

Policy relating to SOCY 300 and SOCY 301

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

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In order to assure students' proper progress through the program, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology has established several rules pertaining to the methods and statistics courses. Students and their advisors are expected to plan the student's academic career accordingly.

1. All **Sociology** and **Anthropology majors** should take SOCY 300 by or at the beginning of their junior year. Sociology students should take SOCY 301 the following semester and Anthropology students should take ANTH 480 the following semester. Transfer students should take SOCY 300 as soon as they have passed the GEP/GFR Mathematics requirement and enter UMBC.
2. In order to register for SOCY 300 (Research Methods), students have to have passed the GEP/GFR Mathematics requirement. Completion of the GEP/GFR Mathematics requirement also is needed to register for SOCY 301, e.g., in the cases of students who transfer SOCY 300 credit from another institution.
3. SOCY 300 is the **prerequisite** of SOCY 301 and the two cannot be taken simultaneously or in reverse order. SOCY 101 or ANTH 211 are the prerequisites for SOCY 300.
4. In addition, in order to register for SOCY 301, students also have to pass the departmental *Statistical Readiness Test*, which will be administered in class at the beginning of SOCY 300.
5. If a student fails the *Statistical Readiness Test*, s/he should seek tutoring at the UMBC Tutoring Center. Students can retake the test twice. Retakes should be scheduled no earlier than two weeks after previous attempts to review and study for the next test. In the event a student is unable to pass the test at the 3rd try, s/he has to pass another Math course [For example, MATH 115 (Finite Mathematics), Statistics 121 (Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences), MATH 106 (Algebra and Elementary Functions) or another Math class approved by the Undergraduate Director] with a C or better before being allowed to register for SOCY 301.