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The Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements herewith submits its  
recommendations in Curriculum Document 209

SECTION A-V: CHANGES IN EXISTING COURSES

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**SECTION A-V: CHANGES IN EXISTING COURSES**

**Department of Sociology**

Changes in course description

FROM:

**SOCY 7101X Development of Sociological Theory**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Critical examination of major treatises and schools in the development of sociological theory from Comte to twentieth-century theorists.

TO:

**SOCY 7101X Development of Sociological Theory**

45 hours; 3 credits

Critical examination of major treatises and schools in the development of sociological theory from Comte to twentieth-century theorists.

FROM:

**SOCY 7102X Contemporary Sociological Theory**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Critical discussion of current sociological theory. Relation of contemporary theory to empirical research.

TO:

**SOCY 7102X Contemporary Sociological Theory**

45 hours; 3 credits

Critical discussion of current sociological theory. Relation of contemporary theory to empirical research.

FROM:

**SOCY 7111X Qualitative Methods of Sociological Research**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Qualitative concepts and methods of sociological research; their application in representative published studies.

TO:

**SOCY 7111X Qualitative Methods of Sociological Research**

45 hours; 3 credits

Qualitative concepts and methods of sociological research; their application in representative published studies.

FROM:

**SOCY 7112G Introductory Statistics**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Descriptive and inferential statistics appropriate for analysis of sociological data. Emphasis on concepts and implications of sociological statistics rather than on mathematical foundations. Critical survey of statistical reasoning in major sociological studies.

TO:

**SOCY 7112G Introductory Statistics**

45 hours; 3 credits

Descriptive and inferential statistics appropriate for analysis of sociological data. Emphasis on concepts and implications of sociological statistics rather than on mathematical foundations. Critical survey of statistical reasoning in major sociological studies.

FROM:

**SOCY 7113G Advanced Statistics**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 Credits

Analysis of categorical data. Loglinear models for contingency tables. Logistic regression models. Aspects of multivariate analysis, multivariate normal distribution, MANOVA. Analysis of covariance, principal components, factor analysis. Classification and grouping techniques, discriminant function analysis, multidimensional scaling. Statistical computing.

Prerequisite: Sociology 7112G, or permission of the chairperson.

TO:

**SOCY 7113G Advanced Statistics**

45 hours; 3 Credits

Analysis of categorical data. Loglinear models for contingency tables. Logistic regression models. Aspects of multivariate analysis, multivariate normal distribution, MANOVA. Analysis of covariance, principal components, factor analysis. Classification and grouping techniques, discriminant function analysis, multidimensional scaling. Statistical computing.

Prerequisite: Sociology 7112G, or permission of the chairperson.

FROM:

**SOCY 7201X Survey Research Methods**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Quantitative concepts and methods, including computer and other techniques used in large-scale surveys. Application of such concepts and methods to problems in social research.

TO:

**SOCY 7201X Survey Research Methods**

45 hours; 3 credits

Quantitative concepts and methods, including computer and other techniques used in large-scale surveys. Application of such concepts and methods to problems in social research.

FROM:

**SOCY 7202X Social Networks**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 Credits

Theory and method of social network analysis. Sociograms and other graphical techniques. Logit ( $p^*$ ) models. Quantitative measures of network structure. Blockmodels and structural equivalence. Kin, friendship, community networks. Social capital and trust. Social influence networks. Organizations and structural networks. "Small world" dynamics.

TO:

**SOCY 7202X Social Networks**

45 hours; 3 Credits

Theory and method of social network analysis. Sociograms and other graphical techniques. Logit ( $p^*$ ) models. Quantitative measures of network structure. Blockmodels and structural equivalence. Kin, friendship, community networks. Social capital and trust. Social influence networks. Organizations and structural networks. "Small world" dynamics.

FROM:

**SOCY 7203X Who Counts? Population Trends, Power, Social Problems**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

How population enumeration relates to social power and collective identity. Race, ethnicity, language, sexual behavior, and poverty trends as social problems. Visibility and social conflict. Politics and social history of U.S. Census. Applied demographic analysis and place-based research.

TO:

**SOCY 7203X Who Counts? Population Trends, Power, Social Problems**

45 hours; 3 credits

How population enumeration relates to social power and collective identity. Race, ethnicity, language, sexual behavior, and poverty trends as social problems. Visibility and social conflict. Politics and social history of U.S. Census. Applied demographic analysis and place-based research.

FROM:

**SOCY 7314X Advanced Criminology**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Major sociological and cultural forces that lead to crime. Criminal behavior viewed as separable behavioral systems and as adaptations to variations in cultural standards and the social structure.

TO:

**SOCY 7314X Advanced Criminology**

45 hours; 3 credits

Major sociological and cultural forces that lead to crime. Criminal behavior viewed as separable behavioral systems and as adaptations to variations in cultural standards and the social structure.

FROM:

**SOCY 7321X Dynamics of Modernity and Globalization**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

History, sociology, and ideas that led to the formation, structures, and processes of modern societies. Critical frameworks of understanding processes of social change and the role of social actors, institutions and structures as dynamic aspects of modernization and modernity. Local, regional, national, and global impacts of processes of modernity such as industrialization, modern national state-formation, dependency, globalization, economic fragmentation and emerging cultural identities. Future and prospects of modernity.

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45 hours; 3 credits

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FROM:

**SOCY 7322X Sociology of Power**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

~~Concepts of social power in primitive and modern societies. Methods of seizure and consolidation of power developed in totalitarian movements. History and development of Communist strategy and tactics. Strategy and tactics of Nazi and Fascist movements. Struggle against seized power. Defense of democratic forms and procedures.~~

TO:

**SOCY 7322X Sociology of Power**

45 hours; 3 credits

Central problems of concern to sociologists studying the ability of individuals and groups to influence and/or control the behavior of others even against their will. Ways in which individuals and groups translate preferences into social organization. Focus on the institutionalization of power in states and economic structures. Competing sociological models and theories of power. Concepts of legitimacy and authority. The nature of power, inside of and outside of politics and governance. The dynamics of political and social change. Focus on the intersection of power and social class, gender and race.

FROM:

**SOCY 7323X Sociology of Work and Labor**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Major theoretical debates in the fields of work and labor. Discussion of both the historical and contemporary nature of work. Shifts in the labor market. Race, gender, immigration and work. Industrialization and the rise of unions. Unions and workplace organizations as a model of social change.

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FROM:

**SOCY 7341X Race and Ethnicity**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 Credits

Overview of theories on race and ethnicity. Focus on urban environment. Relationship between different racial and ethnic groups. Development of racism and capitalism. Research paper required.

TO:

**SOCY 7341X Race and Ethnicity**

45 hours; 3 Credits

Overview of theories on race and ethnicity. Focus on urban environment. Relationship between different racial and ethnic groups. Development of racism and capitalism. Research paper required.

FROM:

**SOCY 7342X Immigrants in New York City**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Immigration and immigrants in New York City in both historical and contemporary context. Major sociological perspectives on immigration. The immigrant experience in New York City. Immigrant organization and mobilization in New York City.

TO:

**SOCY 7342X Immigrants in New York City**

45 hours; 3 credits

Immigration and immigrants in New York City in both historical and contemporary context. Major sociological perspectives on immigration. The immigrant experience in New York City. Immigrant organization and mobilization in New York City.

FROM:

**SOCY 7343X Social Class**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Various class, estate, caste systems. Their influences on behavior and values. Their relation to political power, social prestige, consumption style. Social mobility.

TO:

**SOCY 7343X Social Class**

45 hours; 3 credits

Various class, estate, caste systems. Their influences on behavior and values. Their relation to political power, social prestige, consumption style. Social mobility.

FROM:

**SOCY 7344X Sociology of Gender**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Exploration of the social construction of gender as a major social category and its production and maintenance as a master social status. Issues that will be explored are: gender and parenting; social scripting of sexuality; micropolitics of gender; gender, production, and power in nonindustrialized societies; gender and class in industrialized societies; occupational gender segregation in post-industrial societies; gender, class, and racial oppression in the United States; theories and strategies of feminism.

TO:

**SOCY 7344X Sociology of Gender**

45 hours; 3 credits

Exploration of the social construction of gender as a major social category and its production and maintenance as a master social status. Issues that will be explored are: gender and parenting; social scripting of sexuality; micropolitics of gender; gender, production, and power in nonindustrialized societies; gender and class in industrialized societies; occupational gender segregation in post-industrial societies; gender, class, and racial oppression in the United States; theories and strategies of feminism.

FROM:

**SOCY 7351X Sociology of Socialization**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Social interactive processes that shape the individual's identification and participation in society. Social learning of culturally preferred and variant values, norms, role identifications and behaviors. Internalization and reinforcement by cumulative participation in role relationship systems of family, friends, school, religion, work. Dynamic interplay between primary and later socialization. Conflict and consensus among varying socialization sources. Functioning in social stability and social change including conditions of drastic resocialization.

TO:

**SOCY 7351X Sociology of Socialization**

45 hours; 3 credits

Social interactive processes that shape the individual's identification and participation in society. Social learning of culturally preferred and variant values, norms, role identifications and behaviors. Internalization and reinforcement by cumulative participation in role relationship systems of family, friends, school, religion, work. Dynamic interplay between primary and later socialization. Conflict and consensus among varying socialization sources. Functioning in social stability and social change including conditions of drastic resocialization.

FROM:

**SOCY 7352X Social Conflict**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Major social bases of conflict: class, status, racial, generational. Means of conflict: nonviolent resistance, rioting, vigilantism, terrorism, guerilla warfare, revolution. Factors contributing to escalation and de-escalation of conflict. Termination and consequences of social conflict. Focus on theories of social conflict advanced by Marx, Simmel, Coser, Dahrendorf, others. Conflict in contemporary United States.

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**SOCY 7352X Social Conflict**

45 hours; 3 credits

Major social bases of conflict: class, status, racial, generational. Means of conflict: nonviolent resistance, rioting, vigilantism, terrorism, guerilla warfare, revolution. Factors contributing to escalation and de-escalation of conflict. Termination and consequences of social conflict. Focus on theories of social conflict advanced by Marx, Simmel, Coser, Dahrendorf, others. Conflict in contemporary United States.

FROM:

**SOCY 7361X The Sociology of ~~Private Relationships: Marriage, Family, and Other Significant Relationships in Modern Society~~**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Analysis of interpersonal relationships and institutions in private life; their evolution under the influence of modernization, urbanization, technological change, secularization, and modern legal theory; their impact on social identity, child rearing, education, and social organization.

TO:

**SOCY 7361X The Sociology of the Family**

45 hours; 3 credits

Analysis of interpersonal relationships and institutions in private life; their evolution under the influence of modernization, urbanization, technological change, secularization, and modern legal theory; their impact on social identity, child rearing, education, and social organization.

FROM:

**SOCY 7362X The "~~New Old~~": Explorations in the Sociology of Aging**

30 hours plus conference; 3 credits

Changing demography of aging and emergence of the "new old." Comparison with the emergence of childhood and adolescence in earlier phases of Western history. Problem of adjusting theory and research to the rapidly changing character of older populations. Alternative perspectives on the study of aging. Continuity and discontinuity over the life cycle. Aging, social change, and social isolation. Contrasting views on the prospects of an "age irrelevant" society.

TO:

**SOCY 7362X The Sociology of Aging**

45 hours; 3 credits

Changing demography of aging and emergence of the "new old." Comparison with the emergence of childhood and adolescence in earlier phases of Western history. Problem of adjusting theory and research to the rapidly changing character of older populations. Alternative perspectives on the study of aging. Continuity and discontinuity over the life cycle. Aging, social change, and social isolation. Contrasting views on the prospects of an "age irrelevant" society.

FROM:

**SOCY 7370: Environmental Sociology**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Dynamic interactions between social systems and ecosystems; incorporating the natural environment as a variable in sociological analysis; social origins of major environmental stresses; social conflicts produced by environmental; approaches to resolving social system-ecosystem disjuncture; major theoretical frameworks and debates in the sub-discipline; roles of science and technology in generating and responding to socio-environmental disorganization; role of socio-economic inequality in environmental conflicts; emergence of environmental social movement coalitions; linkages between economic processes and sustainable development trajectories.

TO:

**SOCY 7370: Environmental Sociology**

45 hours; 3 credits

Dynamic interactions between social systems and ecosystems; incorporating the natural environment as a variable in sociological analysis; social origins of major environmental stresses; social conflicts produced by environmental; approaches to resolving social system-ecosystem disjuncture; major theoretical frameworks and debates in the sub-discipline; roles of science and technology in generating and responding to socio-environmental disorganization; role of socio-economic inequality in environmental conflicts; emergence of environmental social movement coalitions; linkages between economic processes and sustainable development trajectories.

FROM:

**SOCY 7401X Seminar in Sociology**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

Lecture, reading, reports on selected topics in advanced sociology. Content of the course varies and is determined by students and instructor.

TO:

**SOCY 7401X Seminar in Sociology**

45 hours; 3 credits

Lecture, reading, reports on selected topics in advanced sociology. Content of the course varies and is determined by students and instructor.

Prerequisite: Sociology 7112G, or permission of the chairperson.

FROM:

**SOCY 7402X Research Seminar in Sociological Theory**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

TO:

**SOCY 7402X Research Seminar in Sociological Theory**

45 hours; 3 credits

FROM:

**SOCY 7403X Research Seminar in the Urban Community**

~~30 hours plus conference~~; 3 credits

TO:

**SOCY 7403X Research Seminar in the Urban Community**

45 hours; 3 credits

**Rationale:** After much pedagogical discussion, the department has decided that our MA classes would be best served with more classroom meeting time, rather than the current “plus conference” arrangement.

**Date of departmental approval:** September 11, 2012

**Effective date:** All of the above course changes go into effect in Fall 2013