

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE  
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**Division**

**Program**

**Branch**

Proposed effective term:

Semester      Spring      Year      2007

**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program      Graduate Degree Program      CIP Code

Name of New or Existing Program      \* Ph.D. Sociology

Catalog Page Number      Select Category      Degree      Degree Type      Ph.D.

Select Action      Revision

**Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog.**

See current catalog for format within the respective college (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

The department admits a small number of well-qualified candidates to its Ph.D. Program each year. A student may proceed from the BA directly to the PhD, without acquiring an MA degree. Successful applicants must in addition to University Requirements, submit current (within the last 3 years) GRE General Test scores, three letters of recommendation, two writing samples, and a letter of intent. The Sociology Department recommends applicants have 12 hours of advanced undergraduate sociology courses, including statistics and methods courses (or the equivalents). We also recommend college level algebra or its equivalent. In addition, such factors such as the university's commitment to affirmative action, the applicant's non-academic experience, and the ability of the department to provide faculty guidance and courses in the applicant's areas of interest are considered. Continued progress toward the Ph.D. degree is contingent upon successful completion of the MA degree (Plan I or Plan II) and a post-MA review. Upon completion of the MA degree, the graduate committee will conduct a review before the student can continue in the Ph.D. program. The review will examine the student's overall performance in the graduate program (including but not limited to coursework and thesis/professional paper) and three letters of recommendation from faculty members. Students who have positive reviews will be allowed to continue working toward the Ph.D. **REGISTRAR'S NOTE:** See comment from Claudia Isaacs for revision to this text.

**This Change affects other departmental program/branch campuses**

Reason(s) for Request      \* (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

We believe that part of our struggle to attract more top-quality graduate students results from our lack of graduate fellowships and from the fact that we do not admit students directly to the Ph.D. program (e.g., RWJF, DOE, other fellowships that are only available to doctoral students, etc.). Students will still have to obtain an MA degree. Upon receiving the MA, students will also have to undergo a post-MA review before they can continue in the Ph.D. program.

Statements to address budgetary and Faculty Load Implications and Long-range planning

This change should not have a significant impact on the budget or faculty load.

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