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**2.Proposed Change**

The proposed change is to modify the current Sociology minor by requiring specific courses for completion of the minor. We propose requiring 9 hours—SOC 2213 Principles of Sociology; SOC 2223 Social Problems; and SOC 4293 Methods of Social Research. The remaining 9 hours can be chosen from the list of electives. The second change is that students must achieve a “C” or better in the three required courses.

**3.Effective Date**

Spring 2015

**4.Justification**

The current Minor in Sociology (18 hours) only requires SOC 2213, Principles of Sociology. The remaining 15 hours can be selected by the student. However, the department faculty and the chair feel this is too unstructured and that students need more guidance, for the following reasons. First, when comparing our Minor with similar, peer institutions, most Sociology minors require Social Problems and Research Methods. These institutions also have a minimum GPA requirement and/or a “C or higher” requirement for courses. Second, Social Problems and Research Methods are core courses that introduce students to the sociological perspective, teach them methods and techniques to understand our social environment from the sociological perspective, and provide them with the knowledge needed to pursue a variety of careers. Finally, many students do not choose to major or minor in Sociology until later in their academic careers, once they’ve taken an Introduction to Sociology or Social Problems course as part of their Gen Ed requirements. In addition, many students who minor in Sociology decide to major in it, or add it as a double-major. Changing the requirements of the minor ensures that those students who decide to major in Sociology will be in line for the major requirements and not need additional courses to graduate (the SOC major requires Social Problems and Methods of Social Research).

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Minor in Sociology

Students must achieve a “C” or better in the required courses within the minor.

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| Required Courses:  | **Sem. Hrs.**  |
| SOC 2213, Introduction to Sociology**SOC 2233 Social Problems** **SOC 4293 Methods of Social Research** | 3**3****3**  |
| Sociology electives  | 3  |
| Upper-level Sociology electives  | **6**  |
| Total Required Hours:  | 18 |