

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: _____ Barret Michalec _____ phone number _ 302 831 8231 _____

Department: __ Sociology & Criminal Justice __ email address _bmichal@udel.edu _____

Date: __ 9/14/11 _____

Action: Revise (change name) of Concentration for Sociology Majors
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term _____ 12F _____
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree _____ BA (sociology) _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: _____ BA (Sociology) _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: _____ Concentration in Health & Health Services _____
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: Concentration in Health Services _____
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: _____
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____
(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?
(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through

the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter "None")

None

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

N/A

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

None

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

Put simply, the current title does not "do justice" for the broad nature of what the concentration actually offers. In its original conception (through the great work by Dave Ermann, the Director of the concentration at that time), the Concentration focused heavily on the social welfare, social services, and social work aspects of health and health care. Furthermore, it maintained a strong "organizations" perspective, meaning that the material offered looked at issues of health and health care primarily within the realm of social structures. Therefore, during that time the title of "Concentration in Health Services" fit very well.

Since my arrival however, and in taking over the Directorship of the Concentration, I have added new courses within the Concentration (SOC1313, SOC1346) and revamped, and renamed, the keystone course SOC1311 (now *Sociology of Health & Healthcare*). In doing so, I purposely altered the perspective and focus of the Concentration and what students "get out" of their progression through it. There is no longer such a strong emphasis on social services or medical social work (although these are still certainly covered within the courses), and although we do utilize an organizations-based perspective in particular courses at specific times (especially when discussing issues related to health policy, the rise of nursing, and the culture of medicine), there is also a vibrant effort towards exposing the students to more of a micro-level, interactions-based approach such as that employed when exploring doctor-patient relations, the physiological tenets of physical and mental well-being, patient narratives, caregiver burden, and the experiences of aging. Although I have made significant changes to the concentration I have kept one of its fundamental elements, the practicum SOC1410. Dave Ermann did an amazing job organizing this particular course/internship experience for the students and I believe this is an area where the emphasis on exposing students to medical social work really works well.

Given all the changes I have made to the concentration, and yet keeping SOC1410, I believe it is necessary to change the title of the concentration to **Concentration in Health & Health Services**. Although this may seem like a very minor change (just adding one word), I feel it more accurately reflects the broad and encompassing nature of what the revamped concentration can offer students. Furthermore, I feel that the old title may have turned students away as they may have thought it was only for those interested in medical social work and/or health administration. I believe the new title reveals that the concentration (and the courses therein) includes not just aspects of various professions within health and healthcare, but also various issues discussed within the realm of medical sociology.

This proposed change does have the unanimous and enthusiastic support of my department's Undergraduate Policy Committee.

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.) N/A

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson *Kirk R. Williams* Date 10/30/2011
Dean of College _____ Date _____
Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____
Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____
Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____
Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____
Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____
Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs _____ Date _____
Provost _____ Date _____
Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____

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(Also version - Just)
TITLE CHANGE

**CHECKSHEET FOR THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR
WITH A CONCENTRATION IN ~~HEALTH SERVICES~~
HEALTH & HEALTH SERVICES**

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Required Sociology Courses:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Cr. Hours</u>
() Soci 201 Intro to Sociology	3
() Soci 301 Intro to Sociological Research	4
() Soci 312 Theories of Society	3

Required for Health Services Concentration:

() Soci 311 Sociology of Health Care	3
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One of the following: 3

- () Soci 313 Mental Health & Well Being
*(especially for students interested in
mental health and mental health services)*
- () Soci 341 Welfare & Society
*(especially for students interested
in health care administration)*
- () Soci 346 Aging *(especially for
students interested in elderly care)*
- () Soci 348 Theories of Social Work
*(especially for students interested
in medical social work)*

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Sociology Electives:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Cr. Hours</u>
() _____	_____
() _____	_____
() _____	_____
() _____	_____
() _____	_____

Five additional Sociology courses. 15

*At least two of these courses
(6 credits) must be at the 400
level or higher, but cannot be fulfilled
with 400 level directed study courses
(466). No more than 9 credits at the
200 level. (See advisor for further
information and approval of electives.)*

Practicum:

- () Soci 410 Health Services Practicum 4
*(This course is required but does not
count as part of the thirty-one
sociology credits for the major.)*

Related Work:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Cr. Hours</u>
() _____	_____
() _____	_____
() _____	_____
() _____	_____
() _____	_____

*Eleven additional credits of related
work are required and will be selected
in consultation with advisor. Normally
selected from Economics, Black
American Studies, Criminal Justice,
Geography, History, Philosophy,
Political Science and International
Relations, Psychology, and Statistics.)*

CREDITS TO TOTAL A MINIMUM OF 124.

Approved by Advisor:

Date: _____