

## Academic Program Approval

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**Action:** Revise the Social Welfare Concentration within the Sociology BA major

**Effective term:** 14F

**Current degree:** Sociology Major BA

**Proposed change leads to the degree of:** Sociology Major BA (Note: No change in degree, I am revising a concentration with a major)

**Proposed name:** Social Welfare Concentration (Note: No change in concentration name)

**Revising or Deleting:**

**Undergraduate major / Concentration:** Sociology Major BA with a Concentration in Social Welfare

**List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?**

None, all courses have been approved and gone through the course challenge list. However, revisions to course descriptions and required prerequisites for some of the required courses are in progress.

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

The revised concentration provides a sociological introduction to international and national government social policy, NGO and non-profit social service provision in the international and local context, and social services at the national, state, and local levels. There is strong emphasis on administering and evaluating programs, with particular attention paid to issues of social inequality and social justice.

The revision, as was the original concentration, supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education. It teaches students about social policy around the world (Goal #10), teaches students to think critically and ethically about problems in the social welfare system related to inequality and social justice (Goals #2, 3, and 9), and through its emphasis on evaluation it helps students develop skills in communication and quantitative reasoning (Goal #1). In addition, it covers literature in an interdisciplinary way (Goal #5 and 6) and allows students to integrate their classroom knowledge with practical knowledge learned in the practicum (Goal #7 and #8).

**Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:**

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

No other units are directly affected by the proposed changes.

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

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

This revision includes replacing one required course (SOC 348) from the concentration with a different course (SOC 340). Some of the material usually taught in SOC 348 will be integrated into SOC 341, which has not been removed from the concentration. This revision serves to broaden the focus of the concentration from a narrower focus on training social workers to a broader focus that prepares students for a wider array of professional and academic possibilities.

In addition, the list of recommended electives in sociology has been revised and expanded to reflect changing course offerings and focus in the department. Finally, the list of related coursework has been changed to identify departments that offer related courses, as opposed to identifying individual classes that students should take, in order to take into account changing course offerings in other departments.

This revision is motivated by both practical and pedagogical reasons. Practically, the previous advisor to the program, Dr. Jeff Davidson, has retired and a new advisor, Dr. Eric Tranby, has replaced him. The social welfare concentration, as originally designed, reflected Dr. Davidson's expertise and interest in social work and the American social welfare system. The revision of the social welfare concentration reflects Dr. Tranby's expertise and interest in comparative social policy, program evaluation, and social inequality.

Pedagogically, this revision reflects the continuing diversification in the field of social welfare. Social workers and social service providers continue to do traditional social work, but are also increasingly doing work for non-governmental organizations in the U.S. and abroad, are engaging with large scale communities and social policy, and are taking seriously the need to evaluate the effectiveness of their work. This revision reflects this changing field in order to prepare students to a wide variety of entry level jobs in social service delivery or non-profit management and administration or for graduate programs in social work, sociology, public policy administration, or related fields.

**Program Requirements:**

The revised concentration is below. See the supporting documentation for a side by side comparison.

DEGREE: BACHELOR OF ARTS  
MAJOR: SOCIOLOGY  
CONCENTRATION: SOCIAL WELFARE

**CURRICULUM**

**CREDITS**

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

SOCI 201	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI 301	Introduction of Sociological Research	4
SOCI 312	Theories of Society	3
SOCI 340	Global Policy and Inequality	3
SOCI 341	Welfare and Society	3
SOCI 441	Social Welfare Practicum and Seminar.	4

This course is required but does not count as part of the thirty-one Sociology credits for the major.

Any five courses in Sociology

15

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SOCI 215	Race in Society
SOCI 302	Social Deviance
SOCI 303	Juvenile Delinquency
SOCI 304	Criminology
SOCI 305	Social Class and Inequality
SOCI 308	The Family
SOCI 349	Aging and Society
SOCI 361	Racial Inequality
SOCI 415	Race, Class and Gender
SOCI 418	Race, Gender and Poverty

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SOCI 308	The Family
<b>SOCI 311</b>	<b>Sociology of Health Care</b>
<b>SOCI 313</b>	<b>Mental Health and Well-Being</b>

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These may include the following:

- POSC 411 Politics and Poverty
- PSYC 301 Personality
- PSYC 325 Child Psychology
- PSYC 333 Psychology of Women
- PSYC 334 Abnormal Psychology
- HDFS 235 Survey in Child and Family Services
- HDFS 332 Counseling Theories or

Other courses chosen with the approval of the advisor.

ELECTIVES

After required courses are completed, sufficient elective credits must be taken to meet the minimum credit requirement for the degree.

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- SOCI 349 Aging and Society
- SOCI 360 Sociology of Religion
- SOCI 361 Racial Inequality
- SOCI 407 Sociology of Sex and Gender
- SOCI 415 Race, Class and Gender
- SOCI 418 Race, Gender and Poverty

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Related work will be selected in consultation with the student's advisor. Departments offering courses filling the needs of social welfare concentration students include Human Development and Family Studies, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Public Policy, Organization and Community Leadership, Education, Political Science, Economics, Black American Studies, and Women's Studies.

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