

MA Sociology

The SAASC convened on Friday, October 13, 2017 to consider two proposals from the Department of Sociology:

- 1) a proposal to modify the MA program requirements to make them identical to the first two years of the doctoral program, to suspend admissions into the MA-only program, and to provide that students who enter the doctoral program without having earned an MA will earn an MA at the end of their second year upon successful completion of requirements listed in the proposal; and
- 2) a proposal to streamline the MA/PhD process by making the MA program and the first two years of the PhD program identical, with the aim of preparing doctoral students to complete the post-qualifying portion of the program (proposal, research, writing, defense) more quickly by improving the pre-qualifying exam course preparation and assessment process.

Rationale:

During the Sociology Department's last 5 year review, the external review committee recommended elimination of the MA program, noting that the program was draining resources from the department and they further recommended that financial resources and faculty time should focus on the improvement of the PhD program. Subsequently, the faculty determined that they would streamline their curriculum and financial support mechanism so as support a fewer number of higher quality students for a longer period of time. In order to accomplish that it was decided to eliminate the MA-only option and only admit applicants into the PhD program. These proposals modify the MA program and simultaneously streamline the MA/PhD process.

The committee discussed the proposals and asked questions of Dr. Ana Liberato, the current DGS of the Sociology Department. It was noted that there were some clerical errors in the Change Masters Degree Program Form – course numbers listed in the form did not align with the supporting letter describing the proposal for modifying the MA program.

A motion was offered by Kevin Donohue that the SAASC recommend that the University Senate approve the MA Proposal and the Ph.D Proposal, with the understanding that a correction to the Change Masters Degree Program Form (for proper course numbers) would be included in the proposal as it goes forward.

The motion was seconded. And after brief discussion the chair called the question. The committee voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstaining. Brad Hubbard, as an ex-officio member did not cast a vote.

Subsequently, Ana Liberato submitted a corrected Change Masters Degree Form to the Chair that correctly aligned with the proposal for modifying the MA program.

That revised Change Masters Degree Form, including its original signature page and memo from the Graduate Council is included in the attached set of proposals.



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June 20, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Sociology wishes to modify the MA program requirements to make them identical to the first two years of the doctoral program. In addition, we propose to no longer accept students into the MA program. Students who enter the doctoral program without having already earned an MA will earn MA's at the end of their second year upon successful completion of the following requirements¹:

Year 1

SOC 651: Classical Sociological Theory (3 credits)
SOC 681/ PS 572: Quantitative Data Analysis I (3 credits)
SOC 751: Contemporary Sociological Theory (3 credits)
SOC 781: Quantitative Data Analysis II (3 credits)
Elective or approved methods courses (6 credits)

Year 2

SOC 680: Social Investigation (2 credits)
SOC 780: Special Problems in Sociology (1 credit)
Elective or approved methods courses (15 credits)

General

Total Credit Hours: 36

¹ This schedule is predicated on full-time status. Part-time students will not be expected to conform to the timing of this schedule.

Minimum Hours in Sociology: 20
Minimum hours at 600+ level: 15
Minimum regular courses: 20
Minimum GPA requirement: 3.0

Comprehensive Assessment (exam covering theory and statistics) to be taken in Fall,
Year 2
Research Paper (in lieu of thesis) to be completed in Spring, Year 2
Final examination: Research Paper Defense

Students in Sociology may either elect or be instructed to exit the doctoral program after successfully completing these requirements, with an MA degree. However, the Sociology Department intends to accept only applicants who intend to seek a doctoral degree.

Please direct any questions to me at Shaunna.scott@uky.edu or 859-771-4698.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shaunna L. Scott". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Shaunna L. Scott, PhD
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Director of Graduate Studies
Editor, *Journal of Appalachian Studies*

CHANGE MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM FORM

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

College:	A & S	Department:	Sociology
Current Major Name:	Sociology	Proposed Major Name:	<i>no change</i>
Current Degree Title:	MA	Proposed Degree Title:	<i>no change</i>
Formal Option(s):	NA	Proposed Formal Option(s):	<i>no change</i>
Specialty Fields w/in Formal Option:	Plan A: Thesis option Plan B: Paper option	Proposed Specialty Fields w/in Formal Options:	<i>Plan B: Paper</i>
Date of Contact with Associate Provost for Academic Administration ¹ :			
Bulletin (yr & pgs):		CIP Code ¹ :	
Accrediting Agency (if applicable):		Today's Date:	
Requested Effective Date:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semester following approval.	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date ² :
Dept. Contact Person:	Shaunna Scott	Phone:	7-6882
Email:	shaunna.scott@uky.edu		

2. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1.	Number of transfer credits allowed (Maximum is Graduate School limit of 9 hours or 25% of course work)	9	<i>no change</i>
2.	Residence requirement (if applicable)	NA	<i>no change</i>
3.	Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	NA	<i>no change</i>
4.	Termination criteria	Two failures of required course; two failures of the final examination; recommended by Advisory Committee and approved by the majority of the Sociology Graduate faculty	<i>Add "Two failures of the Comprehensive Assessment Exam"</i>
5.	Plan A Degree Plan requirements ³ (thesis)	24	<i>Eliminate Plan A option</i>
6.	Plan B Degree Plan requirements ³ (non-thesis)	30	36
7.	Distribution of course levels required	Two-thirds must be in Sociology, and three-quarters of the courses must be at the 600+ level. Two-thirds must be in regular courses.	<i>no change</i>

¹ Prior to filling out this form, you MUST contact the Associate Provost for Academic Administration (APAA). If you do not know the CIP code, the APAA can provide you with that during the contact.

² Program changes are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No changes will be made effective until all approvals are received.

³ If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

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(At least one-half must be at 600+ level & two-thirds must be in organized courses.)			
8.	Required courses (if applicable)	SOC 650, 681, 682A or B	<i>SOC 651, 751, 680, 780, SOC681/PS 572, SOC 781, 6 credit hours of approved method course(s)</i>
9.	Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)	Plan A: 9 core and 15 elective courses; Plan B: 12 core and 18 elective course credits	<i>Eliminate Plan A; Change Plan B to 21 core and 15 elective course credits</i>
10.	Final examination requirements	Plan A: Thesis defense; Plan B: Project paper defense	<i>Eliminate Option A</i>
11.	Explain whether the proposed changes to the program (as described in sections 1 to 10) involve courses offered by another department/program. <u>Routing Signature Log must include approval by faculty of additional department(s).</u>		
	Sociology and Political Science alternate teaching the Regression 1 (SOC/PS 572) and Regression 2 (SOC 681/PS 672) courses to our graduate students. Sociology students may fulfill the 3 hours of approved methods courses by taking any social science methods course, which have been approved by the Graduate Faculty. PS and SOC have already begun to share methods instruction of our graduate students. Permission has been sought from other departments to start sharing or rotating methods instruction as well (e.g., anthropology, geography).		
12.	List any other requirements not covered above?		
	Students must pass the Comprehensive Assessment examination upon completion of the theory and statistics sequences. They are allowed to take this examination twice. Each exam will be given one of the three following grades: a) Pass and proceed to the doctoral degree program; b) Pass to graduate with a Masters' degree; or c) Fail. The 2 nd year Project Paper and defense are considered a part of the Comprehensive Assessment process. The entire Comprehensive Assessment process consists of a written exam given at the start of the fall semester of the second year (re-takes, if necessary, are administered at the start of spring semester), a 2 nd year paper, and a defense of the paper (final exam).		
13.	Please explain the rationale for changes. If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.		
	We are streamlining the PhD program requirements so that the MA matches the first two years of the doctoral program. This results in an increase of requirements for the MA, including additional core required courses specified above as well as the addition of a Comprehensive Assessment examination. Students will be permitted to exit the doctoral program in the following circumstances: a) they decide not to pursue a doctoral degree; b) they fail the Comprehensive Assessment examination twice; or c) the Advisory Committee recommends (and the majority of the Graduate Faculty in Sociology approve) that they exit the program with an MA.		

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Signature Routing Log

General Information:

Proposal Name: Sociology MA

Proposal Contact Person Name: Shaunna Scott Phone: 7-6882 Email: shaunna.scott@uky.edu

INSTRUCTIONS:

Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
Sociology	08/27/14	Claire Renzetti / 7-6424 / claire.renzetti@uky.edu	
CLD	03/28/14	Larry Jones / 7-7586 / larry.jones@uky.edu	
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External-to-College Approvals:

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision ⁴
Undergraduate Council			
Graduate Council		Roshan Nikou	
Health Care Colleges Council			
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:

⁴ Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.

Brothers, Sheila C

From: Nikou, Roshan
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 10:29 AM
To: McCormick, Katherine; Brothers, Sheila C; Jackson, Brian A; Nikou, Roshan; Timoney, David M; Ett, Joanie M; Lindsay, Jim D.
Cc: Lucas, Patrick Lee; FW_jdo234; keleabenner@uky.edu; Scott, Shaunna; Liberato, Ana S; Wilkinson, Harvie; Ault, Melinda; Spriggs, Amy D; Kemper, Beverly; LIAO, YUAN; Clayton, Thomas M; Barrett, Edward R; Bradshaw, David H; Crystal, Ralph
Subject: Transmittals
Attachments: Interior Design Name Change-signed.pdf; Graduate Certificate in Baroque-signed.pdf; University Scholars Masters of Social Work-signed.pdf; EDS 548-signed.pdf; EDS 549-signed.pdf; MBA 624-signed.pdf

TO: Katherine McCormick, Chair and Sheila Brothers, Coordinator
Senate Council

FROM: Brian Jackson, Chair and Roshan Nikou, Coordinator
Graduate Council

The Graduate Council approved the following proposals and is now forwarding them to the Senate Council to approve. The courses listed below, are accessible via E-Cats' workflow with the exception of the attached three course proposals, which we received from the Senate Council via email.

Programs

Graduate Certificate in Baroque Trumpet
Interior Design Name Change
University Scholars College of Social Work
Change in Masters of Sociology

Courses

EE 641 Advanced Power System
ESL 615 Teaching Methods, University Intensive English
HP 675 Architectural History for Preservation Practice
LIN 530 Pragmatics
LIN 540 Laboratory in Linguistics
WRD 702 Professional and Technical Writing
WRS 704 Technical Editing
RC 570 Crisis Disaster and Trauma Response for Persons with Disabilities
EDS 548 Curriculum Design for Students with Moderate and Sever Disabilities
EDS 549 Methods for Students with Moderate and Severe Disabilities
PHI 710 Seminar in Modern Philosophy
PHI 715 Seminar in Recent Philosophy
PHI 790 Research in Philosophy
LIN 701 Research Seminar in Linguistics Theory and Typology