

Sociology TMC 5-year Review Summary
June, 2015

The FDRG was pleased with the feedback provided during the vetting of the Sociology TMC as it was largely supportive of the TMC as presented. It was noted that some of the feedback was “disjointed” as some of the respondents made statements that suggested that they were unfamiliar with the TMC/AAT purpose. There appears to be a need to ensure that faculty at the community colleges understand the difference between AA and AA-T degrees, as well as the relationship between the TMC and locally developed AA-Ts.

A number of respondents proposed the addition of courses to the TMC. As far as adding courses to the TMC such as Global Studies, Social Psychology or Popular Culture, the committee agreed that these can be submitted for the Elective area of the TMC.

Overview of Respondents:

66 respondents were from the CCC.
12 from CSU.
3 from UC.

A change to this TMC was proposed as the implementation of the TMC by the CCC Chancellor’s Office was not consistent with the TMC as originally developed and effectively disallowed some courses that have been included in existing Sociology ADTs.

2. Do you support the change to the CORE of the TMC?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	86.6%	58
No	13.4%	9
If NO, Please Specify:		7

The explanations provided for the “no” responses often indicated a lack of understanding of the TMC or local issues with implementation. And some were actually reasons to support the TMC.

Comment (#, if greater than 1)

Our Soc department has concerns with the broad definitions of what discipline’s courses can fulfill the research course requirement. This broad definition of what fulfills the research requirement will impact our ability to offer and fill sociology research courses.

We do not have a Research Methods course. This would force our students to take a class at another college. (2)

Response

The course was and is an option. While colleges may include options other than sociology research methods courses, they not obligated to do so.

The course was and is an option.

The proposed change is not a change, but rather ensures that the courses that some colleges are using are still permitted. Colleges were identified that have courses in their approved ADTs that are not currently being permitted by the CCC Chancellor’s Office.

Neither would the Sociology FDRG. The courses in any degree should be determined primarily by the faculty in the discipline.

As the modifications proposed are broader than the current courses that are being permitted, the change may allow the course in question.

The necessity of the proposed change is not supported by evidence provided.

I would not want a class allowed that the Sociology department has not reviewed and agreed to.

Let us use the research courses we developed at XXX for this purpose.

We support it; however, it doesn't reflect our major prerequisite classes exactly.

3. Are there any additional changes you would like to see in the CORE of the TMC?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	17.9%	12
No	82.1%	55
If Yes, Please Specify:		12

Again, many of the comments reflect an incomplete understanding of the local implementation of the TMC. And some were related to issues that were unrelated to the TMC. Responses to the summarized comments (where warranted) are provided

in italics. If a comment was received from more than one respondent, the number making the comment is in parentheses.

Absolutely!! I do not understand how and why Social Problems (SOC 115) is not listed along with Intro (SOC 110). I do not feel comfortable sending ANY Soc majors to university without having taken both of these courses. This seems to me to be of a more pressing issue than whether they should have to take a Methods course in addition to a Stats course since they are going to have to take upper div Methods courses anyway to fulfill their upper div major requirements. *There is nothing to prevent these courses from being required in the local ADT.*

I would like to see Social Psychology and Human Sexuality listed with SOCI C-IDs rather than (just) Psych. *Descriptors can only be referenced that disciplines have chosen to develop. Psychology opted to develop these descriptors. Sociology courses can receive these C-ID designations.*

I think all four (stats, methods, social problems, and intro) should be required as core (12 units).

The "CORE" should require only 6 units, not 9. To do that SOCI 115 (Social Problems) which is largely NOT required by the CSU, should be moved down. The CORE should be limited to SOCI 110 and either Stats (MATH 110 or SOCI 125) or Methods.

Stats and methods should be required. This will better prepare the student to be ready when they transfer to the CSU or UC and ensure that they will satisfy the minimum requirements for the major at these institutions. Often, they may transfer and still need one of these crucial (particularly stats or methods) lower division courses to get into upper division major classes.

Add "Critical Thinking in Social Sciences" or similar. (2)

Add Marriage and Family. (2)

4. Are there any changes you would like to see in the List A section of the TMC?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	32.3%	21
No	38.5%	25
The List A section is appropriate the way it is.	29.2%	19
If Yes, Please Specify:		24

List A of the TMC consists of the following:

List A

Any 2 courses (6 units) from the following:

SOCI 130	Introduction to Marriage and Family
SOCI 140	Introduction to Gender
SOCI 150	Introduction to Race & Ethnicity
SOCI 160	Introduction to Crime
PSY 170	Introduction to Social Psychology (may be cross-listed as SOCI)
Any "Core" course not used above	
Any sociology course that is articulated as lower major preparation at a CSU.	

Most of the comments represented an interest in adding additional courses to the List A options. It is important to recognize that any course at a CCC that has articulation as major preparation at a CSU may be included as a List A course. The comments received are provided below with minimal editing.

If Soc Psy is included, we should also include a Self and Society course.

Introduction to Social Justice, Introduction to Health

We have a course that is SOC X - Popular Culture - that transfers to the UC. Could you change the lower box language to reflect that?

I would like to see Social Psychology and Human Sexuality listed with SOCI C-IDs rather than (just) Psych. Neither ADT should get priority status because of the numbering convention. Social Psychology is the interplay of sociological and psychological variables, so is erroneously only numbered for Psych. What makes Human Sexuality interesting and actionable is "Discrimination" which is more social than psychological (Gay Marriage in U. S. Supreme Court). Intro to Women's Studies should also have a SOCI C-ID number.

Don't like allowing PSY 170: Social Psychology. Would prefer that this is taken in Sociology. Different approach in the two classes. Also including a course that focuses on class inequality would be beneficial.

Either add an introductory course on LGBTQ or expand gender course to include sexual orientation - preferably add a separate LGBTQ course.

I think that popular culture is a very common course that should be added to list A.

We would eventually like to develop and add courses in Introduction to Gender and Introduction to Crime, but we have no immediate plans to do so.

We would like to see Intro to Gender and Intro to Crime courses developed and added to List A eventually. Currently, we do not offer those courses, however.

SOCI 115 should be moved from the CORE to List A. And List A should remain at only 6 units required. So if the CORE is reduced to 6 units and List A remains at 6 units, then most students will have 9 of those 12 units in Sociology. See latter comments for justification.

I would prefer: Any course that is articulated as lower major preparation at a CSU - not all lower division preparation is comprised of sociology courses -

A theory course should be an option.

I would like to see Gender and Sexuality included, instead of simply Gender... I believe such courses are OK as is, but it might be good for the discipline at the CC level to reflect this attention to Sexuality...

The introduction to Crime course is taught through another department (Admin of Justice) at our school. Would students be allowed to take that class for the Sociology major?

Add "Critical Thinking in Social Sciences" and Delete Intro to Crime (Intro to Soc and Social Problems covers this)

remove the any sociology course that is articulated as lower to a CSU

The Sociology of Heterosexism

I would urge that a course in 'Environmental Sociology' or 'Sustainability Studies' be included in the AA-T (TMC). I believe very strongly that as sociologists, we must be at the forefront of making connections between social practices and environmental outcomes. We would be negligent in our discipline if we did not provide this most important analysis for students.

One of the issues continues to be that work taken at the CC level often does not transfer over for upper division credit at Universities. Having these suggested is often misleading to students as to what will happen with their units once they transfer

Remove soc psy

If these are lower division courses, none of them are relevant for the UC X Sociology major. If they are upper division courses, we probably would not give credit to the Psy 170 in XXX Sociology major. We would take the requests on a case-by-case basis.

Add SOC XXX Critical thinking in the Social Sciences

Because there is a gender and race & ethnicity course in this list, it seems appropriate that there would be some class stratification course such as class or wealth inequalities. I do not know if these typically exist.

Create a transfer model curriculum that involves the blending of race and gender and includes social class: Social Inequality, or, Race, Class and Gender. Include this course in List A.

Expand the Crime class to include more of an emphasis on deviance or change to Sociology of Deviance, or include Sociology of Deviance.

5. Are there any changes you would like to see in the List B section of the TMC?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	10.8%	7
No	49.2%	32
The List B section is appropriate the way it is.	40.0%	26
If Yes, Please Specify:		8
	<i>answered question</i>	65
	<i>skipped question</i>	10

List B opens up the options as follows:

Any courses not selected above, any CSU transferable sociology courses, and/or other courses (in or outside the discipline) that are articulated as lower division major preparation for the Sociology major at a CSU (e.g. Cultural Anthropology, General Psychology) or introductory course in the social sciences.

The seven comments received here were duplicative of comments already made.

Rational for Changes to the Sociology TMC

Presently, the implementation of the Sociology TMC by the CCC Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) is not consistent with the TMC as originally developed, vetted, and finalized. The initial TMC included an **option** of "Behavioral and/or Social Science Methods" in the Core. This option was described by examples, as was the practice at the time. At some point, the CCCCCO began requiring articulation as major preparation ("AAM"). This limit to the courses that could be included was not specified in the TMC as originally implemented and may disallow some options in ADTs that are presently in place. The proposed changes would further specify what courses are permissible options by allowing:

1. Research Methods for the Behavioral and/or Social Sciences courses that have a prerequisite of Introduction to Sociology (SOC 110) or Introduction to Psychology (PSY 110).
2. Research Methods for the Behavioral and/or Social Sciences courses that have articulation as major preparation for the sociology major (i.e., AAM as is currently the practice of the CCCCCO).

A preliminary analysis of existing SOC ADTs suggests that these options would allow all courses presently in SOC ADTs to remain.

The areas where changes are proposed have been underlined.

CCC Major or Area of Emphasis: Sociology
 CSU Major or Majors: Sociology
 Degree Type: AA-T

Total Units: 18 minimum

	C-ID Designation	Course Title	Possible CSU GE	Units
REQUIRED CORE:				
	SOCI 110	Introduction to Sociology	D10	3
AND				
Any 2 courses (6 units) from the following:				
	SOCI 115	Social Problems	D10	3
	SOCI 125 or MATH 110 or See examples	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology or Introduction to Statistics or Behavioral and/or Social Science Statistics	B4	3
	SOCI 120 or <u>Another CSU transferable behavioral and /or social science research methods course that has either a prerequisite of SOCI 125 or PSY 110 or articulation as major preparation (AAM)</u>	Introduction to Research Methods or <u>Research Methods for the Behavioral and/or Social Sciences</u>		3
		Total Core Units:		9
List A				
Any 2 courses (6 units) from the following:				
		Any "Core" course not used above	D10	3
	SOCI 130	Introduction to Marriage and Family	D10	3
	SOCI 140	Introduction to Gender	D10, D4	3
	SOCI 150	Introduction to Race & Ethnicity	D10,D3	3
	SOCI 160	Introduction to Crime	D10	3
	PSY 170	Introduction to Social Psychology (may be cross-listed as SOCI)	D9	3
		Any sociology course that is articulated as lower major preparation at a CSU.	D10	3

List B			
Select 1 course (3 units):			
	Any courses not selected above, any CSU transferable sociology courses, and/or other courses (in or outside the discipline) that are articulated as lower division major preparation for the Sociology major at a CSU (e.g. Cultural Anthropology, General Psychology) or introductory course in the social sciences.	D1 - D10	3
	Total Minimum Units:		18