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TO: Dean Augustine  
FROM: Dr. Mary Anne Hanner, Dean  
DATE: September 3, 2010  
RE: Executive Action Taken at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting of September 3, 2010

The following was approved by executive action at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee meeting on September 3, 2010. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

**REQUEST # 1:**

**Requested Change:**

**To revise the prerequisite language for SOC 4900, Current Issues in Sociology.**

**Current Catalog Listing**

**Prerequisites & Notes:**

SOC 3050, 3620, and 3630; senior standing or permission of the instructor.

**Revised Catalog Listing**

**Prerequisites & Notes:**

SOC 3050, 3620, and 3630; **sociology core GPA of 2.00**; senior standing **except with** permission of the instructor.

**Rationale for change:** The sociology major requires that students achieve a 2.0 in a core group of eight classes including SOC 4900. Over the past several semesters, the department has witnessed a number of students enrolling SOC 4900 believing that they will be able to use this last class as a means of increasing their sociology core GPA to the required 2.00 or above. Typically, this does not happen, and student performance in this capstone class generally reveals deficiencies in one – or several – of our core sociology classes. This requested change will require that students address any deficiencies *before* enrolling in our capstone class.

**Effective Year/Term: Spring 2011**