

Social Informatics Program

FACULTY COORDINATING COMMITTEE *Salamini (Sociology) Chair; Nikolopoulos (Computer Science and Information Systems); Kasch (Communication).*

The departments of communication, computer science and information systems, and sociology offer an interdisciplinary minor in social informatics. This minor introduces students to the use of the Internet and the World Wide Web as a tool of research. It systematically analyzes the social aspects of computerization, including the roles of information technology in social and organizational change, the uses of information technologies in social contexts, and the ways that the social organization of information technologies is influenced by social forces and social practices.

The social informatics minor is designed with the following objectives:

1. to provide students with the conceptual tools and strategies to critically analyze the new technologies and the impact of computerization on society, human interaction, and the human psyche;
2. to teach students how to utilize the new technologies for academic study and research as well as how to format new ideas and research projects electronically in a textual, hypertextual, and multimedia format;
3. to involve students individually or on a team in creative projects that use the World Wide Web.

Requirements

Students electing to minor in social informatics will take 18 hours of coursework in the departments of computer science and information systems, communication, and sociology, as follows:

A. Core courses 9 hrs.
(choose three)

COM 399 Communication in Computer-mediated Environments
CIS 300 Computers and Society
SOC 421 Culture, Identity, and Cyberspace
SOC 325 Science, Technology and Society

B. Electives 3 hrs.
(choose one)

MM 213 Basic Multimedia Authoring
CS 343 Data Communication and Communication Networks
CS 500 JAVA Programming and Web Design

C. Individual Projects 6 hrs.
(6 hours)

All students electing to minor in social informatics are required to participate in individual projects or collaborative team projects by enrolling in two directed study or independent study courses (three hours each) offered by the three departments and approved by members of the coordinating committee.

Social Studies – Secondary Education

FACULTY COORDINATING COMMITTEE *Scott (Economics), Guzman (History), Aspin (Political Science), Salamini (Sociology).*

The major in social studies – secondary education is an interdepartmental program of the faculties of economics, history, political science, and sociology with the cooperation of the Department of Teacher Education.

Successful completion of this program will allow graduates to teach high school economics, United States history, world history, civics or political science, and sociology.

In addition to University requirements, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences requirements, College of Education and Health Sciences requirements, and State of Illinois teacher certification requirements, students must complete 45 semester hours of social studies as described below.

Economics Requirements

ECO 100 Introduction to Economics or
ECO 221 Principles of Microeconomics 3 hrs.
ECO 222 Principles of Macroeconomics 3 hrs.
Economics Elective 3 hrs.
Select from ECO 310, 313, 325, 345, 351, 391, 444 or other course approved by advisor.

United States History Requirements

HIS 203 United States History to 1877 3 hrs.
HIS 204 United States History Since 1877 3 hrs.
History Elective 3 hrs.
Select from HIS 300 to 313

World History Requirements

HIS 103 Russian History **or**
HIS 104 Non-Western Civilization:
The Middle East Since Muhammad **or**
HIS 105 Non-Western Civilization: Latin America **or** HIS 107 Modern Japan 3 hrs.
History Electives 6 hrs.
Select two from HIS 314, 320 to 340, 342, 345, 346, 375, 382, 385

Political Science Requirements

PLS 105 Introduction to American Government 3 hrs.
Political Science Electives 6 hrs.
Select two from PLS 202, 301, 310, 311, 360, 419, 422, 440, 459, 460, 494

Sociology Requirements

SOC 100 The Sociological Perspective 3 hrs.
Sociology Electives 6 hrs.
Select two from SOC 310 to 314, 332, 341, 342, 343
Note: Social Work courses are not acceptable

Students must have a grade point average exceeding 2.00 in all courses numbered 200 and above in the five area requirements.

Professional Education Requirements

To be certified to teach in the State of Illinois, students must complete the professional education component specified by the Department of Teacher Education in the College of Education and Health Sciences. These requirements include a minimum of 34 semester hours in education courses as follows:

ETE 115 Schools and Schooling in	
American Society	3 hrs.
ETE 116 Field Experience	1 hr.
ETE 225 Human Development	4 hrs.
ETE 280 Exploring Diversity: Learners, Families and Communities	
	3 hrs.
ETE 342 Guiding Learners and Developing Classroom Communities.....	
	3 hrs.
ETE 360 Teaching Reading in the Content Field	3 hrs.
ETE 370 General Secondary Methods I	3 hrs.
ETE 371 General Secondary Methods II	3 hrs.
ETE 375 Methods of Teaching Secondary Social Studies	
	2 hrs.
ETE 379 Novice Teaching in Secondary School.....	2 hrs.
ETE 490 Student Teaching Professional Portfolio	1 hr.
ETE 499 Student Teaching in the Secondary School.....	
	10 hrs.

Department of Sociology and Social Work

FACULTY *Professor L. Salamini (chair); Associate Professor Crawford, Gorin; Assistant Professors Hogan, Zant.*

The Department of Sociology offers a variety of courses useful to students with diverse professional goals. Sociology is a popular major for students planning careers in such professions as law, business, journalism, health care, education, politics, social work, or public administration. It provides a solid body of knowledge on the nature and problems of human relations and a distinctive way of looking at the world.

The courses offer a range of methodologies and research techniques which can be applied in a variety of fields such as administration, criminal justice, health care, counseling, and social work. In addition, exposure to theoretical and methodological issues and to comparative, historical, and critical analyses provides those students who want to pursue graduate work with a strong academic background.

The department offers a major and a minor in sociology, and a major in social work. For social work major see Social Work Program.

Major in Sociology

A major in sociology consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours in sociology including the following required core courses:

- SOC 100 The Sociological Perspective
- SOC 240 Research Methods
- SOC 320 Social Theory or SOC 420 Critical Theory

At least 15 of the 30 required hours must be at the 300 level or above. Only one internship course may apply towards the 30-hour requirement. A grade point average of 2.01 in all courses taken in the department is needed for graduation. Students may earn either a B.A. or B.S. degree in sociology.

Sociology majors are urged to consult with a department advisor each semester concerning class schedules.

Sociology Minor

The sociology minor requires a minimum of 15 hours as specified below:

1. SOC 100; SOC 240 or SOC 320
2. At least 9 of the 15 hours must be at the 300 level or above.
3. Minimum of 2.01 gradepoint average in courses taken for the minor.

The following courses in the Department meet University general education requirements: SOC 100, 240, 300, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 321, 323, 325, 420.