

# **graduate COMMITTEE curriculum PROPOSAL FORM**

## A. Cover page (rover over text for more instructions- please delete red instructions)

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| A.1[. Course or program](#_acknowledge) | **Soc 592 and Soc 593** |  |
| Academic Unit | Faculty of Arts and Sciences  |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | Course: revision  |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Mikaila Arthur** | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Sociology** |
| A.4. [Rationale](#Rationale)Additional Information for [new programs](#type) | **Our current set of prerequisites for students to begin their thesis or project are too cumbersome and make it impossible for BA/MA students to complete their degrees in one additional year beyond the BA. In addition, most other MA programs at RIC do not require so many prerequisites before beginning the thesis. Therefore, this proposal aims to streamline the requirements to make it possible for students to begin their theses in a timely manner while still ensuring they have adequate preparation.** |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact) | **This should facilitate more timely completion of the MA program for our students.** |
| A.6. [Impact on other programs](#impact) | **None** |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | [Faculty PT & FT](#faculty" \o "Need to hire new full-time or part-time faculty? This is where you indicate if this proposal will be affecting FLH in your department/program.):  | **None** |
|  | [Library:](#library) | **None** |
|  | [Technology](#technology) | **None** |
|  | [Facilities](#facilities): | **None** |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2024** | A.9. [Rationale if sooner than next Fall](#Semester_effective) | **N/A** |
| A.10 [Changes to the website](#Signature_2) | **Only to the catalog** |

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| A.10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG COPY: This single file copy must include all relevant pages from the college catalog, and show how the catalog will be revised. (1) Go to the “Forms and Information” on the graduate committee’s website <https://www.ric.edu/department-directory/graduate-curriculum-committee/forms-and-information>Scroll down until you see the Word files for the current catalog. (2) Download ALL catalog sections relevant for this proposal, including course descriptions and/or other affected programs. (3) Place ALL relevant catalog copy into a single file. Put page breaks between sections and delete any catalog pages not relevant for this proposal. (4) Using the track changes function, revise the catalog pages to demonstrate what the information should look like in next year’s catalog. (5) Check the revised catalog pages against the proposal, making sure that program totals are correct when adding or deleting course credits. |

## C. [Program Proposals](#program_proposals)

Please complete only what is relevant to your proposal. Delete this page if the proposal is not revising, creating, deleting, or suspending any program.

|  | [Old (for revisions only)](#old_program) | New/revised |
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| C.1. [Enrollments](#enrollments) |  |  |
| C.2. [Admission requirements](#admissions) |  |  |
| C.3. [Retention requirements](#retention) |  |  |
| C.4. [Course requirements](#course_reqs) for each program option | We currently require Graduate status and SOC 501, SOC 504, SOC 509, completion of 8 additional credits in the program, good standing (see Graduate Manual), and consent of department chair and dean in order for students to begin their thesis (SOC 592) or project (SOC 593). The overall requirements for the MA program are unchanged. | Under the proposed revision, the requirements for students to enroll in SOC 592 or SOC 593 are: Graduate status, the completion of 8 credits of non-elective coursework, good standing (see Graduate Manual), and consent of department chair and dean. |
| C.5. [Credit count](#credit_count) for each program option |  |  |
| C.6. Requirement for thesis, project, or comprehensive exam  |  |  |
| C.7. Program Accreditation |  |  |
| C.8 [Program goals](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Csabbotson%5CDocuments%5CCurriculum%5CProgram%20goals)Needed for all new programs |  |  |
| C.9. Other changes if any |  |  |
| C.10 [CIP number](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/browse.aspx?y=56) |  |  |

## D. Signatures

##### D.1. Approvals:

##### Required from department chairs, program directors, and deans from the academic unit originating the proposal.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Mikaila Arthur | Program Director of Justice Studies |  | 12/8/23 |
| Carse Ramos | Chair of Sociology |  |  |
| Quenby Hughes | Dean of Arts & Sciences |  |  |

##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge):

##### Required from all departments (and corresponding dean) impacted by the proposal. Signature does not indicate approval. Concerns should be brought to the attention of the graduate committee chair for discussion.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#Signature_2) | Date |
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