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Proposal for Ph.D. Minor in Sociology

Department of Sociology, IUPUI

Non-Sociology Ph. D. students can qualify for a minor in Sociology, if they meet the following conditions:

Completion of 12 credit hours in graduate Sociology courses

An average grade of at least B (3.0) in these courses

No more than one Individual Readings course among them

At least half of the courses taken at the IUPUI campus

Rationale for proposal: There is already an MA program in Sociology at IUPUI, which involves basic training in social theory and research methods, as well as a concentration area (one of the following: Medical Sociology; Family and Gender Studies; Work and Organizations). Doctoral students in other fields needing a minor subject for their degrees may find Sociology courses relevant to their intellectual interests and career plans, and could thus benefit from having Sociology courses count toward the minor that they have to complete for the Ph.D.

The proposal for a new Ph.D. program in Philanthropic Studies at IUPUI listed Sociology as one of the subjects that would be suitable for a Ph.D. minor for the students in that program. In past years, there have also been requests from other programs (especially the Ph.D. programs in Nursing, Education, and Social Work) to set up a course of study that their students could use to fulfill the Ph.D. minor requirement. The Sociology Department at IUPUI has responded to such requests with ad hoc arrangements. The proposed minor would provide Ph.D. students in other programs and their advisors with clear guidelines about what is expected for a Sociology minor.

The proposal is similar to the Ph.D. minor in Sociology on the Bloomington campus in that it counts any four courses (12 credits), but the latter allows one undergraduate course. The Sociology Department at IUPUI wants to require graduate-level work in all courses for the Ph.D. minor. If a student wants to study a topic that is not covered in the graduate curriculum, there is the option of taking an Individual Readings course (R697), perhaps in conjunction with an undergraduate course but involving more some extra assignment(s) for graduate credit. The present proposal also departs from the Bloomington policy by limiting the number of Individual Readings courses to one at the most, and by adding a residency requirement, to ensure that the IUPUI Sociology faculty can vouch for the student's knowledge of sociology.

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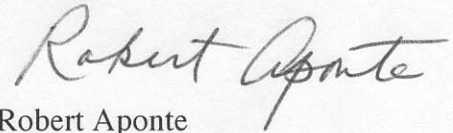
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There is no stipulation about what kinds of Sociology courses the student needs to take. The Department wants to allow maximum flexibility for students in other programs to design a minor that will suit their needs best.

For the MA program in Sociology, the department already offers 4-5 graduate courses per semester, with considerable rotation of topics. No new resources are required, since there is generally room in these courses for additional students.

The proposal was approved unanimously at the department meeting of October 3, 2003.

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