

Request for Undergraduate Addition, Deletion, or Change of a Major

1. Prepare one paper copy and obtain signatures from the Department Chair/Head, Librarian, and College Dean. 2. Submit the form to your College Curriculum Committee. 3. After attaining the signature of the College Curriculum Chair, send the paper copy to Bernice Bullock in the Faculty Senate office. 4. Send an identical (sans signatures) ELECTRONIC COPY and all supporting documentation in PDF format by email to bullock@marshall.edu

College: COLA Department/Division: Sociology and Anthropology
Contact Person: Anders Linde-Laursen Phone: 6-2788

ACTION REQUESTED:

Check action requested: Addition Deletion Change
Name of Major (provide code if this is an existing major): Sociology

RATIONALE:

The department is working to clean up our curriculum and make the catalog descriptions and formal structures of our program reflect what we are really doing. As a corrective measure we propose the addition of a major in sociology. As discussed in the attached memo, such a major does currently not exist - even if everybody behave as if it does.

CURRICULUM: (If addition or change, number of hours and courses; indicate if required or optional) May be submitted as separate document.

A full catalog text is attached.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Attach a copy of written notification regarding this curriculum request to the following:
- Statement of Non-Duplication:** If this major will be similar in title or content to an existing major at the university, please send a memo to the affected department and include it with this packet, as well as, the response received from the affected department.
 - If your department/division requires additional faculty, equipment, or specialized materials, attach an estimation of money and time required to secure these items.
 - Send a copy of this completed form to the Marshall University Catalog Editor.

SIGNATURES: (If disapproved at any level, do not sign. Return to previous signer.)

Department Chair/Division Head: _____	Date: _____
Librarian: _____	Date: _____
College Dean: _____	Date: _____
College Curriculum Chair: _____	Date: _____
University Curriculum Committee Chair: _____	Date: _____
Faculty Senate Chair: _____	Date: _____
VP Academic Affairs/VP Health Science _____	Date: _____

Sociology

Sociology is the systematic study of human behavior and the social structures and social forces that influence humans in their everyday life. Sociologists focus primarily on contemporary societies, even if they often also incorporate a historical and developmental perspective. The sociology program at Marshall University seeks to ensure that each student develops a solid foundation in the principles, theories and techniques of analysis in the discipline. While allowing for a great deal of flexibility to accommodate students' diverse interests, the curriculum ensures that students are introduced to social theory, stratification and institutions and courses in the basic methods of the discipline.

Major in Sociology

To graduate with a major in sociology, a student must take 39 credits of required core classes and electives as described below.

The required core of the sociology major consists of 21 credits (7 classes):

SOC 200 Introductory Sociology
SOC 344 Social Research I
SOC 345 Social Statistics I
SOC 360 Sociological Perspectives
SOC 375 Social Stratification
SOC 391 Junior Seminar
SOC 475 Senior Seminar (Capstone)

An additional 18 credits of electives must be chosen from classes with the SOC prefix (or classes with the prefix ANT as described below). These electives must include a minimum of 6 credits from courses on social diversity and 3 credits from courses on social institutions.

Courses on social diversity include:

SOC 401 Population and Human Ecology
SOC 423 Social Class, Power and Conflict
SOC 425 Race and Ethnicity
SOC 440 Introduction to the Sociology of Aging
SOC 455 Sociology of Sex and Gender
or any anthropology course (courses with the prefix ANT)

Courses on social institutions include:

SOC 342 American Society
SOC 408 The Family
SOC 433 Industrial Sociology
SOC 450 Sociology of Religion

Marshall Plan Computer Competency Requirement

By successfully completing SOC 344, sociology majors fulfill the Computer Competency requirement.

Marshall Plan Capstone Requirement

By successfully completing SOC 475, sociology majors fulfill the Capstone requirement.

Minor in Sociology

A minor in sociology requires at least 15 credits. As listed below, 9 of these credits constitute the core of the minor. The remainder of the required credits can be taken from any class with the prefix SOC. A maximum of 6 credits below 300-level can be counted towards the minor.

The required core of the sociology minor consists of 9 credits (3 classes):

SOC 200 Introductory Sociology

SOC 344 Social Research I

SOC 360 Sociological Perspectives

Students majoring or minoring in sociology are strongly encouraged to discuss with an advisor (in the department and/or in the office of the dean of the College of Liberal Arts) ways in which the requirements in the major/minor simultaneously cover parts of the general education requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and/or the Marshall Plan.