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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete information as requested. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and for each program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)

New Course Course Prefix Change Course Deletion
 Course Revision Course Number and/or Title Change Catalog Description Change

	SOC 380 Social Research Methods
<i>Current Course prefix, number and full title</i>	<i>Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing</i>

2. Additional Course Designations: check if appropriate

This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course. Other: (e.g., Women's Studies, Pan-African)
 This course is also proposed as an Honors College Course.

3. Program Proposals

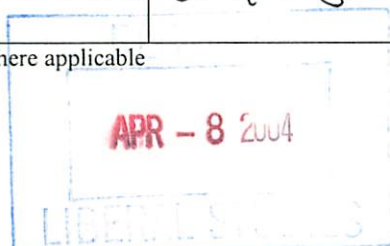
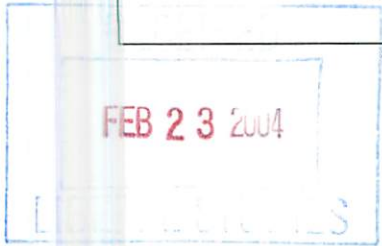
New Degree Program Program Title Change Other
 New Minor Program New Track Catalog Description Change Program Revision

<i>Current program name</i>	<i>Proposed program name, if changing</i>
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4. Approvals

		Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)		2-16-04
Department Chair(s)	Ally Holat	2-16-04
College Curriculum Committee Chair	Shane R. Long	2-18-04
College Dean	A am	2-18-04
Director of Liberal Studies *		
Director of Honors College *		
Provost *		
Additional signatures as appropriate: (include title)		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	Gail Sechurst	3-16-04

* where applicable



II. Description of the Curriculum Change

1. Exact statement of what is to be deleted.

Sociology 380 (Social Research Methods) has been the only research methods course required of the sociology majors and an external review indicated that one course in research methods was not adequate to provide social science students with a sufficient background in social research methods and suggested adding a sequential course. Therefore, in complying with the recommendations of the external reviewer, the department is proposing a sequential research methods course I and II. However, because of how the sequential courses are designed, the availability of course numbers within the university, and the recommendation that the course be a 400 level since it is recommended both courses be taken the senior year, it is necessary for the department to request a course deletion of SOC 380 and we propose adding the courses SOC 460 (in its place) and 461 as the second sequenced methods course in other appropriate paperwork.

2. Justification/Rationale

To date, Sociology 380 has been the only research methods course required of sociology majors. In 1998, Sociology underwent an external review which indicated that the program should have a minimum two course sequence in research methods and that one of these courses should focus on providing social science students with a background in analytical applications that are specific to the discipline. Based on this recommendation, the department is in the process of proposing Sociology 380 be deleted, and in its place SOC 460 be added with a second required methods course, Sociology 461, also added which will focus on analytical methods that are specific to the discipline.

3. How the deletion will affect other courses, programs, and students.

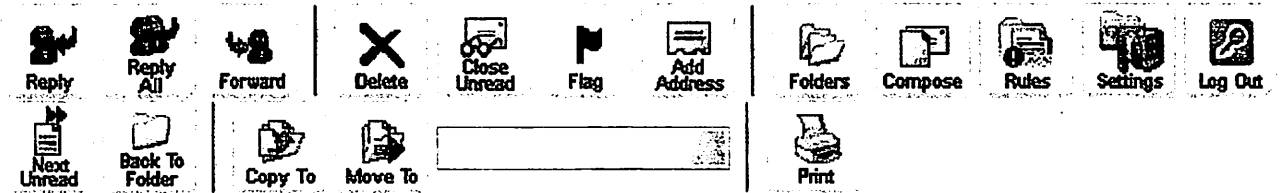
The deletion of SOC 380 and the addition of SOC 460 will not affect existing courses or programs. These courses are for sociology majors only. Therefore, once SOC 380 is deleted and SOC 460 is added, current majors will be required to take SOC 460 and those that declare a sociology major after the sequential methods courses (SOC 460 and SOC 461) are in place will be required to take both courses.

The transition plan for our proposals is for SOC 380 to remain in the AY 2004-2005 catalog with the course deletion passed for and reflected in the AY 2005-2006 catalog. We would like to add SOC 460 and SOC 461 to the catalog beginning AY 2004-2005 which will be required for newly declared majors, but taken in their senior year. Those students currently in the program who need SOC 380 will be able to take SOC 380 while it is still offered AY 2004-2005. Then as new students declare sociology as

their major with SOC 460 and SOC 461 in the AY 2004 – 2005 catalog, we can transition them into the sequenced courses for AY 05-06. Simultaneously, we can transition our existing majors out of the program towards graduation that only need SOC 380 AY 05-06, which will by then, be deleted from the AY 2005 – 2006 catalog and changed to SOC 460. This plan with a timed phase in will provide a transition with ease and opportunity for notification through advising and catalog information for students and advising faculty. Since both SOC 460 and SOC 461 are to be taken in the senior year, this transition plan seems to be the least confusing to current and prospective students and is the most efficient plan in terms of implementing fall/spring sequenced courses without disrupting current students scheduled to take Soc 380 next term and without confusing existing and new students.

III. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement

The deletion of SOC 380 does not affect any other departments therefore, no letters of support or acknowledgement are necessary.

IUP I-Mail:  Message from InBox Folder

From: "Gail Sechrist" <gailsech@iup.edu>

Subject: Re: Sociology proposals

Date: Tue, 6 Apr 2004 11:38:23 -0400

To: "Kathryn Bonach" <kbonach@iup.edu>

Cc: "Alex Heckert" <aheckert@iup.edu>, "Gail S Sechrist" <gailsech@iup.edu>



Kathryn,

Let's just attach this email to the proposal since it is just something that I add to the Senate agenda and your sentences about the transition will be in the proposal to cover it as well.

Alex,

The UWUCC meets in Leonard 16A--the room is at the bottom of the stairs from the doorway that faces McElhaney, the room is under the Oak Grove entrance. If you can be here around 3:30 that should give us time to approve the minutes, etc. before you arrive.

Gail

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kathryn Bonach" <kbonach@iup.edu>

To: "Gail Sechrist" <gailsech@iup.edu>; "Dr. Kathryn Bonach" <kbonach@iup.edu>; "Jamie Martin" <jmartin@iup.edu>

Cc: "Alex Heckert" <aheckert@iup.edu>; "Tammy Harvey" <tharvey@iup.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2004 9:51 AM

Subject: Re: Sociology proposals

> X-Mailer: CommuniGate Pro WebUser Interface v.4.1.8
 > Date: Tue, 06 Apr 2004 09:51:12 -0400
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> Hi Gail,

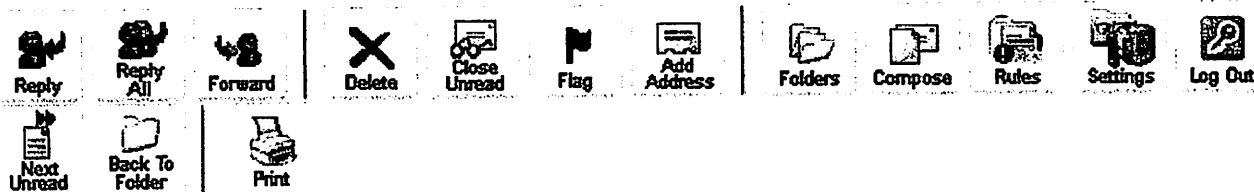
> Thank you so much for your prompt and informative reply. Alex and I
 > are in total agreement with you and feel that your suggestion
 > regarding putting the Soc 380 deletion through now with the
 > stipulation that the deletion would occur in the AY 2005-2006 catalog
 > is what we definately want to do. So our question is how do we do
 > that formally? Do we mark it somewhere on the 380 course deletion
 > proposal form, do we indicate it in the comments of the 380 course
 > deltion proposal or do we attach a memo to the committee for the UWUCC
 > and/or Senate agenda?

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> Secondly, thank you for the invitation to attend the UWUCC meeting on

> the 13th of April. I teach a graduate class during the time of the
> meeting I believe, but Alex plans to attend if it works with his
> schedule. What time is the meeting and where is the meeting held?
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> You have been so helpful. Thanks again and I'll wait for your reply
> before I finalize these proposals. Take care, Kathy
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> On Tue, 6 Apr 2004 08:30:03 -0400
> "Gail Sechrist" <gailsech@iup.edu> wrote:
> >Kathryn,
> >We could mark the docket that the deletion proposal is withdrawn, but
> >based on your entire message it seems that a better course of action
> >would be to send the proposal to Senate and have it indicated that
> >deletion would occur in the 2005-06 catalog (or later if you wish).
> > Other departments have phased in deletions by stating this in the
> >agenda. As far as referring to this phase out/in plan just add a few
> >sentences to the program proposals. Thanks for your attention to
> >these matters. Did Jamie invite you to our meeting on the 13th--just
> >in case there are any other questions from the committee so that it
> >can make it on to that last Senate agenda?
> >I think that we have covered the biggest concerns but if one of you
> >can attend that should assure passage.
> >Gail
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> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: Dr. Kathryn Bonach
> > To: Gail Sechrist ; Jamie Martin
> > Cc: Alex Heckert ; Dr. Kathryn Bonach ; Tammy Harvey
> > Sent: Monday, April 05, 2004 1:22 PM
> > Subject: Sociology proposals
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> > Hi Gail and Jamie,
> > I'm not sure which one of you can address my questions so I'm
> >writing to you both. After meeting with Jamie and discussing
> >options, Alex and I think that it would be less disruptive and
> >confusing to students if we did NOT delete SOC 380 with the current
> >proposals, but held off on its deletion. Our concern is mainly that
> >we already have 28 students registered for SOC 380 for Fall 2004.
> > Could you please advise me as to what I need to do to withdraw our
> >SOC 380 proposal to delete or can you simply take that off the agenda
> >based on this email as formal notification from our department
> >undergraduate education committee and department chairperson?
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> > Second, the way we would like to see this all transition is for our
> >proposals (except for the withdrawn SOC 380) to be passed this
> >semester by the UWUCC (4/13) and Senate (4/27) and then go into the
> >Fall 04-Spring 05 catalog (with Soc 380 remaining in the catalog for
> >our current majors and adding SOC 460 and SOC 461...which will be
> >required for newly declared majors). Those currently in the program
> >who need it can take SOC 380 while it is still offered next year
> >without confusion. Then as new majors are declared with 460/461 in
> >place we can transition them into these sequenced courses for AY
> >05-06. Simultaneously we can transition our existing majors that
> >need 380 AY 05-06 (which will be changed to 460) into 460 with
> >greater ease and notification through advising, etc. Since 460/461
> >are to be taken in the senior year, this transition plan seems to be

> >the least confusing to current and prospective students and is the
> >most efficient plan in terms of implementing a sequenced course
> >fall/spring without disrupting current students scheduled to take Soc
> >380 next term. A major question that I have is that I do not see
> >anywhere in the required content areas for either the proposal for
> >SOC 460 Course revision, course number change or SOC 461 new course a
> >place to discuss and map out the above transition plan. Is there
> >somewhere in particular where I should add a paragraph to discuss
> >this transition in one or both proposals and if so, where?
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> > Lastly, I did email Michele Schweitz regarding confirmation that we
> >do not need IRB approval for students in the research methods course
> >who are conducting research under the professor as overseer for the
> >course as long as the research is for educational purposes only. She
> >is in receipt of my email and indicated that she would make every
> >effort to get back to me prior to my noon deadline Thursday April 8th
> >when the revised proposals are due to Marcia. Thanks for all your
> >help and take care. I'll await your reply to finalize our proposals
> >and then get them delivered to Marcia. Kathy
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