SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CURRICULUM REVISIONS
Ouachita Baptist University
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The notation <mark>short form</mark> indicates informational level curriculum revisions submitted on the University Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee's short form, which include course title changes, course time offering changes, and non-substantive changes to course content and/or descriptions. Therefore, <mark>short form</mark> revisions will NOT be brought to the faculty for discussion or a vote, unless questions are raised before the upcoming faculty meeting.

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General Academic Programs

Department	Change
Military Science	Add a minor in Military Science. *Rationale* A number of Arkansas colleges offer a minor in Military Science for students interested in gaining proficiency in military training as a foundation for becoming an Army officer (e.g., ASU, ATU, HSU, JBU, NWACC, UALR, UAPB, and UCA). Some prospective students have indicated to Military Science faculty that they have decided not to attend Ouachita, because we do not offer a minor in Military Science. In order to meet the requirements to commission through Military Science, as well as earning a college degree, cadets/students are required to complete an extra 21 hours of curriculum plus 5 hours of lab. A minor in Military Science is designed to enhance the student's learning experience by providing tools to prepare them for leadership roles in various organizations including business, government and education. Students complete courses which will cover academic and practical skills in many areas, including but not limited to, effective communication; leadership ethos; leading, motivating and empowering others; negotiating; problem solving; and team building. It seems that since a minor in Military Science is not currently offered, the academic preparation available at OBU escapes the notice of those particularly interested in this field of study. Since this is a specific area of interest for a significant number of students, and since this new minor can be offered without adding any new courses or faculty, or requiring any new equipment or financial commitments of any kind, it seems appropriate to provide this option for students. This minor will likely attract students to the Military Science program who would not otherwise join ROTC, allowing students to earn a minor and more effectively recognize the academic work they complete in the Military Science program.

	Catalog Entry A minor in Military Science requires completion of the university CORE (49 hours), a university recognized major, and 19 hours of the following MSCI courses: • MSCI 2032 Self/Team Development • MSCI 2042 Individual /Team Tactics • MSCI 3053 Advanced Leadership and Tactics I • MSCI 3063 Advanced Leadership and Tactics II • MSCI 4073 Applied Leadership and Management I • MSCI 4083 Applied Leadership and Management II • MSCI 3093 American Military History The Military Science minor recognizes the efforts of Military Science students in completion of the 19 hours of Military Science that are required to become a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The university recognizes the past, present, and future work and dedication of the students that meet the requirements for the Military Science minor.

School of Humanities

Department	Change
English and Modern Foreign Languages	Give Spanish majors the option of taking either SPAN 4133 Hispanic Culture and Civilization or SPAN 4153 Latin American Culture and Civilization instead of only SPAN 4133. *Rationale* SPAN 4133 is currently required for the Spanish major. A newer course, SPAN 4153, is similar and carries as much significance. *Catalog Entry* Requirements for a major in Spanish: At least twenty-four hours in Spanish including SPAN 3133 and either SPAN 4133 or SPAN 4153 and six additional Junior-Senior hours.

Sutton School of Social Sciences

Department	Change
Sociology	The Department of Sociology proposes an overhaul of its curriculum as indicated in a revised catalog introduction, program learning objectives, major and minor requirements as well as course deletions and course additions. *Rationale* Ouachita's sociology curriculum begs substantive change. The proposed changes build on the strengths of our sociology faculty while bringing the program in line with the discipline at large.

	Introduction, Objectives, and Major/Minor Requirements
	Sociologists, unique among social scientists, define their work not by content but by perspective and methods. That uniqueness challenges and liberates. Our challenges reside in developing theoretical skills and empirical methods to address sociological questions. Sociology's uniqueness liberates in allowing flexible upper division undergraduate study without requiring narrow focus early in intellectual life. Sociology systematically studies how groups and individuals interact and how societal change influences that interaction. Put differently, what is the human toll of the transformation from primitive toward contemporary, complex forms of social organization? Who falls through the cracks? And what factors influence change among institutions, groups, and individuals? Sociological perspectives and methods lend understanding to the social nature of human activity. We encourage our students to productively engage their cultures and to pursue reflectively the life of the mind within their Christian faith. Program Learning Objectives 1. Graduates understand major theoretical traditions in sociology and the metatheory underlying them. 2. Graduates apply these perspectives in critical and reflective ways to examine social institutions and social problems. 3. Graduates analyze and interpret statistical data. 4. Graduates think critically about issues of design, collection, and analysis in various types of sociological research. 5. Graduates articulate how sociological knowledge applies to or informs the practice of Christian faith, values, and principles. Requirements for a major in Sociology: SOCI 1003, 2034, 3053, 4053, 4093 plus a minimum of 15 hours in the major and a sociology GPA of 2.00. Requirements for a minor in Sociology: SOCI 1003, 4053 plus a minimum of 12 additional hours in the major.

Course Deletions	
Delete SOCI 1013 Social Problems.	As currently structured, the course is a rehash of SOCI 1003 Introduction to Sociology. Deleting the course will match current disciplinary practice. The course will be replaced with SOCI 1023 Stratification.
Delete SOCI 2013 Social Factors in the Development of Personality.	As currently structured, the course is a pale rehash of PSYC 3103 Personality. Deleting the course will match current disciplinary practice.
Delete SOCI 3006 Supervised Hospital Ministry.	There is no established infrastructure for the course. It also clutters the general catalog. Internships will be handled through SOCI 48xx Special Studies.
Delete SOCI 4023 Sociology of Childhood.	The course clutters the general catalog and can be accommodated through SOCI 4093 Topical Seminar.
Delete SOCI 4033 Gerontology Seminar.	The course clutters the general catalog and can be accommodated through SOCI 4093 Topical Seminar.

Course Additions	
Add a new course SOCI 1023 Stratification. SOCI 1023 Stratification. This course examines major theoretical explanations of stratification, exploring social class as a predictor of human behavior as models of class mobility. Spring.	The course matches current disciplinary practice. It replaces SOCI 1013 Social Problems.
Add a new course SOCI 4083 Medical Sociology. SOCI 4083 Medical Sociology. This course studies the development of medicine as a profession and as a social institution, including medicine's place within the structure of society and its relationship to demographic shifts and social change. Also receiving attention is how social class relates to health disparities and to healthcare disparities. Spring.	The course matches current disciplinary practice. Medical sociology is the largest section with the American Sociological Association. Further, the entrance examination for medical school, the MCAT, recently added prescribed sociological content. The design of this course mirrors those two developments.
Add a new course SOCI 4093 Topical Seminar. SOCI 4093 Topical Seminar. This course examines a focused domain of sociology not covered in the department's general course offerings. Students will explore a variety of primary and secondary sources. Because topics vary, a student may take up to three different topics of credit. Prerequisite: SOCI 1003 and Junior or Senior standing. Fall, Spring.	The course provides flexibility in the curriculum without cluttering the catalog. Construction of this course mirrors topical seminars already extant in Psychology and History.

Sociology <mark>short form</mark>	Revise the course description for SOCI 1003 Introduction to Sociology.
	Rationale
	The course description needs clarification and needs to match current disciplinary practice.
	Catalog Entry
	SOCI 1003 Introduction to Sociology. This course introduces basic principles in understanding patterns of social relations – including theoretical perspectives and sociological methods – while examining major societal institutions. Fall, Spring.
	Revise the course description for SOCI 2023 Introduction to Social Services.
	Rationale
	The course description needs clarification.
	Catalog Entry
	SOCI 2023 Introduction to Social Services. This course surveys social services available in American society, past and present, as well as reasons for these services rather than others. Coverage includes the skills and perspectives required in effectively administered social services. Fall.
	Change SOCI 2033 Research Methods to SOCI 3053 Social Science Research Methods.
	Rationale
	The course needs a greater emphasis on research.
	Catalog Entry
	SOCI 3053 Social Science Research Methods. This course examines concepts and methods used in sociology, criminal justice, and social work to research community needs as well as to evaluate interventions and program effectiveness. Both quantitative and qualitative models receive emphasis. Prerequisites: SOCI 1003 and SOCI 2034. Spring.

	Change SOCI 3003 Statistics for Sociological Research to SOCI 2034 Statistics in Social Sciences. *Rationale* The course needs to be aligned with disciplinary best practices. *Catalog Entry* SOCI 2034 Statistics in Social Sciences. This course examines the conceptual basis and application of statistical analysis in the social sciences, including descriptive statistics, the logic of hypothesis-testing and inferential statistics, correlation and regression, analysis of variance, matched-subjects designs, and non-parametric procedures. Fall.
	Change SOCI 3023 Crime and Delinquency to SOCI 3023 Crime and Deviance. *Rationale* The course title and description need clarification and need to match current disciplinary practice. *Catalog Entry* SOCI 3023 Crime and Deviance. This course explores criminal and deviant behaviors such as alcohol abuse, illicit drug use, mental disorder, crime, law-enforcement deviance, and prostitution, focusing on social definitions and causal explanations. Prerequisite: SOCI 1003. Fall
	Change SOCI 3033 Marriage and the Family to SOCI 3033 Sociology of Family. *Rationale* The course title and description need clarification and need to match current disciplinary practice. *Catalog Entry* SOCI 3033 Sociology of Family. This course studies the family as a social institution and as a unique small group, examining theoretical and empirical research related to mate selection, marital interaction, and child socialization. Topics include contemporary demographic trends and cultural practices. Fall.

	Change SOCI 3043 The Urban Community to SOCI 3043 Sociology of Community. *Rationale* The course title and description need clarification and need to match current disciplinary practice. *Catalog Entry* SOCI 3043 Sociology of Community. This course investigates a sociological analysis of human life in urban, suburban, and rural society, focusing on changes in relationships and community. Prerequisite: SOCI 1003. Spring.
	Change SOCI 4053 Sociological Theory to SOCI 4053 Classical Sociological Theory. *Rationale* The course title and description need clarification and need to match current disciplinary practice. *Catalog Entry* SOCI 4053 Classical Sociological Theory. This course explores the major theoretical issues raised by classical theorists such as Weber, Simmel, Marx, Durkheim, and Mead as well as their influence on contemporary theory. [CAC-W] Spring.
	Change SOCI 4063 Multicultural Relations to SOCI 4063 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender. *Rationale* The course title and description need clarification and need to match current disciplinary practice. *Catalog Entry* SOCI 4063 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender. This course is an introduction to the patterns, trends, and debates regarding race, ethnicity, and gender in demography, focusing especially on migration and population dynamics, health, and mortality, and family and fertility. Fall.

	Revise the course description for SOCI 4103 Sociology of Religion. *Rationale* The course description needs clarification and needs to match current disciplinary practice. *Catalog Entry* SOCI 4103 Sociology of Religion. This course analyzes religion as a social norm, including investigations of the rise of Christianity, sociological perspectives regarding religion, conversion and commitment processes, sects and cults, charisma, religion's relationship to other social institutions, and secularization. Recommended prerequisite: SOCI 1003. Spring.
	Change SOCI 4201 Senior Assessment Seminar to SOCI 4093 Sociology Capstone Seminar. *Rationale* The course needs to include a genuine capstone experience. *Catalog Entry* SOCI 4093 Sociology Capstone Seminar. This course provides students the opportunity to reflect on the discipline of sociology, their experience within the discipline, and the application of sociological thought in understanding the world. Students will also reflect on how their faith and sociological perspectives intersect in developing an understanding of human life. Senior standing required. [CAC-O] Spring.
	Update sociology course titles listed in the Huckabee School's Education and Public Policy minor: • Change SOCI 1013 Social Problems to SOCI 1013 Stratification. • Change SOCI 3023 Crime and Delinquency to SOCI 3023 Crime and Deviance. • Change SOCI 3043 The Urban Community to SOCI 3043 Sociology of Community. • Change SOCI 4063Multicultural Relations to SOCI 4063 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender. *Rationale* A survey of the current catalog of other programs finds the current proposal altering only course titles listed in the Huckabee School's Education and Public Policy minor (*General Catalog*, p. 86). We discussed these changes with Dean of Education Merribeth Bruning. Neither she nor the Sutton School of Social Sciences find conflict between the existing minor and the new sociology curriculum. Sociology will accommodate any NCATE expectations.