

The Study Board at Sociology



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## MINUTES

**Forum** Study Board of Sociology

**Meeting held** 03.12.2024

**Location** Room 33.1.18

**Minutes taker** Troels Baagland

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### Present

**Board members:** Lasse Suonperä Liebst, Jonas Toubøl, Mengni Chen, Pia Cecilie Enevoldsen, Mira Chatterji Rosen Sørensen,

### Guests

Thea Hanne Kraak, Signe Staun Kelly, Merlin Schaeffer and Troels Baagland, Jens Roesdahl Lange

### Absent,

Anemone Frederikke de M Dalsgaard, Askil Brandt Broegaard Ryan, og Asmus Oliver Lewis,

No indications of any progression – will give it one extra time. Last time.

### Agenda – open meeting

- 1) Administrative Practice regarding exam time extensions

It was suggested to change the current praxis where students get 1 and 4 extra weeks depending on the specific conditions. The current praxis causes problems, since the extension period (2-4 weeks) often conflicts with the reexam period. SIDE 2 AF 5

It is suggested to give just one extra week to all students who need extra time for free written assignments/and Portfolio with oral exam. And still the studentas can choose to submit to the re-exam.

No extra time is given for synopsis-exams.

The Study board approved the suggestion.

## **2) Approval of minutes/agenda /Lasse**

The minutes from the 28. October was approved and so was the agenda for the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

Jonas mentioned the discussion regarding the switch of the mobility window from second to third semester at the Master. The study Board agreed that changes should wait until the outcome of the Master reform is known.

## **3) Follow-up: Curriculum Revision reg. Oral Presentations as a prerequisite at elective courses**

At the Study Board meeting on October 28, it was decided to introduce oral presentations as a prerequisite for all electives at Sociology. If students fail to make an oral presentation, they will not meet the exam requirements, and their first exam attempt will be marked as "MF" (Manglende forudsætning), equivalent to a fail. This prerequisite is expected to be implemented from Autumn 2025 at the earliest.

The study Board should decide how to get students qualified before the exam/re-exam if they have not had an oral presentation during the course.

It was decided to arrange a catch-up session before the re-exam, where the students must make an oral presentation to qualify for the re-exam.

Merlin pointed out that experiences, from e.g. Basic Statistics, show that only very few students end up in trouble.

The Study Board will discuss in detail how this should be done at a later meeting.

## **4) Follow-up: Curriculum Revision reg. Critical Reading and Reanalysis**

The Study Board has decided to transform Critical Reading and Re-Analysis into an elective, which means that the exams will no longer involve an external examiner. SIDE 3 AF 5

According to the Ministerial Order on University Examinations, one-third of the program (measured in ECTS points) must include assessments with an external examiner. To comply with this requirement, the Study Board must select another BA course to include an external examiner

Merlin suggested “Basic Statistics” for external examination, and the Study Board approved this suggestion.

#### **5) Course Catalogue – New Summer Course**

The Summer Course Visual Sociology has been cancelled. Instead, Andrew Christopher Herman has suggested offering the Summer Course: Social networks.

The Study Board approved this course suggestion

#### **6) BSC reform plans/Merlin**

Merlin said that the reform group will have the last meeting on Friday 6. December, and the material will be given to the Study Board for further discussion.

The following points were mentioned:

Sociology of Marginalized groups and deviant behavior will be with active participation.

The course “Contemporary Sociological Theory” at the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester is thought as a continuation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester course “Sociological Theory in a Historical Perspective”.

Pia noted that there is only one integrated exam left, and that is the integrated exam for Culture, Lifestyle and Everyday Life” and “Advanced qualitative methods.” Merlin confirmed this.

Jonas considered that electives should be placed on the 6th semester, as he preferred that instead of “Sociology of Marginalized Groups and Deviant behavior”, since the latter might be down prioritized by the students.

Lasse said that the courses “Digital qualitative Methods (Qualitative 3)” and Computational Methods are also meant as preparation courses for the Master. SIDE 4 AF 5

Some of the board members mentioned that some of the existing courses might be repeated on the master if the course descriptions are not updated. The connection between the BA and MA courses should be clear.

Lasse emphasized that, thanks to Merlin and the reform group, Sociology is now at a brilliant point of departure for the study board. Many thoughts have been put into this.

### Proposal: New BA-Curriculum

<b>1. Semester</b>	<b>2. Semester</b>
Samundsmæssige problemer (7,5 ECTS) Sociologien i det danske samfund (7,5 ECTS) Survey Design (7,5 ECTS) Grundlæggende kvalitative metoder (7,5 ECTS)	Sociologisk teori og faghistorie (7,5 ECTS) Videnskab og samfund (7,5 ECTS) Basic Statistics (7,5 ECTS) Gender, Ethnicity, og Post-Colonialism (7,5 ECTS)
<b>3. Semester</b>	<b>4. Semester</b>
Videregående kvalitative metoder (7,5 ECTS) Multiple Regression OLS and Causal inference (7,5 ECTS) Kultur, livstil og hverdagsliv (7,5 ECTS) Contemporary Sociological Theory (7,5 ECTS)	Viden, Organisation og politik (7,5 ECTS) Computational Methods (7,5 ECTS) Or Digital Qualitative Methods (7,5 ECTS) Velfærd, ulighed og mobilitet (7,5 ECTS) Fri valgfag (Anvendt) (7,5 ECTS)
<b>5. semester</b>	<b>6. semester</b>
Mobilitetssemester (30 ECTS)	Metodologi og undersøgelsesdesign (7,5 ECTS) Sociology of Marginalized Groups and Deviant Behaviour (7,5 ECTS) Bachelor Project (15 ECTS)

The Activities marked with green are the new activities.

### 7) Status on the master Reform/Merlin

At the last Study Board Meeting Merlin proposed different suggestions for 1 and 2-year Master Programs. It is still highly questionable how it will end – if Sociology will have a 1 or 2-year Master programme. SIDE 5 AF 5

**8) News from Chair of the Study Board/Head of Studies**

Merlin mentioned that the employees panel had discussed that political involvements in academic freedom is bigger “threat” than wokeisme.

**9) News from the Student Services /Thea**

Thea followed up on the questions from the students at the last Study Board meeting about the BAKA arrangement, where students are given the opportunity to end their BA-programme, while at the same time taking courses at the Master.

Thea assured the Study Board that the Student Services are informing the students about this, but at the same time it is not something that the students are encouraged to do, since this could lead to extended study time.

Mira also pointed out that the arrangement is not very attractive for the Sociology students and should only be used when necessary.

**10) News from the student representatives**

Pia mentioned that 4 students had decided to become members and alternates for the Study Board:

Halfdan Temple (alternate), Christien Krarup, Rebekka Lynbech and Pia Cecilie Enevoldsen (vice-person of the Study Board).

And Lasse mentioned that on the VIP side Sidsel Harder (alternate) and Christian Borch (alternate) have been elected for the Study Board.

**11) Any other – business**

Merlin will continue as Head of Studies until 1. May.

It was agreed that the next Study Board meeting will take place on Tuesday 4. February 10-12