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.
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS CHANGE
The math requirement for the major will no longer be in effect. Instead, [SOC:2160] Quantative Data Analysis* OR one of the following statistics classes will serve as the official pre-requisite for Research Methods.
[STAT:1020] Elementary Statistics and Inference
[STAT:1030] Statistics for Business
[STAT:3510] Biostatistics
[STAT:4143] Intro. to Statistical Methods
This means:
- Students can substitute one of the university statistics classes outside the department if needed for QDA*.
- Students will no longer be able to take QDA* (or another stats class) at the same time as Research Methods. Until implementation in Fall 2015, students can see Denise Barnard to file for an exception.
- The required 33 s.h. for a B.A. will be fulfilled by an additional upper-level (SOC:3000 +) elective.

NAME CHANGES EFFECTIVE SPRING/SUMMER 2015
* [SOC:2160] Quantitative Data Analysis will be called Applied Statistics for Social Scientists.
[SOC:2510] Sociology of Health will be called Medical Sociology.
[SOC:3650] Education & Schooling: Sociological Approaches will be called Education, Schools, and Society.

NEW COURSE
[SOC:4900:0003] Doing Sociological Research introduces students to the practice of social research and is excellent preparation for those interested in advancing to graduate school after earning their Bachelor’s degree. Even if graduate school is not the goal, students who learn how to solve research problems do better in school and are sought after by employers in many fields who will pay higher than average salaries for them. The goal of the course is to improve student performance to the point where their grades increase dramatically, they develop projects to be used to graduate with honors, and start to think about applying to graduate school. Instructor: Michael Lovaglia

NEW SOCIOLOGY DEPT. FACEBOOK PAGE
Check it out and LIKE it!!

SUMMER COURSES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ISIS DECEMBER 15
http://clas.uiowa.edu/sociology/
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 MAY ’15
• The deadline to submit your degree application for graduation in May 2015 is Friday, February 27, 2015. 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!

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:
Overall, a B.S. degree requires 45 hrs.
PREREQUISITES & SEQUENCING

The statistics prerequisite for [SOC:2170] Research Methods will now be [SOC:2160] Applied Statistics for Social Scientists (formerly named Quantitative Data Analysis); or one of the following UI statistic courses may count as a substitute: STAT:1020, STAT:1030, STAT:3510, STAT:4143, and ECON:2800. The two courses [SOC:2160 & SOC:2170] are intended to help students maximize their potential in future classes.

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

- **Session 1:**
  - Prerequisite: SOC:1010 Intro. to Sociology Principles
  - SOC:2130 Sociological Theory
  - SOC:2160 Applied Statistics for Social Scientists
    (formerly called Quantitative Data Analysis)

- **Session 2:**
  - SOC:2170 Research Methods

- **Session 3:**
  - SOC:4910 Capstone Course in Sociology
  - SOC:4909 Graduation Portfolio

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 **5pm February 27, 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)

- **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.

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, or Denise Barnard, senior Sociology advisor.

EVENTS

JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR

Make the Spring Job and Internship Fair work for YOU!

11am–4pm Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015
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, Director of Undergraduate Studies at:

[mary-noonan-1@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-noonan-1@uiowa.edu)
W121 Seashore Hall

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The Sociology Department now has a [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com) page! Check it out for recent news, event photos and more.
ICPSR Internship
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Applications are being accepted now for the 2015 ICPSR Summer Undergraduate Internship Program, an intensive, 10-week program in Ann Arbor, Michigan, for students interested in social science research.

Apply now through the ICPSR online application portal. To complete the application form, students must answer a few questions; upload a cover letter, resume, and list of relevant courses; and provide contact information for two recommending college faculty or staff members, or employer references. The recommendations must be completed through the ICPSR recommendation portal.

Deadline for all materials in January 31, 2015

About the Internship
The NSF-funded Research for Undergraduates (REU) internship program (Grant No. 1062317) matches students with mentors at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), and supports exploration of a research question from start to finish — including literature searches, data analyses, and creation of conference-ready posters summarizing students’ research findings. Interns can attend graduate-level courses in quantitative ICPS methods at the University of Michigan taught by leading faculty across various research fields.

Here are videos of research projects done by past ICPSR interns

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Contemporary Sociology journal

Prof. Sauder will be editing the journal Contemporary Sociology for the next 3 years. The journal specializes in publishing reviews and essays of books written in sociology and related fields. He may be able to hire an undergraduate student to work with him on the project beginning Spring semester. Anyone interested in the position (or who would like more information about the position) is encouraged to email him at michael-sauder@uiowa.edu.

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SOCIOLGY CLUB

5:15–6:15pm Wednesdays; E106 Seashore Hall

STUDY SESSIONS
The UI Sociology Club conducts weekly study sessions in order to promote an environment where students can come together and study. People can bring in any homework; it does not have to be sociology homework. The sessions are about motivating each other to do school work, helping each other understand assignments (especially if others have taken a similar course) and not about “giving answers.” Students can also benefit from proofreading one another’s papers.

This is a great way to build community and facilitate collaboration. Locations will be updated on the U of I Sociology Club Facebook page.

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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Article of Interest

“STUDENT JOBS, INTERNSHIPS ABOUND”

The 11/14/2014 issue of Cedar Rapid's The Gazette newspaper featured The University of Iowa’s Hire-a-Hawk program. Read the article here.

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

Sociology major and U.S. Marines veteran LOGAN SUHRBIER was featured in a November edition of Iowa Now. Watch the video and read the article here.

Sociology senior JENNA LADD was also featured in a November edition of Iowa Now. Read it here or check out the video on Youtube.

COLIN PETERSON, planning to graduate in Spring 2015 with a B.S. in Sociology, B.S. in Mathematical Statistics and a B.A. in Philosophy, has won the annual “Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award” - social sciences category. Way to go, Colin!

If you have won — or know of another sociology undergrad who has won 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!

UI Resources

SPEAKING CENTER helps students with public speaking and general conversational skills. Call 335-0205 or visit their web site at: http://clas.uiowa.edu/rhetoric/for-students/speaking-center

WRITING CENTER helps students with written assignments and improving their writing skills in general. Check out their web site at: http://www.uiowa.edu/~writingc/

More valuable resources and opportunities are posted in the hallway of Seashore Hall.