



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
SOCIOLOGY

CHANGE REQUEST REPORT

Change Request Tracking Number: 2026-SOC-9338
Title of Change Request: Reinstate the 3-year BA sociology at Orillia
Status of Change Request: In Workflow

Change Request can't be split

CHANGE REQUEST CONTENTS

#	Type	Title
1.	New Version of a Degree	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology Major)

CHANGE REQUEST HISTORY

Workflow Stage	Action Type	Action Taken By	Change Made	Action Rationale	Date
Initiator	Approved	Karen Woychyshyn	Yes	Submitted to workflow	07/06/2026, 01:25 PM
Submission Review (Deputy Provost)	Approved	Deputy Provost	No	In correct workflow	07/13/2026, 01:42 PM
Advisory Panel Review	Approved	Deputy Provost	No	Advisory Reviewed Aug 5th	08/10/2026, 04:12 PM

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AUDIT TRAIL

None.

CHANGE REQUEST COMMENTS

None.

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Justification

We request to reinstate the 3-year BA sociology at Orillia in order to increase the number of majors in sociology, to support enrollment growth on the Orillia campus, and to respond to student interest in more sociology programming at Orillia.

DEGREE DETAILS**FORM: Major modification (A) – existing program.**

NOTE TO USER about Quality Assurance requirements:

Visit this link to learn about the proposal requirements and the process for review and approval for Major Modifications to Programs.

Select the type of major
modification you are
making:

- Degree/Major

The following is information that is displayed in the University Calendar

Location:

- Thunder Bay Campus
- Orillia Campus

Title of Program: Bachelor of Arts (Sociology Major)**Program Requirements:**

Three Year program

The BA (Sociology Major) is offered at the Thunder Bay and Orillia Campus. The BA basic requirement is an overall average of 60% in all sociology courses.

First Year:

- (a) Sociology 1100
- (b) Two FCEs from Type A courses
- (c) One FCE from Type B courses
- (d) One FCE elective

Second Year:

- (a) Sociology 2111 and Sociology 2911
- (b) Two FCEs in Sociology
- (c) Two FCE electives

Third Year:

- (a) Sociology 3311 and Sociology 3312
- (b) Sociology 3410 or Sociology 3411
- (c) Sociology 2755 or Sociology 3818
- (d) One and one-half FCEs in Sociology at the third or fourth year level
- (e) One and one-half FCE electives

Note: A student who has qualified for the BA (Sociology Major) may qualify for an Honours BA (Sociology) if requirements for honours standing have been met, and by satisfactorily completing the additional required Sociology courses at the honours level.

Note: The Indigenous Content Requirement is being met by taking either Sociology 2755 or 3818 in the third year of the program.

Note: Students cannot count more than 7 FCEs of first year courses toward the degree, and cannot take a first year course in the final year of the program.

The following is information for Committee Review

Program Code: BA.SOCI

Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar: 20242027-2528

Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?: No Specified End Date

Faculty or Institution Unit:

- Lakehead University
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Academic Level: Undergraduate

Total number of credits for the degree: 15.00

Transcript Title of Program: BA (Sociology)

Degree Type: BA

This major modification may require a proposal brief. See link above for more information. If applicable, indicate if your proposal brief is attached:

- Yes

Pedagogical rationale for this proposal. Why are you submitting this request?: ~~We are updating our program to have fewer outside electives and more sociology electives, and fewer specified sociology courses. This will provide students more flexibility and also make our program more consistent with other sociology departments in Ontario.~~ request to reinstate the 3-year BA sociology at Orillia in order to increase the number of majors in sociology, to support enrollment growth on the Orillia campus, and to respond to student interest in more sociology programming at Orillia.

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?: ~~No.~~ No. We are collaborating with the Interdisciplinary Studies program on the Orillia campus to reinstate the 3-year sociology program. This program will align with their goal to respond to student enrollment growth by offering more programs and aligns with their plans to increase sociology offerings on the Orillia campus.

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program in a different faculty/unit?: ~~No.~~ No. Students interested in pursuing a BA in sociology are unlikely to be in programs outside FSSH.

Will additional resources be required (space, staff, equipment, etc.)?: No. Reinstating the 3-year BA in Sociology on the Orillia Campus will not require additional faculty/instructor resources as no new courses or program requirements are being added.

How will this impact existing teaching loads within this faculty/unit?: ~~It~~ The program will not affect teaching loads. All courses are already offered by our faculty members each year or on rotation. Our required courses have space for additional students/majors.

What is the impact on the demand for teaching support services (library, computers, staff, etc.)?: ~~No~~ No impact. All other student supports are already provided to students and will not be affected by their decision to choose sociology as their major.

Will this require outside support? If yes, please outline the amount and timing of the funding: ~~No~~ No other support will be required. The program will be achieved through rotation of courses already on offer and more efficient use of online course delivery.