

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET**

Title of Proposal – Must begin with Department Abbreviation:

SOC-ANTH-GEOG: Minimum Grade Requirements for Sociology and Anthropology Majors

Check One:  Full Proposal or  Information Item

Effective Date for Curricular Offering: Jan. 1, 2012

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Does this require new resources from the originating department or other department? no  
 Please include an explanation if yes.

Faculty of the originating department approved this proposal on May 2, 2011 (date),  
 by a vote of 12 aye votes; 0 nay votes; 0 abstentions; 0 eligible voting members absent.

The following have examined this proposal:

Dept Head/Director: Tom Buchanan Tom Buchanan ✓  
 Printed name Signature, date Approve Neutral Disapprove\*

College Curriculum Committee Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Spokespersons for Affected Departments:

Printed Name, Department	Signature, Date	Approve	Neutral	Disapprove*
<u>Tom Buchanan, Soc/Anth/Geog</u>	<u>Tom Buchanan 10/3/11</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Dean/Director: H. Burbenn H. Burbenn 10/3/11 ✓

University Registrar: Linda Orth Linda Orth  
 Printed name Signature, date Comments

Provost/Representative: J Sanders J Sanders 10/12/11 ✓  
 Printed name Signature, date Approve Neutral Disapprove\*

Lab/studio fee requested:

Provost: Phil Oldham \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed name Signature, date Approve Disapprove\*

\*Those who disapprove may attach an explanation

ACTIONS on this proposal:	Curriculum Committee	Faculty Senate
Date the proposal was considered	<u>11-9-2011</u>	<u>12.1.11</u>
Vote of the body:	<u>8-0-0</u>	<u>16-0-0</u>
Accepted as information item (indicate date)	_____	_____
Approved as submitted (indicate date)	_____	<u>12.1.11</u>
Approved with amendments (amendments indicated and transmitted to all signatories above, date):	<u>11-9-2011</u>	_____
Signature of Chair:	<u>Edward Ryz</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

**ENTERED**  
 OCT 12 2011  
**RECORDS**

**Formal Proposal: Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography  
Minimum Grades for Majors**

**a) Description of change**

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography proposes to require all majors to earn a minimum grade of C or better in all core Sociology and Anthropology courses. The core courses for Sociology majors are: SOC 1510, 3120, 3130, 3140, 4140; Anthropology 1520 or 2080; and at least one course from SOC 3050, 3070, and 3450. The core courses for Anthropology majors are: ANTH 1520, 2070 or 2100, 2080, 2110, 3020, 3140, 4140, 3 hours of approved anthropology field and laboratory courses, and 3 hours of Sociology.

**b) Rationale for change**

This proposal establishes a much needed (and long overdue) basic minimum of competency for our majors; this mirrors the requirements of several other departments at UTC. This modification is designed to create a minimum level of sociological or anthropological knowledge for students who need a basic grasp of the discipline before sailing into upper division waters, as it were. Suffice it to say that students who attempt to take required courses (particularly upper level classes) with a D or failing grade in a core course do poorly in such classes. These poorly-performing students can also create a pedagogical dilemma for the instructor. Requiring a 'C' or higher for basic discipline-related course will hopefully address both problems.

**c) Analysis of economic and pedagogical consequences**

No economic consequences are anticipated. We believe this requirement will strengthen our program by ensuring a foundation for more in-depth student learning in upper division courses.

**d) Analysis of how proposal relates to requirements and resources of other departments or programs**

This change has no anticipated effect on other departments or programs. Historically the small number of students seeking a major in Environmental Studies with a Sociology-Anthropology Concentration will largely be unaffected by the proposed C requirement since they generally do well in our courses.

**e) The original text to be modified**

**1892-BA Degree, Sociology Concentration**

**1888- BA Degree, Anthropology Concentration**

**2892-BS Degree, Sociology Concentration**

**2880-BS Degree, Anthropology Concentration**

2.0 average in all anthropology and sociology courses.

**f) Proposed text revision**

**1892-BA Degree, Sociology Concentration**

**1888- BA Degree, Anthropology Concentration**

**2892-BS Degree, Sociology Concentration**

**2880-BS Degree, Anthropology Concentration**

2.0 average in all anthropology and sociology courses. A minimum grade of C in all required Sociology and Anthropology courses.