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To: Administrative Board, College of Arts and Sciences, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Department of Sociology would like to propose a change to the Sociology major. Currently, other than Sociology 101, students may not use any course toward both the Sociology major and toward fulfilling General Education Approaches requirements. We have spoken to staff at Academic Advising about this issue and believe that eliminating this restriction would be helpful for students in terms of completing degree requirements without sacrificing the depth or breadth of the student's course of study. Along these lines, several other departments have recently lifted similar restrictions. We this propose that this restriction be lifted so that students may count courses toward both General Education Approaches credits and the Sociology major. Several Sociology courses have been approved as counting toward the Approaches Social and Behavioral Science requirement. A small number of Sociology courses have been approved as satisfying the Approaches Philosophical and/or Moral Reasoning requirement.

Transition Plan: Current students may opt to follow the new requirements but they are not required to do so. Any current Sociology major who wishes to count a course toward both the Sociology major and toward fulfilling an Approaches requirement should contact the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Sociology Department. The Sociology Department will then submit a Tar Heel Tracker adjustment on behalf of the student.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Department of Sociology

Sociology Major, B.A.

Core Requirements

- SOCI 101 (with a grade of C or better)
- SOCI 250 or 253, and 251 and 252 (taken during the junior year, if possible)
- Three SOCI electives numbered above 400 (upper-level). With permission of the director of undergraduate studies, one of the following courses may count as a 400 level elective: SOCI 290, 396, 691H, 692H.
- Two additional three-hour SOCI courses (six hours)

If possible, SOCI 101 should be taken by the end of the sophomore year. This course can be used to satisfy a General Education social and behavioral sciences Approaches requirement.

University graduation credit will be given for only one in each of the following sets of courses: SOCI 130 and 425, SOCI 250 and 253, SOCI 273 and 274, SOCI 411 and 413, SOCI 414 and 417, SOCI 423 and 426.

First-year seminars in sociology can count toward the major but may be taken only by first-year students.

~~Other than SOCI 101, any sociology course taken to satisfy General Education Approaches requirements may not be used as one of the eight courses in the major (e.g., if SOCI 250 is used for the General Education PH requirement, another sociology course must be taken to complete the eight-course major).~~ Students must earn grades of C or better in at least 18 hours in the major.

Students pursuing a degree in the School of Education may use SOCI 101 to fulfill the social and behavioral sciences Approaches requirement and should consult with the School of Education about the additional requirements.