New Track, Minor, or Certificate Proposal Form

Instructions: All track, minor, or certificate proposals must be signed by the Chair and Dean and submitted to the Office of the Provost.

Faculty Initiating Request: Dr. Rebecca Nees
Submission Date: September 30, 2016

Department/School: Psychology, Sociology, and Criminal Justice/College of Arts and Sciences

Proposed Addition:  ☐ Track  ☑ Minor  ☐ Certificate  Effective Date: Fall 2017

Program Title: Sociology (Minor)

Track Degree Program (if applicable):

Provide a description of the new Track, Minor, or Certificate course exactly as it will appear in the catalog.

The minor in sociology offers students a greater understanding of how social institutions influence individuals. This program provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to critically analyze the social environment from a global perspective. The emphasis on societal change and interaction complements many areas such as business, communication, education, health services, and political science.

Required Courses (Credit 3 hours)
SOCI 2001 Sociological Theory

Choose four from the following (Credit: 12 hours)
SOCI 3001 Sociological Research Methods
SOCI 3150 Gerontology
SOCI 3225 Social Stratification
SOCI 3250 Medical Sociology
SOCI 3510 Community/Urban Sociology
SOCI 3520 Sociology of Education
SOCI 4110 Deviance
SOCI 4130 Gender, Ethnicity, and Justice
SOCI 4250 Aging and Social Policy

Total Hours: 15

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Explain why the new curriculum is needed. For example, does it reflect disciplinary content that augments existing degree programs? Does it address regional industry needs? How does the curriculum align with the mission of the college?

In the workforce, many employers are seeking applicants who have the ability to analyze the changing needs of their discipline so that they can better serve their communities. A minor in sociology provides students with the necessary skills to critically examine how social changes on both a local and global level impact their discipline. With specific courses geared toward areas such as education and health services, this minor is designed to complement existing degree programs by teaching students to evaluate issues specific to their discipline within the broader social context.

Does this new track, minor, or certificate require new courses be added to the catalog?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No  
(Attach course proposals)

Will the new track, minor, or certificate require new faculty lines or other institutional resources?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, explain:

For new minors:

Does the new minor adhere to BoR guidelines (http://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section2/C731/)?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  
(Attach BoR minor notification form)

For new certificates:

Does the new certificate adhere to BoR guidelines (http://www.usg.edu/academic_programs/changes/certificates_guidelines/)?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  
(Attach BoR certificate notification form)