

11/14/2016

## **PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY TO ESTABLISH OR MODIFY AN UNDERGRADUATE MINOR**

**Title of the proposed minor:** Establish an undergraduate minor in Criminology, Law, and Society, Department of Sociology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Sponsoring unit(s):**

Department of Sociology

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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

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**Brief description of the program of study:** Please explain how the proposed minor meets each of the following criteria:

- The minor program of study should require some depth in the subject, but not as extensive as the major.

The proposed minor in Criminology, Law, and Society provides a foundation for students seeking to supplement their major area of study, to develop knowledge and skills needed for criminological, law, and justice related occupations, or to lay foundation for law school or graduate study in sociology, criminology, or justice fields.

**Justification:**

There has been a national and continued increase in growth in employment sectors related to criminology and law which has created serious student demand in those areas. We can only assume that this student demand will continue to grow. Academic majors and minors are especially important given current national events related to law and crime. There are no other academic programs at UIUC which serve this market need.

Every other Big Ten university has either a criminology and law program or a criminal justice program. Most of these programs are connected to social science units on campus. In departments that offer criminology and law concentrations somewhere around 50% of the sociology majors take the concentration. All those that have a concentration also have a minor for students interested in studying more broadly in law and social science without majoring in sociology or criminal justice (e.g. Political Science, Economics, Global Studies, Anthropology, etc.).

We have communicated with the prelaw advisor and with the College of Law. Both support the minor and see no overlap with their programs.

**Budgetary and Staff Implications:**

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed

In the short term this minor will not require additional staff or dollars. Currently we have staff strength in the areas of law and society and sociology of law and we have those who can teach undergraduate criminology, deviance, gender, race, and stratification courses. However, we will need to replace Margaret Kelly (criminologist who left for the University of Kansas) in the next few years and we plan to hire further in this area as resources and course enrollments justify.

- b. Internal reallocations (e.g. change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)

In the short term, there will not be any internal reallocations like change in class size, teaching loads, or increases in student faculty ratios beyond those already planned within the department. Courses for this minor will be included in new or existing faculty course loads. If, however, the department experiences a huge demand, we will have to hire or reallocate.

- c. Effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments

There should be no effect on other departments.

- d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

There should be no impact on library, computer use, etc. This is not a technology intensive program.

### **Requirements:**

Required Courses (9 Credit Hours minimum)

- Introduction to Sociology (SOC 100) or Social Problems (SOC 163)
- Criminology (SOC 275)
- Law and Society (SOC 378) or Sociology of Law (SOC 477)

Choose three courses from the following (9 hours minimum, at least 3 hours must be 300 or 400 level)

- Sociology of Gender (SOC 101)
- Race and Ethnicity (SOC 225)
- Deviance (SOC 310)
- Social Stratification (SOC 373)
- Law and Society (SOC 378) –if not taken as part of the required core
- Sociology of Law (SOC 477) –if not taken as part of the required core
- Internship (SOC 400) if focused in criminology and/or law, advisor approval required
- Individual Study (SOC 390) if focused in criminology and/or law, advisor approval required
- Advanced Individual Study (SOC 490) if focused in criminology and/or law, advisor approval required
- Special Topics (SOC 396) if focused in criminology and/or law, advisor approval required
- Advanced Special Topics (SOC 496) if focused in criminology and/or law, advisor approval required

Hours required = 18

**Prerequisites for the minor:** There are no prerequisites for this minor.

**Expected enrollment in the minor:**

Based on comparative data, this minor program could reach eventually reach 100-200 students. There is no similar program at UIUC.

**Admission to the minor:**

In the short term the department does not intent to limit enrollment. In the longer term we might have to institute a GPA requirement.


**Minor advisor:**

Students will be advised through our existing advising services.

**Certification of successful completion:**

Upon submission of the Statement of Intent to Pursue a Campus-Approved Minor, the minor will appear in DARS and be monitored through normal processes.

**CLEARANCES:**

  
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Unit Representative:

8-26-2016  
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Date:



Date: 10-4-16

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Dean of the college of the sponsoring department or unit:

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Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee:

**Proposed Effective Date:**

Fall 2017

## Statement for the Academic Catalog:

### **OVERVIEW TAB** (edits yellow highlight)

#### SOCIOLOGY

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Large-scale societal change begins with individuals like you — hungry for knowledge and ready to make a real difference; in the Department of Sociology you will study the inner workings of society with a focus on either Inequalities or Global Sociology.

Sociologists explore human social life at every level, from personal relationships to global society. Major topics of study include inequality, social movements, criminology, race and class relations, gender, social institutions such as religion and education, and fundamental population processes like immigration and mortality. Sociologists use a range of methods and theories to develop and evaluate ideas about social life.

As a student of Sociology, you will train in research methods and become fluent in social statistics while understanding the complexity of societal diversity and social change. These skills are usable in a wide variety of work settings and are skills that employers value.

Recent graduates have pursued careers with the FBI, as Human Resource Specialists, with non-profit organizations, as police officers, and have earned advanced degrees in Social Work, Sociology, Law, Medicine and more. The career paths of Sociology alumni are as diverse as our student population - who represent the best and the brightest from a variety of backgrounds.

In the Department of Sociology you can choose to either major in Sociology, minor in Sociology, or minor in Criminology, Law and Society (CLS). Whereas the major and minor in Sociology provide an overview into the broader discipline of Sociology, the minor in CLS is a more specialized approach for those students interested in law and justice related careers and occupations.

Each student should see a sociology departmental adviser at least once a year to choose sociology courses and to monitor their progress.

### **MINORS TAB** (edits- create new pages- one for existing Sociology minor, one for Criminology, Law, and Society minor)

- Minor in Criminology, Law, and Society
- Minor in Sociology

## Criminology, Law, and Society

Criminology, Law, and Society provides a foundation for students seeking to supplement their major area of study, to develop knowledge and skills needed for criminological, law, and justice related occupations, or to lay foundation for law school or graduate study in sociology, criminology, or justice fields. Students take a range of sociology courses that provide theoretical and practical knowledge while exposing students to current sociological, legal, and justice issues.

<b>Core Courses</b>	
SOC 100- Introduction to Sociology OR SOC 163- Social Problems	3
SOC 275- Criminology	3
SOC 378- Law and Society OR SOC 477- Sociology of Law	3
<b>Choose three courses from the following (9 hours minimum). At least 3 hours must be 300 or 400 level</b>	9
SOC 101- Sociology of Gender	
SOC 225- Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 310- Deviance	
SOC 373- Social Stratification	
SOC 378- Law and Society (if not taken as part of the core)	
SOC 477- Sociology of Law (if not taken as part of the core)	
SOC 400- Internship <sup>1</sup>	
SOC 390- Individual Study <sup>1</sup>	
SOC 490- Advanced Individual Study <sup>1</sup>	
SOC 396- Special Topics <sup>1</sup>	
SOC 496- Advanced Special Topics <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

1. Advisor approval required- course topic must be focused in criminology and/or law.

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October 6, 2016

Bettina Francis, Chair  
Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Office of the Senate  
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Francis:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish an undergraduate minor in Criminology, Law, and Society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathryn A. Martensen'.

Kathryn A. Martensen  
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

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October 4, 2016

Kathryn Martensen  
Associate Provost  
Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
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Dear Kathy:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposal:

**Establish an undergraduate minor in Criminology, Law, and Society, Department of Sociology**

Please address all correspondence concerning this proposal to me. This proposal is now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation in Fall 2017.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Carney  
Associate Dean

enclosure

C: Professor Kevin Liecht  
Professor Phyllis Baker  
Dr. Nicole Holtzclaw-Stone