytical and computer skills to include the tools to analyze qualitative and quantitative data;

effectively conceptualize and solve problems, and engage in critical thinking, effective reasoning, and decision-making;

effectively use social skills to include cooperative learning and group problem-solving; and
be able to translate the sociological perspective into everyday life and problems.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Adding a second Non-Thesis Option, Practicum to the MA choices	This gives masters' candidates who are looking at the MA as a terminal degree another choice to preparing for a career in non-profits, for example.

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Reviewer Comments

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (01/30/24 4:01 pm): Updated next scheduled program review dates; added program goals and objectives from last submitted program assessment information.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (01/30/24 4:03 pm): ATTENTION REGISTRAR: Please remove Undergraduate Council from the workflow.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (01/31/24 8:49 am): Removed Undergraduate Council from workflow.

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