

Sociology Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) Approved by FDRG (1/20/11)

*The initial draft of the Sociology TMC was developed by the Sociology FDRG via conference call in September 2010. The initial TMC was based primarily on the work done by CSU for LDTP, IMPAC, and the FDRG's own assessment of the lower-division major requirements for the CSUs (UCs were considered as well). A spreadsheet which outlined the preparation for major requirements for all CSUs and UCs was used in constructing the initial TMC. This TMC was posted for vetting (on the C-ID Website) during the period of November to December 1, 2010. After the vetting period, the TMC review comments made by CCC and CSU faculty were considered and modifications were made to allow for more flexibility in Lists B and C of the degree. The "required core" remained the same in the initial and modified TMC with only Lists B and C being changed. **The TMC below reflects the structure of the initial TMC.***

	C-ID	Course Title	Possible CSU GE	Units
REQUIRED CORE:				
	SOCI 110	Introduction to Sociology	D10	3
List A				
Any 2 (6 units):				
	SOCI 115	Social Problems	D10	3
	SOCI 125 or Math Stat or Soc. Sci. Stat.	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology or Elementary Statistics (Sociological, Behavioral, or Social Science Stats preferred)	B4	3-4
	SOCI 120 or Soc. Sci. Research Methods	Introduction to Research Methods (Sociological, Behavioral or Social Science Methods preferred)		3-4
		Total Core Units:		9-11
List B				
Any 2 (6 units):				
		Any "Core" course not used above	D10	3-4
	SOCI 130	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
	PSYC 170	Social Psychology (may be cross-listed as SOCI)	D9	3
		Any sociology course is articulated as lower division major preparation at a CSU.	D10	3
List C				
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

Note: All courses included in this Transfer Model Curriculum are designed to only meet lower division requirements for the AA degree.

While C-ID descriptors have been referenced in the TMC, CCCs do not need C-ID designations to develop and have a TMC-aligned degree approved. C-ID descriptors are referenced to ensure a common understanding of the course being referred to. The units indicated in the TMC are semester units – and they are minimum units.

Initial TMC Review Comments

The comments made by CCC Faculty (73.1%), CSU/UC/other Faculty (13.5%), CCC non-faculty (11.1%), and CSU/UC/other non-faculty (2.4%) included (in summary):

- the relationship of lower to upper division courses – specifically the effect of the transfer model on the upper division courses required at the 4-year campuses;
- the concern that too many of the 18 units required for the TMC were in Sociology when the majority of CSU/UC campuses do not require more than 9 units of lower division Sociology courses;
- CCC faculty often suggested Sociology courses offered on their respective campuses that were not included on the list;
- some CCC faculty (conversely) were concerned about that ability of their campus to add any additional courses from the core or elective categories;
- suggested re-phrasing of the categories for clarity;
- suggested more flexibility in the TMC relative to “electives” allowed to complete the minimum 18 units.

During the 12/14/10 conference call, the Sociology FDRG discussed many of these comments and feel that they were adequately addressed. Some comments were dismissed as confusion on the part of some faculty and non-faculty regarding the intent of the TMC to secure degree completion and offering the opportunity for students to transfer to a variety of CSU campuses beyond their local CSU campus. Some comments reflected lack of understanding of the TMC categories. The FDRG also discussed that fact that while the TMC will offer a “fast track” option for degree completion and transfer, other degree and non-degree options are still available for CCC students.

SAMPLE course descriptions for courses listed in the TMC which do not have a C-ID designation and descriptor include:

Required Core

Behavioral and/or Social Science Statistics

Introductory Statistics for General, Business, and Social Sciences - TCSU STAT 120 (Description obtained from a descriptor developed by CSU as part of LDTP)

The use of probability techniques, hypothesis testing, and predictive techniques to facilitate decision-making. Topics include descriptive statistics; probability and sampling distributions; statistical inference and power; linear correlation and regression; chi-square and t-tests. Application of statistical software to data, including the interpretation of the relevance of the statistical findings.

Psychology 9A/Sociology 109 Introduction to Elementary Statistical Methods for the Study of Behavior 4 units

Prerequisite: General Psychology or Introductory Sociology and Intermediate Algebra with a minimum grade of C in prerequisite

The course focuses on descriptive and inferential statistical techniques for summarizing research data and for making conclusions about the populations they represent. Students are introduced to the basic challenges and skills involved in successful undergraduate and graduate training in the behavioral sciences, including both reviewing and writing scientific research reports. (*El Camino College*)

Statistics 1 – Elementary Statistics for the Social Sciences 3 units

Prerequisite: General Psychology or Introductory Sociology AND Intermediate Algebra

Introduces fundamental tools of quantitative methods in research: data collection, organization, presentation, analysis and interpretation. Attention is given to tabulation, graphic presentation of data, measure of central tendency, variability, the normal curve, probability and statistical inference, linear correlation and research methods. (*Los Angeles Harbor College*)

Many CCC respondents indicated that they did not or could not offer a Research Methods in Sociology. Research Methods with a lab is preferred, as is a discipline-based statistics course. However, like Statistics, CCCs could offer “Research Methods for the Behavioral and/or Social Sciences” that would prepare students in more than one discipline and allow CCCs to be able to secure sufficient enrollment to offer such courses in order to best prepare their students for their respective major. Currently, there are CCCs that offer a social sciences methods course that is articulated to fill the research methods requirement of both a CSU Psychology and Sociology major. It is hoped that a course that serves dual purposes might permit some CCCs to add such a course to their curriculum.

Research Methods for the Behavioral/Social Sciences

Psychology 9B - Experimental Methods in the Study of Behavior

4 units; 3 hours lecture, 3 hours lab

Prerequisite: Psychology 9A or Sociology 109 with a minimum grade of C in prerequisite

Credit, degree applicable Transfer CSU, UC

This course continues the study of statistical methods and research design for the behavioral sciences. This course focuses on the application of the philosophy of science in general and the scientific method in particular. Students learn to design and conduct research, analyze data using descriptive and inferential statistics, and report results in the format of the American Psychological Association. Students are introduced to the basic challenges and skills involved in actively participating on a research team while conducting their own independent research projects. (*El Camino College*)

Psychology 250 – Research Methods for the Social Sciences

3 units

Advisory: Math 220 - Statistics

An introduction to scientific research methods in the social sciences. Topics will include research ethics, research and experimental design, searching and synthesizing relevant literature, collecting and analyzing data, interpreting results, becoming familiar with American Psychological Association (APA) writing format, and critical analysis of scientific findings. (*Mendocino College*)

The following summary is a summary of the FDRG spreadsheet of the lower-division preparation for the Sociology major at CSU campuses.

Summary of Sociology Lower-Division Major Preparation Courses at the CSU

Course	TMC	CSU	Number
Intro to Sociology	Required	All CSU Campuses (except Maritime)	22
Social Problems	Required Core Option	CSUCI, CSULB, Cal Poly SLO, CSUS, SFSU, SJSU, SDSU	7
Research Methods	Required Core Option	CSUCI, CSULB, CSUN, CSUS, SDSU,	5
Statistics	Required Core Option	CSUB, CSUDH, CSUF, HSU, CSULB, CSULA, CSUMB, SDSU, SJSU, CSUSM, CSU Stanislaus	11

See attached CCC sampling of Sociology AA Degree requirements (developed by the FDRG).