

## PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM (Degree, Concentration, Certificate, Minor)

This template is to be used for proposed name changes included on the Academic Plan and for which the unit has received specific written approval from the Office of the University Provost to proceed with internal proposal development and review. A separate proposal must be submitted for each individual name change. The proposal template should be completed and submitted by the Dean's Office to the Office of the University Provost [mailto: curriculumplanning@asu.edu]. The name change may not be implemented until the Office of the University Provost notifies the academic unit that the name change proposal has completed the approval process.

College/School/Institute:

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Department/Division/School:

Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics

**Proposing Faculty Group** 

(if applicable):

**Proposal Contact** 

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Title:

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**Existing Program Information** 

Program Type:

Degree

**Academic Level:** 

Graduate

Degree Type: (Select one) If other specify PhD

Sociological

Inquiry

Concentration (if applicable)

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**Proposed Program Name** 

Name:

Name:

Sociology

Concentration (if applicable)

)

Plan code(s) for the program:

If this is a degree program that has multiple concentrations, list all program names and plan codes impacted. **LASOCPHD** 

Requested effective date: Fall 2019

Select the catalog year for which students can begin applying into this program with the new name.

Note:

- 1. Name changes can only be implemented so as to be effective for a fall semester.
- 2. All existing and continuing students will be moved to the new name.
- 3. Students who complete the degree requirements prior to the fall effective date graduate under the old name.



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Briefly describe the proposed change and rationale for the change:

We are requesting a name change for our Ph.D. program from Sociological Inquiry to Sociology. There are several reasons for this request: (1) the proposed change better aligns with standards in the discipline as well as with Sociology Ph.D. programs in our peer and aspirational institutions (for a listing of Sociology Ph.D. programs see <a href="https://www.gradschools.com/doctorate/sociology">https://www.gradschools.com/doctorate/sociology</a>); (2) we aim to offer a comprehensive sociological program rather than a specific sub-specialization as implied by the current name (Sociology programs (see <a href="https://thesanfordschool.asu.edu/sites/default/files/phdsocinquiryhandbookfinal\_dec2014.pdf">https://thesanfordschool.asu.edu/sites/default/files/phdsocinquiryhandbookfinal\_dec2014.pdf</a>); (4) it will be easier for prospective students to find our program in web searches; (5) renaming the program will help us attract faculty and graduate students who may be reluctant to join a non-standard Sociology program as implied by the current name. Potential students and faculty may shy away from our program for fear that their degree will not be accepted as a standard Sociology degree (as many Sociology programs are reluctant to hire non-Sociologists). A Ph.D in Sociology will open more options in the job market as our graduates will be eligible for employment in Sociology as well as interdisciplinary or sub-specialty programs. As we initiate efforts to rebuild the Sociology program at the Sanford School, aligning the name of the program with disciplinary standards will help these efforts without compromising the substance of the program.

Discuss the impact of this change on current students and/or enrollment:

Currently, there are no graduate students in the program and we have delayed recruitment of students, thus there will be no impact on current or prospective students. We will submit an admissions changes form when we are ready to accept applications.

DEAN APPROVAL(S)		
This proposal has been approved by all necessary unit and College/School levels of review. I recommend implementation of the proposed name change.		
College/School/Division Dean name: Kenru Kusumi		
Signature Kyrokusuur Date: 4/20/2018		
College/School/Division Dean name: (if more than one college involved)  Signature  Date:  Note: An electronic signature, an email from the dean or dean's designee, or a PDF of the signed signature page is acceptable.		

University Approval(s)		
Graduate College (if applicable) Name:		
Signature: Office of the University Provost Name:	alfredo alter	Date: 9/18/2018
Signature:		Date: / /20