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* + Master of Arts
* **Program Name:\***

Sociology (MA)

* **Provide a brief summary of the proposed program changes and describe the rationale for the change(s):\***

Faculty in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice voted and approved changes to course requirements throughout all four of its graduate degree programs.  These changes are necessary for a few key reasons. First, our revised course requirements now better align with other top programs and peer institutions throughout the country. Second, and most importantly, course changes were necessary in order to provide our students with a comprehensive education that moved them in a timely manner through the program.  Whereas students were previously bound to meeting certain credit hour requirements in order to receive their degree, our revisions now allow students to be bound to courses rather than credit hours, which is more in-line with graduate education and its purpose.

* **List only New Courses that are being currently submitted for this program:\***

These courses have always been in our graduate curriculum, but we are now suggesting they be added as requirements for degree:

SOCI606: Qualitative Sociology

SOCI813: Current issues in social theory

By adding these two courses as requirements, we have reduced the number of required elective courses from five down to three.

* **List any courses from outside departments being added to the curriculum:\***

N/A