

TO: Members of the UPC/EPB
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RE: Proposed Changes to the Anthropology Majors at SMC
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Please find below proposed changes to the Anthropology Department's curriculum with regards to requirements for our majors. You will find these changes in many ways mirror those proposed by the Sociology Department. We would like to have these changes in effect for the 2008-2009 catalog year and believe that they will improve the coherence of our programs. Please note that the Anthropology and Archaeology Minors would stay the same as currently listed in the catalog.

These changes can be summarized as follows:

1. The elimination of the **SOC 2: Introduction to Sociology** course requirement for majors.
2. The elimination of the **SOC 134: Contemporary Social Issues** course requirement for majors.
3. The restructuring of the major to include **three required lower division courses and ten upper division courses** (described below).

The Anthropology Department currently offers two different major tracks to students: 1) Anthropology; 2) Anthropology with an Archaeology Concentration.

We propose that the catalog language would be altered as follows:

LOWER DIVISION COURSES FOR BOTH ANTHROPOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY WITH AN ARCHAEOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Anthropology 1: Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology 5: Introduction to Archaeology
Biology 7: Introduction to Biological Anthropology
~~Sociology 2: Introduction to Sociology~~

UPPER DIVISION COURSES FOR ANTHROPOLOGY

I. Anthropology 121: World Cultures
Anthropology 130: Anthropological Theory
Anthropology 132: Anthropological Methods
~~Sociology 134: Contemporary Social Issues~~

II. ~~Five~~ **Seven** additional upper division courses, ~~three~~ **five** of which **must** be anthropology courses, **two** of which **may** be sociology courses.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES FOR ANTHROPOLOGY WITH AN ARCHAEOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Anthropology 121: World Cultures
Anthropology 126: Field Experience
Anthropology 129: World Prehistory
Anthropology 130: Anthropological Theory
Anthropology 132: Anthropological Methods
~~Sociology 134: Contemporary Social Issues~~

II. ~~Three~~ **Five** additional courses, **one** of which must be an archaeology course.

This proposal has been developed in close consultation with the Sociology Department and we anticipate that it will not grossly decrease the enrollments in either the Soc 1 or Soc 134 classes.