

Proposed Change in the Social Science Major:

To remove SOC 2850 (Classical Social Theory) and GEG 3025 (Geography of United States and Canada) as core requirements for the Social Science Teaching Major.

Rationale:

The current curriculum of the Social Science Teaching Major is a result of extensive revisions undertaken three years ago and designed to align the major with the Illinois Content Area Standards for Educators. The above courses were included in the major's curriculum at that time to meet specific standards in Sociology and Geography. Since then it has become clear that the standards involved can now be met more efficiently met by addressing them in other required courses in the major. It is the consensus of the Social Science Studies Committee that the Content Area Standards related to these two courses can be met as follows: The standards addressed by SOC 2850 are addressed in SOC 2710G, which is a required course for the major. The standards addressed by GEG 3025 will now be addressed in GEG1200G with the addition of a research project focused on North America. GEG 1200G is also a required course for the major.

Removing the courses cited above also will have the ancillary effect of reducing the rather extensive number (78 to 83 semester hours, depending on the designation) of hours in the major by six semester hours.

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