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To: Dean of the Faculty of Arts
From: Asst. Prof. Dr. Rebaz Jalal Mahmoud (Head of Department)

Subject: Submission of Department Council Meeting Minutes

Greetings and Respects,

In continuation of the Department Council meetings, a meeting was held on September 6, 2026, specifically dedicated to reviewing, discussing, and deciding on the integration and unification of the curriculum for the Sociology and Social Work tracks. For this purpose, we hereby submit the official minutes of the Department Council meeting. Please kindly accept them and proceed with the necessary administrative actions.

Attachments:
1. Department Council Meeting Minutes
2. Curriculum for all four academic stages of the Sociology and Social Work Department

With respect,
Asst. Prof. Dr. Rebaz Jalal Mahmoud
Head of Department of Sociology and Social Work

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Based on the scientific and professional proximity between Sociology and Social Work and their shared focus on individuals, families, groups, institutions, and society, the Department Council evaluated the existing curricula. The evaluation revealed significant overlap in core learning outcomes and subjects, particularly in social theories, research methods, social issues, family studies, gender, mental health, social policy, and social inequality.

Therefore, the Council resolved to integrate the course modules across Semesters 5 through 8 based on the following key objectives:

• Curriculum Consolidation: Reduces repetitive content and creates capacity for new, relevant courses tailored to current societal needs in the Kurdistan Region.
• Balanced Dual Focus: Enables students to move beyond purely theoretical or purely practical learning by combining critical social analysis, scientific research skills, and professional social work interventions.
• Labor Market Readiness: Better prepares graduates for the workforce with enhanced theoretical knowledge and practical competence.
• Interdisciplinary Integration: Creates a cohesive, interdisciplinary program that preserves scientific foundations while strengthening connections between social theory, research, and field practice.

Overview of Curriculum Structure (4-Year / 8-Semester BA Program)

Semester	Module Code	Module Title (English)	Language	Credits (ECTS)
Semester 1	SOU50801 SOU50802 SOU50803 SOU50804	Introduction to Sociology Introduction to Social Work Academic Debate English Language I	Kurdish / English	30 ECTS Total
Semester 2	SOU50810 SOU50811 SOU50812 SOU50813 SOU50814 SOU50815	English Language II Introduction to Psychology Introduction to Anthropology Kurdish Studies Basic Computer Skills Career Skills	Kurdish / English	30 ECTS Total

Semester 3	SOU50920 SOU50921 SOU50922 SOU50923	Classical Social Theory: From Enlightenment to Marx Social Problems and Public Policy Social Work and Human Rights Sociology of Religion	Kurdish	30 ECTS Total
Semester 4	SOU50830 SOU50831 SOU50832 SOU50833 SOU50834	Social Theory: From Marx to Realism Gender Studies Social Work and Social Security Socio-Economic Development Field Research & Social Survey	Kurdish	30 ECTS Total

Semester 5	SOU50840 SOU50841 SOU50842 SOU50843 SOU50844 SOU50845 SOU50846 SOU50847	Modern Social Theory Qualitative Research Methods Social Inequalities, Poverty and Social Inclusion Small Institutions, Groups and Families Sociology of Aging and Social Care Social Problems and Social Interventions Educational Sociology Social Work & Educational Care	Kurdish	30 ECTS Total

Semester 6	SOU50850 SOU50851 SOU50852 SOU50853 SOU50854 SOU50855 SOU50856 SOU50857	Social Work Theories and Practice Sociology of Peacebuilding and Nation-Building Social Protection & Environmental Issues Critical Theories and Social Change Violence and Social Deviance Social Work in Disasters and Emergencies Political Sociology Sociology of Health and Medicine	Kurdish	30 ECTS Total

Semester 7	SOU50860 SOU50861 SOU50862 SOU50863 SOU50864 SOU50865 SOU50866 SOU50867	Contemporary Social Theory Field Practice II: Social Care Institutions Political Sociology Comparative Sociology Cultural Studies Sociology of Family Social Work with Minorities, Migration and Refugees Communication and Media Sociology	Kurdish	30 ECTS Total
Semester 8	SOU50970	Graduation Research Project Family Counseling Sociology of Education Urban & Rural Sociology Social Work with Individual Cases The Welfare State & Social Policy	Kurdish	30 ECTS Total