The Department of Sociology's undergraduate studies newsletter

This is the second of three issues for the academic year 2014/2015, where sociology majors and minors can find timely news and information regarding their major as well as careers.
NEW DEO
Prof. Karen Heimer takes over as the new chairperson for Sociology this Fall. She joined the department in 1991 after completing her Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Originally from Florida and New Jersey, she has lived in the Midwest since 1982, so considers herself an honorary Midwesterner now. She studies crime, justice and gender. In her spare time, you will find her hanging out with her family, traveling, reading Jane Austen, and having tea.

NEW FACULTY
Jessica Welburn joins the Sociology department as assistant professor, sharing her time with African American Studies. She earned her Ph.D. in Sociology in 2011 from Harvard University and just moved to Iowa City after completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan. She grew up in Iowa City (go West High Trojans!) and is enjoying becoming reacquainted with her hometown. Her research interests include racial inequality and the experiences of African Americans in the post-Civil rights era. She is currently writing a book about African Americans living in Detroit, MI.

NEW STAFF
Monika Teninty joined the Sociology office team this Fall as the new Graduate Student Coordinator. Originally from Germany, Monika spent more than ten years working with 4-H Youth Development at the University of Idaho before moving to the Midwest. She likes to travel, seizing every opportunity to visit her children out-of-state. Her favorite time is spent with her 19-month-old grandson, Jackson.

Makur Jain is the new CLAS IT Support Consultant for sociology. She has been with the university since last April and joins us from Communications Sciences and Disorders.

STARTING THIS FALL
Students are allowed 56 semester hours in their major; up from 50 s.h. (See p7 for details)

2014–’15 HONORS ADVISOR
Associate Prof. Mary Noonan

SPRING COURSES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ISIS
OCTOBER 13!

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ADVISNG NOTES

STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DEPARTMENTAL ADVISORS!
Communication with your advisor may help you arrive at graduation in a timely manner. Contact information for the sociology advisors for 2014 is below. You can find out who your advisor is by looking on ISIS or by contacting the department office (319) 335-2502.

Denise Barnard: W149 SSH (319-335-2487); denise-barnard@uiowa.edu
Drop-In Hours: (M) 2:30–3:30pm; (T) 9–10am;
(W) 11am–noon; (TH) 2:30–3:30pm; (F) 11am–noon

Celesta Albonetti: W129 SSH (335-2486); celesta-albonetti@uiowa.edu
Office Hours: (T) 11am-noon; (TH) 11am-1pm

Michael Lovaglia: W137 SSH (335-2494); michael-lovaglia@uiowa.edu
Office Hours: (W) 3:30–5pm; (TH) 12:20–1:50pm

DEGREE AUDITS
Access your degree audit through ISIS. Semester hours earned can be seen at the beginning of the form. Your degree consists of three parts: General Education Requirement (GER), Sociology degree requirements, and general electives. All three parts add up to 120 semester hours. Your Sociology degree requirements will comprise a minimum of 33 of the 120 hours. Next, check your G.P.A. You need a 2.0 or higher, both overall and for the Sociology major. The degree evaluation will also show you which course requirements you still need to fulfill. Any requirements that still need to be completed will have a red “NO” next to the sub-section and a red minus sign next to the particular requirement. An “OK” or plus sign shows that the requirement alongside it has been fulfilled. Check your degree audit at least once a semester to keep track of what courses you still need to take, and to make sure that all information is correct.

ADD/DROP SLIPS
When using add/drop slips you need at least TWO signatures:
1. Advisor signature on add/drop slips—Denise can sign for all students
2. Instructor signature on add/drop slips—use this handy guide to see where to go for instructor signatures in each department: http://www.uiowa.edu/web/advisingcenter/addingordroppingaclass.htm
Other signatures may be required, depending on individual student circumstances. If in doubt, ask Denise!

STUDENTS PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN DEC. ’14
- The deadline to submit your degree application for graduation in December 2014 is Tuesday, October 14, 2014. After this date, a $20 late application fee is charged. Access the application for graduation through ISIS. If you encounter difficulty, stop by the Registrar Service Center at 17 Calvin Hall to complete a paper application.
- Important note: Applying to graduate soon is highly recommended, so that a final review of your degree audit is conducted as soon as possible.
- Please review your degree audit carefully and contact Denise immediately if you have ANY questions!
PREREQUISITES & SEQUENCING
The math/statistics prerequisites for Quantitative Data Analysis (SOC:2160) and Research Methods (SOC: 2170) are intended to help students maximize their potential in these classes. The following courses fulfill the prerequisite requirement: MATH:1020 or higher-level math; or STAT:1010, 1020, 1030, 3510, 4143.

The RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE also sets up students for greater success. The basic courses and the recommended schedule follows:

**Prerequisites:**

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CAPSTONE COURSE REQUIREMENT
The Sociology Capstone Course assists students in making the transition from school to work and advanced education. Special features of the course are: creating a portfolio of your work; editing and writing research for general audiences; learning PowerPoint presentations; developing web page versions of individual portfolios; working with the Career Center and potential employers on refining job-search skills. This course follows SOC:2170 in the course sequence and is required for the completion of your major. Work with your advisor to make sure that you take the course after you’ve completed SOC:2130, SOC:2160, SOC:2170.

GRADUATING SENIORS
*Remember to hold onto your digital versions of papers from your Sociology classes!* All majors are required to submit a portfolio in order to graduate. You will need polished digital copies of:

1. A paper from the first two years of sociology
2. A research proposal or paper that reports the findings of original research (e.g. your SOC: 2170 research paper)
3. A statement summarizing an experience in which some application of sociological knowledge occurred.

*These papers will be required for graduation*, so don’t forget to keep them after you complete your classes.

Together, the three documents (early paper, research paper, and reflective statement) should display development toward technical correctness in citing others’ work, accurate use of sociological concepts, technical proficiency in using research methods, and the ability to explain implications of research findings. Students must enroll in SOC:4909 Graduation Portfolio, a zero credit-hour course, in their last semester before graduation to submit their portfolio assembled in the capstone class. Students should also complete the online Future Plans Survey before you can graduate. The survey can be downloaded by going here: [http://clas.uiowa.edu/sociology/undergraduate-program/future-plans-survey](http://clas.uiowa.edu/sociology/undergraduate-program/future-plans-survey). (continued on next page)
GRADUATING SENIORS
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Graduating with Honors

- **Apply to Graduate with Honors in your major.** You must apply to graduate with honors in your major *in addition* to the university graduation application. The application form is located at [http://honors.uiowa.edu/academics/honors-forms](http://honors.uiowa.edu/academics/honors-forms) and must be deposited with the Honors Program by 4:30pm *October 14, 2014*. The form requires the signatures of your thesis/project mentor and the departmental honors advisor. Please note that this applies only if you are graduating with honors in your major.

For more information: [http://honors.uiowa.edu/academics/departmental-honors](http://honors.uiowa.edu/academics/departmental-honors)

**EVENTS**

**CAREER PANEL**
3:30–5pm, Thursday, October 2, 2014
Nebraska Room, IMU
Round table discussion to get your career questions answered by professionals from a variety of fields. Co-sponsored by the UI Psychology and Sociology clubs, and the Pomerantz Career Center.

**JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR**
Make the Fall Job and Internship Fair work for YOU!

11am–4pm Tuesday, September 23, 2014
2nd Floor Ballroom and Main Lounge
Iowa Memorial Union (IMU)
This is a great chance to speak with over a hundred employers on campus about internships and full-time positions with organizations from across the country.

Great tips and preparation advice can be found at [http://careers.uiowa.edu/events/career-fair/fall-job-internship-fair](http://careers.uiowa.edu/events/career-fair/fall-job-internship-fair)

To view a full list of Pomerantz Career Center for Leadership and Career Advancement events, go here: [http://careers.uiowa.edu/events](http://careers.uiowa.edu/events)

**IOWA SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**
The Department of Sociology encourages its undergraduate majors to participate in professional and scholarly events. The Iowa Sociological Association meeting takes place each spring and gives students the opportunity to submit papers for competition.

Conference dates and deadlines for paper or poster submissions will be advertised as soon as they become available.

For details, interested students should contact: Mary Noonan, Dir. of Undergraduate Studies at [mary-noonan-1@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-noonan-1@uiowa.edu)
W121 Seashore Hall

To earn a degree with the designation of honors in SOCIOLOGY, students must complete the following requirements:

- SOC:4997 Honors Seminar in the SPRING semester of their junior year.
- At least one advance undergraduate course greater than SOC:3000 or a graduate course. Course instructor's permission to enroll for honors designation is required.
- Senior honor thesis under faculty supervision. The honors project gives students an opportunity to conduct sociological research in close consultation with a faculty member of the student's choice.

Contact Professor Mary Noonan via email at [mary-noonan-1@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-noonan-1@uiowa.edu), or Denise Barnard, senior Sociology advisor.

- **Apply to graduate with University Honors.**
If you are a member of the Honors Program (3.33 or higher UI GPA), check with the Honors Program about this new option.
SOCIOLOGY CLUB

5:15–6:15pm Wednesdays, E106 Seashore Hall (SSH)

This year, the club is focusing on student engagement in their academics and also building friendships within the club. We have weekly meetings Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15pm in E106 Seashore Hall. At these meetings, we focus in on a different topic each week (e.g. “poverty”) and members are encouraged to bring in news articles, videos, magazine articles, or any related media or personal stories to discuss with our “sociological imagination.” We at the Sociology Club believe that addressing sociological problems through topical discussion helps us understand our world better — a world filled with diversity of culture, opinions, and lifestyles. Discussions are characterized by curiosity and respect for members’ differing viewpoints.

Beyond weekly meetings, the club will be hosting weekly study sessions for Sociology students to attend, trivia night with The UI Anthropology Club and UI Psychology Club, attend a “What can I do with a Sociology/Psychology Degree?” career panel, movie nights, attend on-campus guest speaker or lecture events, and prepare students to present their own papers, research, or other sociology projects at the Iowa Sociological Association in the Spring of 2015.

Questions? For further information, email President Taylor Watson at taylor-watson@uiowa.edu or Vice President Natalie Veldhouse at natalie-veldhouse@uiowa.edu

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CONSIDERING A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE?

This degree is for students seeking higher degrees and professional careers in Sociology. The requirements for a BS degree in Sociology are the same as the Bachelor of Arts degree PLUS the following:

- 22M:24 Calculus I
- 22M:26 Calculus II
- 22s:120 Probability and Statistics
- Either 26:103, Intro to Symbolic Logic, or 26:104, Introduction to the Philosophy of Science

Overall, a BS degree requires 45 hrs.

GET A MINOR!

What can you do with all of those electives? Get a minor! Earning a minor degree in another discipline often only consists of 15 s.h. (and it looks good on your resume). You can declare a minor or certificate on your ISIS account. Be sure to check with the department first so that you know what the specific requirements are for that minor.

DID YOU KNOW?

You are only allowed to take up to 56 s.h. in your major. If you have taken 56 s.h. within Sociology, the hours of any more sociology courses that you take will NOT apply toward the 120 s.h. to graduate.

Speaking & Writing Resources at UI

SPEAKING CENTER
Located at 12 EPB, the Speaking Center helps students with public speaking and general conversational skills.

For more information, call 335-0205 or visit their web site at: http://clas.uiowa.edu/rhetoric/for-students/speaking-center

WRITING CENTER
Students can receive help with written assignments and improve their writing skills in general. The Writing Center has in-person tutoring, e-mail tutoring, and on-line chat tutoring.

For further information about the Writing Center’s enrollment and appointment hours, go to their web site at: http://www.uiowa.edu/~writingc/

Plan your Future

POMERANTZ CAREER CENTER
100 Pomerantz Center, Suite C310

The Pomerantz Career Center has twelve professional career advisors who work with specific majors to offer UI students the best and most accurate career help. Sociology majors can contact:

Jenny Noyce
319-335-1023
jennifer-noyce@uiowa.edu

Certificates

Consider enrolling in a UI certificate program to enhance your Sociology major. Examples of relevant certificates:

- Entrepreneurial Management
- Fundraising and Philanthropy Communications
- Leadership Studies
- Nonprofit Management
... and more.

Undergrad Kudos

If you have won — or know of another sociology undergrad who has — an award, made a note-worthy achievement, done some volunteer work, etc., please let us know. Contact Jeanna at jeanna-holmes@uiowa.edu with details and your permission to be included in the next Sociologist newsletter!

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