

Attachment A:
Current and Proposed Catalog Copy for the ACED Sequence in Sociology

Current Catalog Copy, 2001-2002

Applied Community and Economic Development Concentration

This is a joint concentration with the Political Science and Economics Departments. To qualify for this concentration, students must be returning Peace Corps volunteers or have equivalent domestic or international experience with other agencies and be approved by the Sociology Graduate Program Director. In addition to meeting the other requirements for the master's degree in Sociology, including four required graduate courses (SOC 440, 466, 471, and 472 or 473), students are advised to complete four courses in other departments, including GEO 370, POS 433 and 471, and ECO 490.04 (one or two Sociology electives maybe taken in place of GEO 370 and/or POS 433 in consultation with the Sociology Graduate Program Director).

Proposed Catalog Copy, 2002-2003

Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence

This is an interdisciplinary sequence offered jointly with the Departments of Politics & Government and Economics, designed to combine academic coursework with paid internship/professional practice experience in community and economic development work. To qualify for this sequence, students must be returned Peace Corps Volunteers or have equivalent domestic or international experience with other agencies and be approved by the Sociology Graduate Program Coordinator. In addition to meeting the other requirements for the master's degree in Sociology, including four required graduate courses (SOC 440, 466, 471, and 472 or 473), students must complete the courses in the ACED core, including, ECO 490.04 (Tools I and II- 4 hrs), POL/SOC 470 (3 hrs.), and POL 473 (3 hrs.). GEO 370 is an elective. An 11-month paid internship (earning Professional Practice credit hours) allows students to serve in diverse communities and organizations enhancing local development. The degree requires completion of a Master's thesis, with guidance from Sociology faculty, and a total of 37 credit hours, four of which can be Thesis credits (SOC 499).

Summary of Proposed Changes:

1. POL/SOC 470 is a curricular proposal change (currently under review). SOC 470, Seminar in Community Development, is being proposed as a new course in our Sociology program, but with the same content as POL 471 (which will be re-numbered as POL 470 in order to facilitate cross-listing of the two courses).
2. The change to a Sequence allows for requiring the ACED courses. GEO 370 remains an elective, but all the other courses in the Concentration become required. [Note POS 433 listed in the current catalog copy is now being offered in the Politics and Government Dept. under the number POL 473.]
3. The new catalog copy will offer prospective students more detailed and accurate information about the program, including description of the paid internship part of the sequence, required Master's thesis, and distribution of required credit hours for the degree.

