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Dear New Major,

Welcome to Sociology! We are excited that you have declared Sociology as your major and look forward to working with you. An essential part of your education at Duke is careful course planning based on sound advice.

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Sociology Studies Major Requirements:

A total of 10 courses are required.

Required Courses:

- ✚ SOCIOL 110D—Sociological Inquiry SOCIOL 332—Methods of Social Research
- ✚ SOCIOL 333—Quantitative Analysis of Sociological Data
- ✚ SOCIOL 338—Theory and Society

Electives:

- ✚ 5 Electives at the 200 level or above
Pre-Law, Pre-Med and Pre-Business majors may want to consider courses from the Pre-Professional Course Concentrations
- ✚ 1 Senior Research Experience. You may fulfill this by completing one of the following:
 - Sociology Honors Seminar I & II (SOCIOL 495S and SOCIOL 496S)

- Research Seminar: Special Topics (SOCIOL 490S-1)
- Sociology Internship (SOCIOL 499S)
- Research Independent Study on topic of your choice (SOCIOL 393)

You must see the Director of Undergraduate Studies to:

- Obtain permission for independent study.
- Transfer sociology credits to Duke for courses taken at other institutions, including study abroad.
- Discuss problems you might be having with a course or an instructor in the department.
- Choose your major advisor. As a new major, you will have input into the selection of your major advisor. Please complete the form and send it to the Assistant to the Director of Undergraduate Studies. While your advisor is the first person to whom you should turn, you may discuss your progress and plans at any time with the Director of Undergraduate Studies, and you may change your advisor at any time by notifying the Director of your desire to do so.

Advising:

All first majors must be cleared for registration by their advisors in person. We recommend that all majors arrange periodic planning sessions with their advisor. The discussions should cover not only courses in the major but also your larger academic program and the evolution of your career plans and job search activities. We want to assist you in whatever way we can. Here are some helpful things that you can do when you meet with your advisor:

- Come prepared. Know what you want to accomplish in each session.
- Sketch a long-range plan, even a tentative one. Revise as necessary.
- Each semester, check your status with respect to required courses.
- Book bag the courses you would prefer to take but also think about and prepare a backup set of courses in case those you choose are closed. Remember, seniors and juniors have priority in course assignments.
- Check your email. Contact your advisor several days prior to your registration window.
- If you do not know your advisor, and pre-registration is approaching, contact the Assistant to Director of Undergraduate Studies.

We are so glad you are joining us and look forward to being a part of your success here at Duke!

Sincerely,

Angel Harris
 Director of Undergraduate Studies