

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 23 January 2024

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Major Program Modification – Sociology Minor

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to examine proposals for new undergraduate degree programs and major changes to existing programs and to recommend their approval, as appropriate, to the Academic Council”.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

That, pursuant to the recommendation of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the Major Program Modification to create a minor in Sociology.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing to create a Minor program in Sociology. This Minor in Sociology will assist students in other programs to develop a course of study about social inequality and social justice. The Sociology minor is available to all students in any major program at our university. The minor consists of seven courses or 21 credit hours, which includes two mandatory courses and five elective courses chosen from a designated list. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in minor courses is required to successfully complete the minor.

All of the courses in the Minor currently exist in the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities. These courses currently run within existing programs.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

The Minor would operate by utilizing the current resources in FSSH. No new hires would be required at this time.

TRANSITION PLAN:

The new Minor is planned to begin in Fall of 2024. No transition plan is needed.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- ✓ FSSH Curriculum Committee: 23 November 2023
- ✓ Faculty Council: 28 November 2023
- ✓ Undergraduate Studies Committee (Recommendation): 19 December 2023
- Academic Council (Approval): 23 January 2024

Student feedback was received informally, noting their desire to obtain a minor in Sociology and eventually a major.

NEXT STEPS:

Pending the approval of Academic Council, the changes will be included in the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Major Program Modification Proposal](#)