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APC CURRICULAR PROPOSAL FORM

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DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL: Sociology and Social Work

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Proposal II: Add SOC 103, Social Problems, to the General Education options for the Social World.

Proposal III: Revise naming of sociology majors, to reflect a major in sociology with concentrations in general sociology and criminal justice.

Total course additions: one

Total course deletions: none

Total unit additions: three

Total unit deletions: none

Staffing increase/decrease: none

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PROPOSAL I: Cross list PHL 321, Social Philosophy, as SOC 321, Social Philosophy.

Rationale:

Social philosophy is an appropriate course for sociology majors. The course enriches the student's understanding of social theory. Some students are now taking the course as an elective.

The instructor and dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry concur with this proposal.

The impact of these changes should be a few more students enrolled in the course, but this will not require additional sections, and will have no impact on library or other university services.

Catalog Copy:

SOC 321 (3) SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

The emergence and development of social philosophy, with consideration given to Critical Theory, Heidegger, Post-Structuralism, and feminist thought. Offered 2007-2008.

Prerequisite: Philosophy 201.

PROPOSAL II: Add SOC 103, Social Problems, to the General Education options for the Social World.

Rationale:

At present options for the general education, the social world, includes six options:

- Eco 101 (3) Principles of Economics I
- Eco 102 (3) Principles of Economics II
- Pol 101 (4) Intro to Political Science
- Pol 190 (4) The Politics of Race, Class, and Gender
- Soc 101 (3) Intro to Sociology
- Soc 201 (3) Cultural Anthropology

The Department of Sociology and Social Work offers one section of Soc 201 and multiple sections of Soc 101 fall and spring terms. The School of Business offers multiple sections of Eco 101 and Eco 102 fall and spring terms. The Department of History and Political Science has offered a single section of Pol 101 in four of the last six semesters and a single section of Pol 190 in three of the last six semesters.

Since the Department of Sociology and Social Work revised the majors in sociology a few years ago, enrollment in Soc 102, Social Problems, has been steadily decreasing.

Social Problems is a standard sociology course, one found in most departments. It can also provide a good introduction to aspects of the study of society.

We are proposing that Social Problems be added as an option for the social world. We think that Social Problems is a good option because it allows exploring the interdependent world both theoretically and practically. A Social Problems course explores problems in contemporary society, such as violence and crime, divorce and abuse, diversity -- race, gender, age, inequality and poverty, globalization and the environment. The course allows discussion of alternative approaches for addressing particular social problems. This is ideal for a Christian liberal arts university.

The Department of Sociology and Social Work has offered one section of Soc 103 per year. This year it was cancelled because of low enrollment. Our expectation is that if Soc 103 were a GE option it would draw students from other GE options offered by this department, i.e., Soc 101 and Soc 201. The economics courses are required by students with majors in the School of Business. These students would mostly continue to take the GE options required by their majors. The majority of other students on campus currently take Soc 101 and Soc 201.

Social Problems has been taught by several of the faculty currently employed, so it presents no issues for staffing. The School of Business and the Department of History and Political Science have no concerns with the proposed addition of additional option for *the Social World*.

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General Education Requirements:

C. The Social World (1 course; 3-4 units)

add:

Soc 103 Social Problems3

PROPOSAL III: Revise naming of sociology majors, to reflect a major in sociology with concentrations in general sociology and criminal justice.

Rationale:

In the 1996–1997 catalog, the *Department of Sociology* had one major, with three emphases: Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Social Work.

In the 1998-1998 catalog, the Department of Sociology had three majors: Sociology with a concentration in Sociology, Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice, and Social Work.

In the 2002-2003, the Department of Sociology and Social Work has three majors: Sociology, Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice, and Social Work. There had been a recognition that “Sociology with a concentration in Sociology” was an odd if not meaningless phrase.

For all other departments that offer a concentration, there is a core of courses with additional courses that allow the student to focus upon a choice of concentrations. For instance, psychology offers a major in psychology with concentrations in general psychology and therapeutic and community psychology.

There is something awkward about a major in sociology and a major in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice. To remedy this, we propose to relabel the majors offered by the department as Sociology and Social Work. The sociology major would include concentrations in general sociology and criminal justice.

The proposed changes would have no impact on university resources.

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Sociology Major

All classes required for the major must be completed with a grade of “C” (2.000) or above.

Lower Division Requirements

Course #	Title.....	units
SOC 101	Intro to Sociology.....	3
SOC 260	Sociological Analysis.....	3
MTH 203	Intro to Statistics.....	3

Select one of the following:

SOC 103	Social Problems.....	3
SOC 201	Cultural Anthropology.....	3
SOC 250	Sociology of the Family	3
TOTAL.....		12

Upper-Division Requirements

Course#	Title.....	units
SOC 415	Social Theory.....	3
SOC 460	Social Research Methods and Design..	4
SOC 476	Senior Seminar in Sociology.....	3
TOTAL.....		10

Concentration in general sociology

Select 18 units from among the following:

SOC 303	Urban Issues.....	3
SOC 305	Social Stratification.....	3
SOC 310	Criminology <i>or</i>	
SOC 314	Juvenile Delinquency.....	3
SOC 316	Sociology of Aging.....	3

SOC 320	Social Psychology.....	3
SOC 321	Social Philosophy.....	3
SOC 330	Development of Feminist Thought.....	4
SOC 350	Urban Sociology.....	3
SOC 360	Race and Ethnicity.....	3
SOC 375	African Cultures and Histories.....	3
SOC 420	Social Change.....	3
SOC 430	Sociology of Religion.....	3
SOC 470	Medical Sociology.....	3
SOC 471	Internship in Sociology.....	2-4
SOC 475	Sociology of Education.....	3
SOC 490	Special Topics in Sociology.....	3
SOC 491	Independent Studies in Sociology.....	3
	TOTAL.....	18

*A minimum of six additional units of upper-division courses from the following disciplines (course from other disciplines by consent of department chair): economics, history, political science, psychology, social work, or sociology.....*6

TOTAL.....24

Concentration in Criminal Justice:

Lower-Division Requirements

Course #	Title.....	units
Soc 209	Intro to Criminal Justice.....	3
Pol 165	American Government.....	4
	TOTAL.....	7

Upper-Division Requirements

Course #	Title.....	units
SOC 310	Criminology.....	3
SOC 360	Race and Ethnicity.....	3
SOC 409	Criminal Law.....	3
SOC 410	Constitutional Foundations of the Criminal Justice System.....	3
SOC 472	Internship in Criminal Justice.....	4
PSY 321	Abnormal Psychology.....	3
	TOTAL.....	19

Recommended Electives

Course #	Title.....	units
SOC 103	Social Problems.....	3
SOC 201	Cultural Anthropology.....	3
SOC 250	Sociology of the Family.....	3
SOC 305	Social Stratification.....	3
SOC 320	Social Psychology.....	3

SOC 350	Urban Sociology.....	3
SOC 420	Social Change.....	3
SOC 470	Medical Sociology.....	3