



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
SOCIOLOGY

CHANGE REQUEST REPORT

Change Request Tracking Number: 2018-SOC-6767

Title of Change Request: MA Sociology Specialization in Social Justice
Studies

Status of Change Request: In Workflow

Change Request can be split

CHANGE REQUEST CONTENTS

#	Type	Title
1.	New Program	Masters in Sociology (Specialization in Social Justice Studies) (Thesis Program)
2.	New Program	Masters in Sociology (Specialization in Social Justice Studies) (Research Paper Program)

CHANGE REQUEST HISTORY

Workflow Stage	Action Type	Action Taken By	Change Made	Action Rationale	Date
Initiator	Approved	Karen Woychyshyn	No	Submitted to workflow	12/11/2018, 10:46 AM
Submission Review (Deputy Provost)	Approved	Deputy Provost	No	This request is in the correct workflow. nl	12/14/2018, 09:09 AM

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AUDIT TRAIL

None.

CHANGE REQUEST COMMENTS

Date	User	Change Request Comment
12/11/2018, 10:10 AM	Karen Woychyshyn	This envelope will house the proposed SJS specialization for MA research paper and MA thesis streams (2 programs).

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Justification

Explanations given in request

DEGREE DETAILS

CONCENTRATION, SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM FORM

	NOTE TO USER about Quality Assurance requirements
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Concentration or Specialization

The following is information that will be displayed in the University Calendar:

Title of Program:	Masters in Sociology (Specialization in Social Justice Studies) (Thesis Program)
Program Requirements:	The MA Sociology (Specialization in Social Justice Studies) (Thesis Option) consists of Sociology 5111 - Problems and Issues in Sociology and Sociology 5112 - Quantitative Methods or Sociology 5113 - Qualitative Methods, Social Justice Studies 5030, and Sociology 5901 (9901) - Master's Thesis (2 FCEs), plus a .5FCE elective in Social Justice Studies. With the permission of the student's supervisor and Department Chair, a fourth year FCE may be substituted for one FCE at the graduate level. Theses must be approved as a Social Justice Studies topic, and be conducted under the supervision of a faculty member in Sociology who has membership in Social Justice Studies.

The following is information for Committee Review:

Program Code (Contact Academic & Curriculum Development Coordinator for New Code):	MA.SOCI.SJS.TH Use placeholder text if you do not have the code yet.
Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar:	2019-20
Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?:	No Specified End Date Use No Specified End date unless you are removing it from the calendar.
Faculty or Institution Unit:	• Lakehead University
Academic Level:	Graduate
Total number of credits for the degree:	4.00
Transcript Title :	Masters in Sociology (Specialization in Social Justice Studies) (Thesis Program)
Degree Type:	MA
Title of Major:	Masters in Sociology (Thesis Program)
Title of Specialization:	Specialization in Social Justice Studies
A proposal (1-5 pages) is required for the submission of a proposed new Major Concentration (see link	Yes In order to attach the Proposal Brief, save your work first and then scroll to the top and select Supporting Documentation

above for more information). Is the program proposal attached?:

tab.

Pedagogical rationale for this proposal. Why are you submitting this request?:

We believe that many students will want the specialization in social justice studies as the standalone SJS program has been very popular. Certainly social justice is a common going concern in the field of Sociology as well, and hence, makes a natural fit. We already have faculty members who are contributing cross-listed courses for SJS now, and there is interest in more faculty joining. The benefit of this program for students interested in Social Justice Studies is focusing in this area, but gaining the advantages of a foundation in a traditional degree program (Sociology) that is more recognizable to graduate and professional programs, and employers. Practically, students will be able to explore social justice issues they are passionate about, but with the benefit of the theoretical and methodological training associated with the MA Sociology.

Associated Changes - List all other requests that are associate with this change (enter request number or title):

none necessary (courses already in place)

The following is information for Senate Budget Committee Consideration:

NOTE: Complete each section and provide full explanations for both "yes" and "no" answers. This will not be displayed in the calendar but will be used by the Senate Budget Committee when considering approval of this proposal. The creator of this proposal may be asked to attend a committee meeting to discuss this proposal. Contact the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee if you wish to discuss any of the questions below.

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program within the same faculty/unit?:

It might help enrolment in Sociology MA by giving students more options. It might also help enrolment in Social Justice Studies by offering the students a more traditional MA as a foundation for their research, which makes the degree more marketable and appealing.

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program in a different faculty/unit?:

no

Will additional resources be required (space, staff, equipment, etc.)?:

no

How will this impact existing teaching loads within this faculty/unit?:

no impact

What is the impact on the demand for teaching support services (library, computers, staff, etc.)?:

none

Will this require outside support? If yes, please outline the amount and timing of the funding: no

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Justification

Justifications for each program will be provided in each.

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Title of Program:	Masters in Sociology (Specialization in Social Justice Studies) (Research Paper Program)
Program Requirements:	The Masters in Sociology (with Specialization in Social Justice Studies) Research Paper Program consists of Sociology 5111 - Problems and Issues in Sociology and Sociology 5112 - Quantitative Methods or Sociology 5113 - Qualitative Methods, Social Justice 5030, and Sociology 5920 (9920) - Research Paper (one FCE), plus one FCE electives from Social Justice Studies, and a .5FCE elective in Sociology, for a total of 4 FCEs. With the permission of the student's supervisor and Department Chair, a fourth year FCE may be substituted for one FCE at the graduate level. The research paper must be supervised by a faculty member in Sociology who has membership in Social Justice Studies as well.

The following is information for Committee Review:

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Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?:	No Specified End Date Use No Specified End date unless you are removing it from the calendar.
Faculty or Institution Unit:	• Lakehead University
Academic Level:	Graduate
Total number of credits for the degree:	4.00
Transcript Title :	
Degree Type:	MA
Title of Major:	Masters in Sociology
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Pedagogical rationale for this proposal. Why are you submitting this request?:	We believe that many students will want the specialization in social justice studies as the standalone SJS program has been very popular. Certainly social justice is a common going concern in the field of Sociology as well, and hence, makes a natural fit. We already have faculty members who are contributing cross-listed courses for SJS now, and there is interest in more faculty joining. The benefit of this program for students interested in Social Justice Studies is focusing in this area, but gaining the advantages of a foundation in a traditional degree program (Sociology) that is more recognizable to graduate and professional programs, and employers. Practically, students will be able to explore social justice issues they are passionate about, but with the benefit of the theoretical and methodological training associated with the MA Sociology.
Associated Changes - List all other requests that are associate with this change (enter request number or title):	None -- all courses already in place

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Will this program impact student enrolment in another program in a different faculty/unit?:	no
Will additional resources be required (space, staff, equipment, etc.)?:	no
How will this impact existing teaching loads within this faculty/unit?:	No impact
What is the impact on the demand for teaching support services (library, computers, staff, etc.)?:	None
Will this require outside support? If yes, please outline the amount and timing of the funding:	No

