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Forum Board of Studies for Sociology

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Appendices

1. Exemptions, Autumn 24
2. Exemptions, Spring 25
3. Exemptions, 24/25 (Excel)
4. Current evaluation SB-questions
5. Proposal for Adjustments to the New BA

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Present: Mengni Chen, Jonas Toubøl, Pia Cecilie Enevoldsen, Christian Fischer Krarup, Sidsel Kirstine Harder, Lasse Suonperä Liebst, Halfdan Temple.

Agenda

1. **Approval of the agenda and minutes** (3 minutes). Unfortunately, the minutes from last meeting will not be available. Therefore, it was decided to sum up essential points regarding course evaluation, where action needs to be taken by Head of Studies. Decision was made to downgrade the course Applied Case-Study Analysis from B to C, based on a complaint from half of the students in the course and a overall critical course evaluation. The course Knowledge, Organization and Politics was discussed due to critical course evaluation and will be followed up by Head of Studies. All other courses were approved.
2. **CLOSED DOOR ITEM**
Exemption cases /Jens (10 minutes)

3. **Briefing on decisions regarding exemptions, autumn 2024 and spring 2025/ Jens (10 minutes)**

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Jens orientated the Study Board briefly on the exemptions made in the previous semesters Appendices 1-3. An explanation was given as to why some cases are closed without decisions. This is often due to students not submitting the necessary documentation, even though they receive several reminders.

4. **Study Boards Questions for the coming year /Megni (5 minutes)**

Decision: Are the current evaluation SB-questions adequate? Should the Study Board make any changes?

The study Board decided not to make any changes in the current evaluation of SB questions. (Appendix 4).

This point led to another discussion regarding evaluation of exams and exam forms from the student representatives. The current course evaluation ends before the exam is held, and there is a need to evaluate the alignment in how the course is planned according to the exam form, exams forms in general ect. It was suggested by the Head of Studies and decided by the Study Board to try a new evaluation form in the coming semester. The students (a group of students) will be invited for an oral evaluation with the teacher after the exam has been held. The oral evaluation will include both the course and the exam. Head of Studies will select 1-3 BA courses and 2-3 MA courses, where we test this evaluation method. The method is used by other departments at the faculty, and we will use the same format as them. Head of study is responsible for implementing the decision.

5. **Default period - for evaluation / Lasse (2 min.)**

Decision: The Board must decide whether there should be any deviations from the common faculty default periods

It was decided not to make any changes to the faculty default periods.

6. **Appointment of Quota 2 Admission Committee members /Lasse (2 min.)**

Decision: We have been asked to set up a Quota 2 Admission Committee for the coming intake. The Study Board must find a chairperson plus minimum three other members of committee to be registered by 6 September. The committee must prepare questions for the quota 2 admission test (2/4 questions) before November.

It was decided that Sidsel Kirstine Harder is chair of the Quota 2 admission committee, Jesper Fels Birkelund was appointed as staff representative. Halfdan Temple was appointed as student representative. One more student is needed for the committee. The student representative will find one and inform Head of Studies and Christne Østerskov Kastrup. It was discussed and decided that the students will also be involved in the question selection phase. Sidsel will invite for the planned meeting.

7. Discussion: Proposal for Adjustments to the New BA / Lasse (40 min.)

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See enclosed outline of proposed changes.

Appendix 5

Several adjustments to the new BA have been suggested and was discussed at the meeting. A detailed explanation of the proposals can be found in the appendix. Essential points for the individual proposals are noted below.

Proposal 1. The course title *Culture, Lifestyle, and Everyday Life* is proposed to be changed to *Cultural Sociology*.

Proposal 2: The course title *Welfare, Inequality, and Mobility* is proposed to be changed to Sociale forskelle og social stratifikation. SB suggested it should be titled Sociale forskelle og stratification. A title that can also be translated into English.

Proposal 3: The course title *Knowledge, Organization, and Politics* is proposed to be changed to *Politics and Organization*. There was a discussion that “Knowledge” could be covered as an elective course. And that Organization sociology could be covered in more depth in MA program. Student representative did not fully support this and argued that many students specifically look forward to this course and its content and that it is literature they find important to be covered and a part of the BA program. Head of Studies will take this in to account in future considerations regarding these adjustments.

Proposal 4: The course title *Gender, Ethnicity, and Postcolonialism* is proposed to be changed to *Global and Comparative Sociology*. Student representatives are concerned about whether gender is removed from the course title. This may result in more diffuse coverage of gender. Head of studies agreed that a key challenge of this change is to ensure the coverage of gender and that it will be addressed through several measures addressed in the appendix. One significant initiative is by appointing Sidsel a cross-course coordinator for gender theory across the sociology program, which was supported by the SB.

It was furthermore highlighted that the Head of Studies and Sidsel will have a major focus and ongoing dialog on how to ensure gender is covered in other courses

Overall SB emphasized the importance of being involved in the course descriptions when they have been revised. And in addition to the academic content, also focus on clear learning goals

8. A new elective course (5 minutes)

Head of Studies informed about a new elective course with the title Kill your darlings – Et kritisk (gen)blik på sociologiens klassikere. Ea Hoppe Blaabæk has recently been employed and will teach this course. It's an elective course from the upcoming semester until it is a mandatory course on the revised 3rd year of BA. Ea will update the course description which will be present at the next Study Board meeting. Furthermore, it was informed that Sociology lacks a range of courses for exchange students, which this course makes a positive contribution to.

9. New way of allocating supervisors to BA and MA thesis projects. /

Lasse (7 min). Head of Studies informed about a new way of allocating supervisors to BA and MA thesis projects. It's a decision made by the Head of Studies and implementation is going on (implemented from spring). Supervisors will be appointed based on subject delimitation, choice of method, and sociological subject area. There is a need to be able to distribute the students to a larger group of supervisors, which is why it will no longer be possible for students to apply for a specific supervisor. This led to a discussion in the study board in relation to the fact that students attach great importance to the personal aspect in relation to the choice of supervisor. It was asked whether it could be indicated which supervisors are associated with the subjects. The Head of Studies acknowledged the request and will take it into account in future considerations regarding the implementation of the new way of allocating supervisors to BA and MA thesis projects.

10. Updates from the students / Student representatives (10 minutes)

The students reported that the rules regarding the pensum petitem are still unclear and create uncertainty among the students. It was decided to put it up for discussion at a future Study Board meeting.

11. News from the Student Guidance / Thea (5 minutes) No news from the student guidance was given.

12. Briefing from Chair of the Study Board/Mengni (5 minutes)

It was announced that Jonas Toubøl will resign from the study board at Christmas. Therefore, a new one must be elected. There is a desire that it be done democratically, and an election held. The Head of Studies/Head and Study Board is responsible for bringing it up at an upcoming department meeting.

13. Briefing from head of studies /Lasse (5 minutes)

- a. **September intake:** *briefing regarding the September intake.* Head of Studies informed us that the introduction week had gone very well and been a success.
- b. **Master's reform:** *update on the process of the master's reform.* Sociology will keep the 2-year MA. It has been decided to revisit the MA. Head of Studies will start the process within this semester and present a new proposal next semester.

- c. **Employer Panel meeting:** *briefing regarding upcoming meeting in the Employer Panel for Sociology on 29 October 2025.* The SB is welcome to suggest items for the agenda. Last year a student representative participated. We agreed that Pia Cecilie Enevoldsen will participate this year.

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14. Any Other Business / Megni (5 minutes)

Next meeting will be held Friday 7. November 13-15.