PROGRAM PLANNING FORM -- SOCIOLOGY MA PROGRAM (30 units)

NAME: _____ CIN#: _____
INCOMING STATUS: [ ] G1 Conditional [ ] G2 Classified (Accepted; No undergrad prereqs needed)
Undergrad Prerequisites needed: _____: Semester Completed [ ]

Sociology MA Program Common Core Requirements & Electives Across All Options (24 of 30 units)

	MA PROGRAM COMMON CORE		24 common core units			
	Required courses (18 units)		Units	Grade	SEM	Notes
Fall	SOC 5000	Introduction to Graduate Studies	3			Must earn ≥ B; May only repeat once
Spring	SOC 5010	Qualitative Methods	3			Must earn ≥ B; May only repeat once
Fall	SOC 5011	Quantitative Methods	3			Must earn ≥ B; May only repeat once
Spring	SOC 5012	Advanced Statistics	3			Must earn ≥ B; May only repeat once
	SOC 5020	Classical Social Theory	3			
	SOC 5021	Contemporary Social Theory	3			
	2 SOC Elective Seminars Required (6 units)		Units	Grade	SEM	Notes
	SOC 5_ _ _		3			These may NOT include: 5940/41, 5950 5970, 5980, 5960, 5990, 5995
	SOC 5_ _ _		3			

3 POSSIBLE CULMINATING OPTIONS: CHOOSE ONLY 1 (6 of 30 units)

Option A Thesis		Units	Grade CR/NC	SEM	Notes
SOC _ _ _ _	Other elective	1-3			Can include 5940/5941; 5950, 5980; or any 4000 or 5000 level elective SOC course
SOC 5970	Graduate Research	1			Required prerequisite to Thesis units for proposal and IRB application
SOC 5990	Thesis (Generally requires IRB)	4			Preferred: 2 semesters @ 2 units each

	Option B Comprehensive Exams		Units	Grade	SEM	Notes
	SOC _ _ _ _	Other elective	3			Can include 5940/5941; 5950, 5980; or any 4000 or 5000 level elective SOC course
Spring	SOC 5030	Capstone: Transition	3			Comps Prep: Pre or co-requisite
	SOC 5960	Comps (3 exams: Theory, Methods, Elective area)	0			Strongly recommend active study Summer and Fall with exam in Spring

	Option C Project Portfolio		Units	Grade	SEM	Notes
	SOC _ _ _ _	Other elective	1-3			Can include 5940/5941; 5950, 5980; or any 4000 or 5000 level elective SOC course
	SOC 5970	Graduate Research	1			Required pre/co-requisite to 5995; guidance on required journal formatted paper.
Spring	SOC 5030	Capstone: Transition	3			
	SOC 5995	Portfolio	1			**NOT a COURSE – project portfolio submission only**

CULMINATING EXPERIENCE OPTIONS (3-5 UNITS)

Students enter the Program under Option B, Comprehensive Examination. Students who successfully achieve candidacy may elect to change to Option A, remain in Option B, or change to Option C, in accordance with college and department policy.

Option A: Thesis (5 units)

An approved thesis proposal is required for enrollment in SOC 5990. The proposal and the IRB application (if required) are completed in the required perquisite, SOC 5970, a one-unit supervision course. Students take between 1-4 units of thesis during a term, but must complete exactly 4 thesis units. Oral defense of thesis is required. Students must comply with college and department requirements as detailed in department documents. Students who fail to complete their thesis, but have completed 4 units of 5990 may take additional terms to complete the thesis through UNIV 9000, subject to University policy.
SOC 5990 Thesis (4); Prerequisite SOC 5970 – Graduate Research (1)

Option B: Comprehensive Examination (3 units)

The comprehensive examination (SOC 5960) is a written examination in three fields of concentration: theory, methods, and one elective field selected by the candidate, subject to advisor approval. Exams are given during the last week of classes. Students should expect to take all three comprehensive examinations ('comps') in the semester they complete all coursework In their program, or in the following semester, and must comply with college and department policy. Students are required to take the preparatory course (SOC 5030) Capstone Transition, before or during the semester they will take the comps. Students who do not pass on the first attempt can repeat only the failed exam(s). Students are allowed a maximum of two attempts to complete the comprehensive examinations successfully.

SOC 5960 Comprehensive Exams (0); Prerequisite/Co-requisite SOC 5030 – Capstone Transition (3)

Option C: Portfolio (5 units)

An approved Project Planner form is required for enrollment. The project is comprised of four demonstrations of advanced scholarly achievement, which are primarily completed beyond the classroom. Demonstrations include conference presentation from original work, research skills, and the writing of an original paper that is in academic journal format (using author guidelines from a relevant peer-reviewed journal). Student project portfolios are required to demonstrate the achievement of MA PLOs. The paper and the IRB application (if needed) are mentored in the required pre/co-requisite, SOC 5970, a one-unit supervision course. Students are required to take the course (SOC 5030) Capstone Transition, before or during the semester they will turn in their completed project portfolio. Students should expect to submit the project portfolio the semester they complete all coursework in their program, although they may elect later submission. Students must comply with college and department requirements as detailed in department documents.

SOC 5995 – Portfolio (1); Pre/Co-requisite SOC 5970 – Graduate Research (1); Pre/Co-requisite SOC 5030 – Capstone (3)