

### Request for Graduate Non-Curricular Changes

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL NON-CURRICULAR CHANGE REQUESTS (changes in admission requirements or requirements for graduation, changes in existing or new policies/procedures, changes in program descriptions in catalog, general language changes in catalog).

SIGNATURES may not be required, depending on the nature of the request and from where it originates. Consult Graduate Council Chair.

1. Prepare one paper copy with all signatures and supporting material and forward to the Graduate Council Chair.
2. E-mail one identical PDF copy to the Graduate Council Chair.
3. **The Graduate Council cannot process this application until it has received both the PDF copy and the signed hard copy.**

College: Liberal Arts Dept/Division: Sociology and Anthropology

Contact Person: Kristi M. Fondren Phone: 304-696-2795

Rationale for Request:

We would like to remove the GRE requirement for admission into our MA program in Sociology. While we will no longer require the GRE, we will strongly encourage students to take the exam and submit scores for their professionalization and future graduate studies.

We also no longer offer an Anthropology Area of Emphasis which also needs to be removed.

Signatures: if disapproved at any level, do not sign. Return to previous signer with recommendation attached.  
NOTE: all requests may not require all signatures.

Department/Division Chair [Signature] Date Spring 2019

Registrar [Signature] Date 2-21-19

College Curriculum Committee Chair [Signature] Date 3/20/19  
(or Dean if no college curriculum committee)

Graduate Council Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: please complete information required on the following pages before obtaining signatures above.

Rec'd In COLA Office  
Date: 2/22/19

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- Edits to current description:** Attach or insert a PDF copy of the current catalog description prepared in MS WORD with strikethroughs to mark proposed deletions and use the highlight function to indicate proposed new text.

Please see attached pdf titled "NewCatalogDescription\_Tracked Changes".

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Please insert below your proposed change information for the Graduate Council agenda.

Type of change request: Removal of GRE requirement for admission into program; removal of Anthropology

Department: Sociology and Anthropology

Degree program: MA, Sociology

Effective date (fall/spring/summer, year): Spring 2019



SOCIOLOGY,

M.A. Area of Emphasis Anthropology

Minor in Anthropology

Minor in Sociology

Accelerated Master's Degree in Sociology

Program Orientation

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Electives (18 hours for thesis option and 21 hours for non-thesis option; for the specific requirements for the Anthropology Area of Emphasis see following section)

The department offers a variety of electives which are bundled in four disciplinary focus areas and an area of emphasis in anthropology. Graduate level courses from other departments may be taken with approval from the Director of Graduate Studies and the course instructor. To guarantee breadth of education, courses from more than one focus area have to be taken. Note that some classes contribute to more than one focus area; a student can count such classes in more than one focus area for this requirement, but must of course still meet the requirement for the total number of credit hours. To guarantee depth, students also have to take more courses of a particular focus area, declare a minor, or opt for the area of emphasis in anthropology as described below:

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sociology focus areas if they write a problem report to comply with the breadth requirements discussed above.

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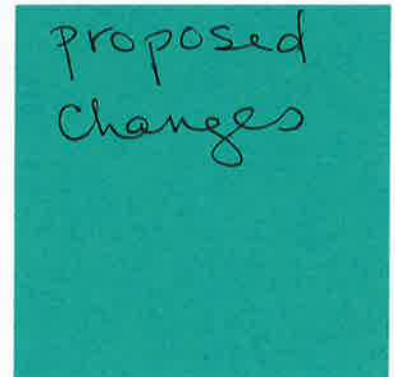
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SOC 601 Contemporary Sociological Theory

SOC 605 Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis

SOC 606 Quantitative Research Methods and Analysis

SOC 609 Professional Development

SOC 605 and SOC 606 is a two-course research methods sequence that should be completed by all students during the first academic year in the graduate program if possible (or within the first 12 graduate credit hours for part-time students). Exceptions are made for students who must take prerequisite courses before enrolling in this sequence.

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The requirements for the Area of Emphasis include: ANT 600 Ethnographic Methods ANT 567 Culture through Ethnography OR ANT 591 Theory in Ethnology An additional two classes (6 credit hours) of courses at the 500- or 600- level in Anthropology as approved by the student's advisor and the Graduate Program Director in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and included in the Plan of Study mentioned above. Students who opt for the Anthropology Area of Emphasis have to choose courses from two out of the four sociology focus areas if they write a thesis or from three out of the four sociology focus areas if they write a problem report to comply with the breadth requirements discussed above.

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