Emphasis Request
Dixie State College of Utah
Sociology Emphasis in Integrated Studies Baccalaureate Program
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Section I: Request
Dixie State College of Utah (DSC) requests approval of a Sociology emphasis in the Integrated Studies baccalaureate program. This emphasis is comprised of 22 credits in addition to other Integrated Studies program requirements, which include a core curriculum and a second emphasis. Emphasis requirements focus on Sociology courses including foundational courses in sociological theory, methods, and statistics that will prepare students for the Integrated Studies senior project.

Section II: Need
Currently, over 500 students are majoring in Integrated Studies and another 500 students are enrolled in Sociology courses at DSC. Other than a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice, students at DSC do not have any baccalaureate programs available to them with an emphasis in Sociology. An emphasis in Sociology will help to expand opportunities in Integrated Studies as well as increasing student enrolment for future expansion of Sociology offerings. In addition, Sociology is a good fit with other Integrated Studies emphases, including Criminal Justice, English, History, Music, and Theatre. All other baccalaureate granting institutions in the Utah System of Higher Education offer an emphasis in Sociology in an Integrated Studies program and/or a major/minor within a baccalaureate degree in Sociology.

- Utah Valley University: Integrated Studies emphasis in Sociology, and academic majors/minors in Behavioral Science with an emphasis in Sociology
- Weber State University: Integrated Studies emphasis in Sociology, and academic majors/minors in Sociology
- Southern Utah University: Academic majors/minors in Sociology
- University of Utah: Academic majors/minors in Sociology
- Utah State University: Academic majors/minors in Sociology

Section III: Institutional Impact
The Sociology emphasis in Integrated Studies will not affect enrollments in other departments; rather, it will increase the opportunities for DSC students to achieve a bachelor’s degree and help to stimulate demand for further upper-level Sociology courses. Integrated Studies faculty, lecturer/advisors, and advisors, assisted by Sociology faculty and staff, will provide advisement. About half of the courses required for this emphasis are currently in place and are staffed by qualified instructors, another three or four courses will be needed to create this emphasis. Additionally, one or two new faculty will be necessary to cover these new courses and to implement a Sociology emphasis in Integrated Studies.
Section IV: Finances

The costs associated with hiring one or two new Sociology faculty will need to be added to the Sociology program in order to continue successfully staffing demands for both General Education courses and upper-division courses to support this emphasis.

Appendix A: Program Curriculum

Bachelor of Arts/Science in Integrated Studies 120 credits

The bachelor’s degree in Integrated Studies has the following basic components:

- Lower-division, General Education Requirements (31 – 36 credits).
- Core Integrated Studies Requirements (12 credits).
- Emphasis 1 Requirements (18 – 31 credits).
- Emphasis 2 Requirements (18 – 31 credits).
- Bachelor of Arts only: A foreign language other than ASL, which may be fulfilled by college courses, vertical credit, or examination (16 credits).
- Elective credits.

General Education Requirements 31 – 34 credits

Bachelor of Arts Requirement

Complete the following:
- Credits in a single foreign language (excluding ASL) 16 credits through college courses, vertical credit, or examination

Core Integrated Studies Requirements 12 credits

Complete the following:
- INTS 3100 Interdisciplinary Studies (3)
- INTS 3900 Interdisciplinary Topics (3)
- INTS 4900 Senior Interdisciplinary Research (3)
- INTS 4910 Senior Interdisciplinary Project (3)

Emphasis Area Requirements 39 – 65 credits

Complete two Emphasis Areas:
- Emphasis 1 (18 – 31 credits)
- Emphasis 2 (21 – 34 credits)

Integrated Studies Emphasis in Sociology 22 credits

Complete the following:
- SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Complete one (1) of the following courses:
Complete two (2) of the following courses:

- SOC 3020 Social Psychology (3)
- SOC 3550 Sociology of Organizations (3)
- SOC 3560 Sociology of Deviance and Social Control (3)*

Complete all of the following:

- SOC 3111 Research Methods (3)*
- SOC 3112 Social Statistics (4)*
- SOC 3140 Sociological Theory (3)*

**Graduation Requirements**

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credits.
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits.
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at DSC for institutional residency.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
5. Grade C or higher in each Core Integrated Studies and Emphasis Area course.

*New course