Memorandum

Date: September 13, 2006

To: College Undergraduate Studies Committee

From: Tracy X. Karner, Undergraduate Director, Department of Sociology

Re: Changes to the requirements for declaring a major in Sociology

Last semester the undergraduate committee conducted a thorough review of the degree programs in Sociology. Given the changes in the recommended for various courses, the department's infrastructure, and concerns about quality control with regard to our required courses, the department voted to make the following change:

Previously, there were no prerequisites to declaring a major in Sociology. We propose that beginning in Fall 2007,

After completion of SOC 1300 and SOC 3300 OR SOC 3400 with a minimum grade of C (2.0) in each course, a student may petition the Department of Sociology to declare a major in Sociology.

This change would ensure that all those who declare Sociology as a major will have an understanding of what the field entails as well as some foundational knowledge before making the decision to declare a major.