UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Title of Proposal – Must begin with Department Abbreviation:
Various SOC / ANTH Courses: Removal of Obsolete or Redundant Course Offerings

Check One: [ ] Full Proposal or [ ] Information Item

Effective Date for Curricular Offering: Fall 2008

FROM: Nick Honerkamp, Sociology, Anthropology, & Geography, 104 Brock, 4325, nick-honerkamp@utc.edu
(proposal originator: include spokesperson's name, department, office number, telephone, e-mail)

Does this require new resources from the originating department or other department? No

Please attach explanation if yes.

Faculty of the originating department approved this proposal on February 27, 2008 (date),
by a vote of 4 aye votes; 0 nay votes; 0 abstentions: 0 eligible voting members absent

The following have examined this proposal:

Dept Head/Director: Zibin Guo
signature approve neutral disapprove*
(printed name)

College Curriculum Committee Date: _______ Vote: _______ Signature of Chair: _______

Spokespersons for Affected Departments:

John C. Tark, Sociology
signature approve neutral disapprove*
(name, department, date)

University Registrar: Linda Orth
signature approve neutral disapprove*
(printed name)

Dean/Director: _______
signature approve neutral disapprove*

Provost: Phil Oldham
signature approve neutral disapprove*
(printed name)

*Those who disapprove may attach an explanation

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Signature of Chair:

Revised 2/16/2007
To: University Curriculum Committee  
From: Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography  
Re: Information item – Removal of 10 obsolete or redundant courses  
Date: March 10, 2008

In an effort to streamline its curriculum, the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography proposes to reduce the number of course offerings that are presently listed in the Catalog. The vast majority of these proposed “delistings” have not been offered in at least three years (sometimes decades!) and are unlikely to be offered in the future based on current faculty expertise and interest. Also, listing courses that are almost never offered can only induce student frustration and anomic.

The Departmental Curriculum Committee unanimously approved the following items on February 27, 2008, which were then reviewed by the entire Departmental faculty. The recommendations for removal (and a brief rationale for each) are:

1) SOC 209, Population and Society. This course is listed as a requirement by Environmental Sciences. They will be changing that requirement to SOC 350, Social Change and Globalization instead, which is taught on a regular basis in our Department.

2) SOC/ANTH 440, Social and Cultural Change. Besides being offered only once in the last decade (to low enrollments), it is somewhat redundant with SOC 350, Social Change and Globalization.

3) SOC 220, Small Group Behavior, hasn’t been taught in about a decade.

4) ANTH 333, Peoples and Cultures of India, will not be taught anymore upon the full retirement of Dr. Geevarghese.

5) ANTH 350, Sex, Gender and Language is partially redundant with at least two classes that are already offered (ANTH 210, Anthropological Linguistics, and ANTH 305, Sex and Gender).

6) ANTH 351, Language and Communication hasn’t been taught in at least five years and is redundant with ANTH 210, Anthropological Linguistics.

7) ANTH 410, Culture and Personality, has not been taught for about two decades, as far as we can tell.

8) SOC 335, History of Social Thought is superseded by our two-sequence theory course (SOC 312 and SOC 313).

9) SOC 430, Intergroup Dynamics, apparently has not been taught in decades.

10) SOC 318, Industrial Sociology was last taught about a decade ago.