This is a follow-up to what was sent out in the fall of this academic year. Please review this document in advance of course registration for fall 13-14.

The requirements of the sociology major are changed as follows. This pertains to the class of 2014, 2015, and 2016 (continuing beyond that for incoming students who declare the major). Students in the class years 2014, 2015, and 2016 may follow the original criteria for the major (listed in the current catalog and on the website) or follow the new criteria.

1. The total number of required courses in the sociology major is 11 (reduced from 12).
2. The requirements are as follows, as specified in each category A, B, C, and D (changes which provide greater flexibility than the prior requirements):

   A. Each of the following five courses:
      131 Introductory Sociology
      215 Classical Sociological Theory
      274 Social Inequality and Power
      271 Basic Research Methods
      493 Senior Seminar

   B. One of the following two courses:
      212 Introduction to GIS and Spatial Analysis
      272 Qualitative Research Methods and Methodology

   C. One of the following two courses:
      252 Race, Ethnicity, and Society
      276 Sociology of Gender

   D. And four electives:
      ~ Two of the electives must be taken from within the Colby Department of Sociology, one of which must be a 300 level seminar;
      ~ One elective, 200 or 300 level, may be taken in another Colby social science program with the advanced permission of the sociology advisor;
      ~ One elective may be taken in a study abroad program, and must be approved in advance. (For those who do not study abroad, the three electives must be taken from within the Colby Department of Sociology.)

   A student may take both courses in categories B and/or C and count the second one as an elective.

   A student, with faculty approval, may count one independent study in sociology as an elective toward the major. A student doing the honors program the senior year may count one semester toward an elective in the major (if an independent study is not being counted).

   A Jan Plan course with a course number 200 or higher and receiving three credits may count that as a full elective toward the major.