

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 35 (ANTH/SOC): Revise the major requirements for Sociology and Anthropology to account for the deletion of ANTH/SOC 420

Effective Date: Fall 2018.

1. Delete: On page 282, item I under **Major in Sociology** and **Sociology with Teacher Licensure**:

Major in Sociology

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours including: SOC 100, 225, 338, 420, 464; 16 additional hours in Sociology or Anthropology, at least 8 of which must be in Sociology. Twelve of the 16 hours must be at the 300-400 level.

Sociology with Teacher Licensure

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours including: SOC 100, 225, 338, 420, 464; 16 additional hours in Sociology or Anthropology, at least 8 of which must be in Sociology. Twelve of the 16 hours must be at the 300-400 level.

Add: On page 282, in place of deleted entries:

Major in Sociology

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours including: SOC 100, 225, 338, 464; 20 additional hours in Sociology or Anthropology, at least 8 of which must be in Sociology. Twelve of the 20 hours must be at the 300-400 level.

Sociology with Teacher Licensure

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours including: SOC 100, 225, 338, 464; 20 additional hours in Sociology or Anthropology, at least 8 of which must be in Sociology. Twelve of the 20 hours must be at the 300-400 level.

2. **Delete:** On page 283, item I under **Major in Anthropology** and **Anthropology with Teacher Licensure**:

Major in Anthropology

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours including: ANTH 100, 225, 336, 420, 464; 16 additional hours in Anthropology or Sociology, at least 8 of which must be in Anthropology. Twelve of the 16 hours must be at the 300-400 level.

Anthropology with Teacher Licensure

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours including: ANTH 100, 225, 336, 420, 464; 16 additional hours in Anthropology or Sociology, at least 8 of which must be in Anthropology. Twelve of the 16 hours must be at the 300-400 level.

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Major in Anthropology

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours including: ANTH 100, 225, 336, 464; 20 additional hours in Anthropology or Sociology, at least 8 of which must be in Anthropology. Twelve of the 20 hours must be at the 300-400 level.

Anthropology with Teacher Licensure

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours including: ANTH 100, 225, 336, 464; 20 additional hours in Anthropology or Sociology, at least 8 of which must be in Anthropology. Twelve of the 20 hours must be at the 300-400 level.

Impact: Eliminating the course SOC/ANTH 420 as a requirement for the majors offered in our department (Sociology, Sociology with Teacher Licensure, Anthropology, Anthropology with Teacher Licensure), and replacing it with a 300-400 level elective increases course choice for students without increasing total hours. In addition, since SOC/ANTH 225 is a prerequisite for SOC/ANTH 420, the elimination of the requirement also eases the pathway through the required sequence in the major. The change also increases the flexibility of staffing, reducing the requirement that a heavily enrolled course be offered every semester by one or two instructors who specialize in teaching it. The proposal has been shared with the Education department, and offers additional flexibility to education licensure students as well. Students who declared their major prior to 2018-2019 and who have not taken 420 must enroll in an additional 300-400 level course in SOC or ANTH, according to their major, to replace 420.

Rationale: As we reviewed our curriculum and the strengths of our current department faculty, we realized that many of our elective courses now cover the content that was once more crucially offered only in 420 – advanced concepts in our fields, such as structural inequality, intersectionality, and the experience of difference, are in fact covered in multiple courses, and almost every course addresses the themes in some way. With eight credit hours of courses freed up each year, this change will allow us to offer additional specialized electives, especially in the areas of race and economic inequality.