DATE: January 12, 2009

TO: General Education Committee

FROM: The Faculty of the Department of Sociology

RE: Symbolic Systems Sequence Review

We submit the following symbolic systems sequence for the Department of Sociology:
   a. MATH 117 and
   b. Soc 202 or PSYC 220 or MATH 241.

Quantitative data analysis using statistical methods is central to sociology, and all sociology majors are required to attain a basic facility with these methods. In order to graduate with a B.A. in Sociology, students must successfully complete Soc 202, Psych 220, or Math 241 with a grade of C- or better.

Soc 202, Psych 220, and Math 241 are on the symbolic systems list approved by the Faculty Senate at their December 4th meeting, and all three courses list MATH 117 as a prerequisite.

PSYC 220 has additional prerequisites: PSYC 100s and PSYC 120. We have a considerable number of Psyc/Soc double majors who take these prerequisites in the course of their major studies.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration.