We propose making some alterations to the Sociology major. They are as follows.

(1) Consolidation/Simplification of Core Courses
- We would like to increase the overlap in courses between the two tracks in the major by increasing the number of core courses. The rationale for this is that all Sociology majors should take courses related to fundamental sources of stratification, such as race, class, gender, and migrant/refugee status. To accomplish this, we propose adding Race Relations, Third World Women OR Gender Work and Family, International Migration and Human Rights, and Social Inequality (which has a strong focus on class inequality) to the list of required courses. In the cases of Race Relations and International Migration, both were previously required of students in both tracks, so this is simply a streamlining of actual practice.

(2) Reduction of methodology requirements
- We currently have 4 methodology-intensive courses. These include Social Research, Social Statistics, Public Sociologies, and Capstone. We would like to reduce the number to 3 by removing Public Sociologies from the list of required courses. Public Sociologies will be offered periodically as an elective. It is already the case that student complete original research projects in the remaining three courses. The required methodologies underlying the projects include qualitative interviewing, surveys, and focus groups; these represent common data collection practices used by social scientists.

(3) Change of Name for Public Sociology Track
- We propose changing the name of the Public Sociology track to Social Inequality. This more accurately describes the commonality among these courses and more clearly communicates to students what they will be studying. Students never quite understood what was meant by Public Sociology.

(4) Electives
- Students in both tracks will have increased flexibility with respect to choosing electives. In the past, the tracks were static.
Core Courses (11 courses; all majors take these)

Introduction to Sociology SOCI 101
Social Inequality SOCI 202
Sociology of Race Relations SOCI 215
Gender
  Third World Women OR SOCI 302
  Gender, Work, & Family SOCI 361
International Migration and Human Rights SOCI 250
Classical Social Theory SOCI 332
Globalization and Society (WI) SOCI 304
Social Research with Computers (WI) SOCI 307
Social Statistics with Computers SOCI 308
Sociology of Community: Fieldwork SOCI 317
Capstone in Sociology (WI) SOCI 410

Criminology Track (1 required)
Criminology SOCI 245

Electives (select 2 courses)
Human Rights in the Context of Law Enforcement SOCI 255
Crime and Media SOCI 248
Race, Crime, and Justice SOCI 345
Sociology of Deviance SOCI 315
Topics (varies) SOCI 4XX

Social Inequality Track (Select 3)
Sociology of Culture SOCI 303
Sociology of Sports SOCI 203
Environmental Sociology SOCI 306
Sociology of Media and Pop Culture SOCI 260
Sociology of Religion SOCI 331
Food and Population SOCI 309
Social Movements SOCI 221
Public Sociologies SOCI 335
Sociology of Family SOCI 232
Sociology of Aging SOCI 205
Sociology of Health and Medicine SOCI 230

TOTAL: 14 courses in each track (14 * 4 = 56 credits)

Sociology Major as it is currently configured, for comparison (next page):
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**Core Courses (8)**
- Introduction to Sociology
- Social Theory
- Globalization and Society (WI)
- Social Research with Computers (WI)
- Social Statistics with Computers
- Public Sociologies
- Fieldwork
- Capstone in Sociology

**Public Sociology Track (5)**
- Sociology of Race Relations
- Intl. Migration and Human Rights
- Social Inequality
- Sociology of Culture
- Third World Women OR
  - Gender, Work, & Family

**Criminology Track (6)**
- Sociology of Race Relations
- Intl. Migration and Human Rights
- Criminology
- Sociology of Deviance
- Intl. Migration and Human Rights
- Human Rights in the Context of Law
  - Enforcement OR Race, Crime, and Justice