



1.0 Degree Title  
 Specify the two degrees for concurrent degree programs  
 M.A.

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1.2 Concentration (Legacy = Concentration/Option)  
 If applicable (30 char. max.)

1.3 Minor (with Concentration, if applicable)  
 (30 char. max.)

- 1.4 Category
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|---------------------------|------------------|
| Faculty Program (FP)      | Honours (HON)    |
| Major                     | Joint Honours    |
| Joint Major               | Component (HC)   |
| Major Concentration (CON) | Internship/Co-op |
| Minor                     | x Thesis (T)     |
| Minor Concentration (CON) | Non-Thesis (N)   |
|                           | Other            |
|                           | Please specify   |

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2.0 Administering Faculty/Unit

Offering Faculty/Department

3.0 Effective Term of revision or retirement  
 Please give reasons in 5.0 "Rationale" in the case  
 of retirement  
 (Ex. Sept. 2004 = 200409) Retirement  
 Term:

4.0 Existing Credit Weight Proposed Credit Weight

5.0 Rationale for revised program

This revision is a response to the year-long review of the graduate program (MA and PHD) conducted by the Graduate Program Review Committee, a subcommittee of the Graduate Committee. The committee established that there was a clear need for a 'formal' mechanism to 'socialize' students within the department into the discipline (e.g., how to publish). This revision reflects the addition of a required, year-long Professional Development Seminar in Sociology for all incoming graduate students to address this programmatic 'gap.'

GPS has requested that we reduce our MA thesis programs to conform to Quebec higher education mandates that require them to total 45 credits. To do so, we are removing SOCI 692.

6.0 Revised Program Description (Maximum 150 words)

## 7.0 List of existing program and proposed program

Existing program (list courses as follows: Subj Code/Crse Num, Title, Credit weight, under the headings of: Required Courses, Complementary Courses, Elective Courses)

Proposed program (list courses as follows: Subj Code/Crse Num, Title, Credit weight, under the headings of: Required Courses, Complementary Courses, Elective Courses)

**Master of Arts (M.A.); Sociology (Thesis) (48 credits)****Thesis Courses (33 credits)**

SOCI 690 (3) M.A. Thesis 1  
 SOCI 691 (6) MA. Thesis 2  
 SOCI 692 (3) M.A. Thesis 3  
 SOCI 693 (3) M.A. Thesis 4  
 SOCI 694 (18) M.A. Thesis 5

**Required Courses (12 credits)**

SOCI 504 (3) Quantitative Methods 1  
 SOCI 540 (3) Qualitative Research Methods  
 SOCI 580 (3) Social Research Design and Practice  
 SOCI 652 (3) Current Sociological Theory

All students must have taken these courses or take them during the first year of the program. Students granted an exemption from any one or more of these courses by the Graduate Studies Committee must substitute another substantive seminar in its place.

**Complementary Course (3 credits)**

One 3-credit graduate-level course, which may be in a cognate field, subject to the approval of the graduate committee.

**Master of Arts (M.A.); Sociology (Thesis) (45 credits)****Thesis Courses (30 credits)**

SOCI 690 (3) M.A. Thesis 1  
 SOCI 691 (6) MA. Thesis 2  
 SOCI 692 (3) M.A. Thesis 3  
 SOCI 693 (3) M.A. Thesis 4  
 SOCI 694 (18) M.A. Thesis 5

**Required Courses (12 credits)**

SOCI 504 (3) Quantitative Methods 1  
 SOCI 580 (3) Social Research Design and Practice  
 SOCI 600 (3) Qualitative Research Methods 1  
 SOCI 625 D1 (0) Professional Development Seminar in Sociology  
 SOCI 625 D2 (0) Professional Development Seminar in Sociology  
 SOCI 652 (3) Current Sociological Theory

All students must have taken the required courses or take them during the first year of the program. Students granted an exemption from any one or more of these courses by the Graduate Studies Committee must substitute another substantive seminar in its place.

**Complementary Course (3 credits)**

One 3-credit course, which may be in a cognate field, chosen from the following [subject to the approval of the graduate committee].

SOCI 505 Quantitative Methods 2 (3)  
 SOCI 506 Quantitative Methods 3 (3)  
 SOCI 507 Social Change (3)  
 SOCI 508 Medical Sociology and Social Psychiatry (3)  
 SOCI 510 Seminar in Social Stratification (3)  
 SOCI 511 Movements/Collective Action (3)  
 SOCI 512 Ethnicity & Public Policy (3)  
 SOCI 513 Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS in Africa (3)  
 SOCI 514 Criminology (3)  
 SOCI 515 Medicine and Society (3)  
 SOCI 516 Sociological Theory and Research (3)  
 SOCI 519 Gender and Globalization (3)  
 SOCI 520 Migration and Immigrant Groups (3)  
 SOCI 525 Health Care Systems in Comparative Perspective (3)  
 SOCI 529 Political Sociology (3)  
 SOCI 530 Sex and Gender (3)  
 SOCI 535 Sociology of the Family (3)  
 SOCI 538 Selected Topics in Sociology of Biomedical Knowledge (3)  
 SOCI 601 Qualitative Methods 2 (3)  
 SOCI 545 Sociology of Population (3)  
 SOCI 550 Developing Societies (3)  
 SOCI 555 Comparative Historical Sociology (3)  
 SOCI 560 Labor and Globalization (3)  
 SOCI 565 Social Change in Panama (3)  
 SOCI 571 Deviance and Social Control (3)  
 SOCI 588 Biosociology/Biodemography (3)  
 SOCI 590 Social Conflict and Violence (3)  
 SOCI 621 Fixed and Random Effects (3)  
 SOCI 622 Event History Analysis (3)  
 SOCI 623 Latent Variable Models (3)  
 SOCI 624 Social Networks (3)  
 SOCI 631D1 Informing Social Policy with Canadian Data (3)  
 SOCI 631 D2 Informing Social Policy with Canadian Data (3)  
 SOCI 688 Social Statistics (1.5)  
 SOCI 689 Social Statistics 2 (1.5)  
 SOCI 720 Readings in Social Theory (3)  
 SOCI 730 Reading and Research (3)




Attach extra page(s) as needed

8.0 Consultation with Related Units  Yes  No

Financial Consult  Yes  No

Attach list of consultations

9. Approvals

Routing Sequence	Name	Signature	Date
Department	Sociology, Michael R. Smith, Chair		Feb. 22, 2013
Curriculum Committee	Susan Sharpe		APR 15 2013
Faculty 1	Susan Sharpe		APR 23 2013
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Faculty 3			
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GS			Nov. 14, 2013
APPC			
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13-SCTP-10-05 response from  
OCT. 10/13 SCTP meeting.

October 25, 2013

Dear Members of the SCTP:

Clarification was requested regarding the program revisions to our six MA-thesis programs (*see attached email*). These include:

1. **M.A. in Sociology**
2. **M.A. in Sociology; Development Studies**
3. **M.A. in Sociology; Medical Sociology**
4. **M.A. in Sociology; Neotropical Environment**
5. **M.A. in Sociology; Environment**
6. **M.A. in Sociology; Gender and Women's Studies**

These were part of a much larger package involving ALL of our PHD and MA programs (thesis and non-thesis) that were put forward last February (*see attached letter*). The rationales on this particular set read virtually the same as those on the larger set. All of the PHD and MA (non-thesis) proposals were approved last May. Again, the attached letter details the central changes. The MA thesis program proposals were, however, **held back** because the change in the credit limit was deemed a **major** change. We were not the instigators of this reform – rather GPS in considering larger reforms – made the request that we bring our MA-thesis program credit count in line with Quebec limits.

At this stage, we are retracting our request for such revisions to the following two programs:

- M.A. in Sociology; Neotropical Environment**
- M.A. in Sociology; Environment**

The department has now elected to 'retire' these two programs as they have been inactive for several years and are unlikely to be reinvigorated in the coming years.

**As for the remaining four MA-thesis programs**, the added courses are principally for the benefit of our PHD students; however, we wish to make them complementary course offerings for our MA students who may have some interest in them. These include:

- SOCI 601: Qualitative Research Methods 2 (3 credits)
- SOCI 621: Fixed and Random Effects (3 credits)
- SOCI 622: Event History Analysis (3 credits)
- SOCI 623: Latent Variable Models (3 credits)

As far as required courses for the MA-thesis program, we have merely renumbered/named SOCI 540: Qualitative Research Methods to SOCI 600: Qualitative Research Methods 1. This

renumbering restricts it to graduate students and makes it part of a two-part sequence (although this is optional for our students – that is, they may take SOCI 600 on its own as has always been the case).

Finally, we have introduced the following course:

SOCI 625D1/D2: Professional Development Seminar in Sociology (0 credits)

Again, while our principal target was our PHD students, all department members agreed that this 0-credit course would unquestionably be of benefit to our MA students as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Elaine Weiner', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Elaine Weiner, Associate Professor  
Graduate Program Director

February 4, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

After a year-long review of its graduate program, several changes to the Department of Sociology's graduate program were recommended (and subsequently unanimously approved by the entire department). Such changes constitute a response to the changing job market and a need to better equip sociology graduate students with: 1) a solid professional skill set and 2) greater breadth and depth in terms of methodological training. In making such changes, all of our graduate programs -along with their options – are implicated (and thus, *a lot of forms!*). To explain the changes quite simply, we are proposing the following:

**The introduction of five new courses:**

SOCI 625D1/D2: Professional Development Seminar (0 credits)  
 SOCI 601: Qualitative Research Methods 2 (3 credits)  
 SOCI 621: Fixed and Random Effects (3 credits)  
 SOCI 622: Event History Analysis (3 credits)  
 SOCI 623: Latent Variable Models (3 credits)

**Three programmatic changes:**

- 1) Introduction of a 0-credit, year-long Professional Development Seminar for MA and PhD students.
- 2) Creation of a QUALITATIVE and QUANTITATIVE 'stream' for PHD students, providing students with more training in a chosen method (*Note: students in either stream can always opt for more training in non-chosen stream via their electives*).
- 3) Transformation of SOCI 505 into a complementary course (from a required course).

Current Graduate Program:

<b>MA</b>		<b>PhD</b>	
<i>Fall</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Winter</i>
652 (Theory)	504 (Quant. I)	505 (Quant. II)	Elective
580 (Research Design)	540 (Qual.)	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

Proposed Graduate Program:

<b>MA</b>		<b>PhD (Qualitative Stream)</b>		<b>PhD (Quantitative Stream)</b>	
<i>Fall</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Winter</i>
625D1/D2		625 D1/D2			
652 (Theory)	504 (Quant. 1)	Elective	1 Quantative Course (either SOCI 505, 621, 622 or 623)	2 Quantitative Courses (SOCI 505, 621, 622 and/or 623)	
580 (Research Design)	600 (Qual. 1)	601 (Qual. 2)	Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

Importantly, it was also brought to our attention that our MA thesis program as well as all MA thesis programs with options were 3 credits over the 45-credit limit (mandated for MA programs at Quebec universities). We consulted with Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies who recommended that we...

Finally, we have requested several minor changes/corrections in an effort make program details – particularly in the case of the various MA options – more consistent. Because these programs were introduced at various times, by various parties, we discovered several inconsistencies.

Sincerely,

Mike Smith, Department Chair  
James McGill Professor of Sociology