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Requested designation: (Choose One)
Note: a separate proposal is required for each designation requested

Eligibility:
Permanent numbered courses must have completed the university’s review and approval process.
For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact Phyllis.Lucie@asu.edu or Lauren.Leo@asu.edu.

Submission deadlines dates are as follow:
For Fall 2015 Effective Date: October 9, 2014
For Spring 2016 Effective Date: March 19, 2015

Area(s) proposed course will serve:
A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study.

Checklists for general studies designations:
Complete and attach the appropriate checklist
- Literacy and Critical Inquiry core courses (L)
- Mathematics core courses (MA)
- Computer/statistics/quantitative applications core courses (CS)
- Humanities, Arts and Design core courses (HU)
- Social-Behavioral Sciences core courses (SB)
- Natural Sciences core courses (SQ/SG)
- Cultural Diversity in the United States courses (C)
- Global Awareness courses (G)
- Historical Awareness courses (H)

A complete proposal should include:
- Signed General Studies Program Course Proposal Cover Form
- Criteria Checklist for the area
- Course Catalog description
- Course Syllabus
- Copy of Table of Contents from the textbook and list of required readings/books

Respectfully request that proposals are submitted electronically with all files compiled into one PDF. If necessary, a hard copy of the proposal will be accepted.

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Department Chair/Director approval: (Required)
Chair/Director name (Typed): Ann McKenna
Chair/Director (Signature): [Signature]
Date: 12/30/15

Rev. 1/94, 4/95, 7/98, 4/00, 1/02, 10/08, 11/11/ 12/11, 7/12, 5/14
Rationale and Objectives

Social-behavioral sciences use distinctive scientific methods of inquiry and generate empirical knowledge about human behavior, within society and across cultural groups. Courses in this area address the challenge of understanding the diverse natures of individuals and cultural groups who live together in a complex and evolving world.

In both private and public sectors, people rely on social scientific findings to consider and assess the social consequences of both large-scale and group economic, technological, scientific, political, ecological and cultural change. Social scientists' observations about human interactions with the broader society and their unique perspectives on human events make an important contribution to civic dialogue.

Courses proposed for a General Studies designation in the Social-Behavioral Sciences area must demonstrate emphases on: (1) social scientific theories, perspectives and principles, (2) the use of social-behavioral methods to acquire knowledge about cultural or social events and processes, and (3) the impact of social scientific understanding on the world.

Revised April 2014
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

### ASU--[SB] CRITERIA

A SOCIAL-BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES [SB] course should meet all of the following criteria. If not, a rationale for exclusion should be provided.

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THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE [SB] AREA EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CONCERNS:

- Courses with primarily arts, humanities, literary or philosophical content.
- Courses with primarily natural or physical science content.
- Courses with predominantly applied orientation for professional skills or training purposes.
- Courses emphasizing primarily oral, quantitative, or written skills.
Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

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<td>This course is designed to provide students with a profound understanding of how we receive and interpret information from the natural and social environments. Topics specifically include speech perception (chap 13), perceiving other people's intention and action (Chap 7), and perceiving pain in social situations (Chap 14).</td>
<td>The classes on 10/06/2015, 10/08/2015, 10/22/2015, &amp; 11/10/2015 will focus particularly on the perceptual processes involved in social interaction, for example, speech perception, understanding of other people's action and intention, and pain perceived in social situations.</td>
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<td>One theme of this course is the perception of information from social interaction. It will cover how we perceive sounds and speech, how we understand other people's intention and action, and how we feel touch and pain in social situations. These topics will be beneficial for students in neuroscience, psychology, anthropology, and sociology.</td>
<td>See the table of content from the textbook. Chapters 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, &amp; 14 address the perceptual problems in the context of social interaction such as perception of attention, understanding of other people's action and action, speech perception, music perception, and feeling of pain in social situations.</td>
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<td>The course will extensively cover the behavioral aspects of perception and use many real-world illustrations and illusions to show how our perceptual systems work.</td>
<td>The class on 08/27/2015, for example, will address specifically the research methods used to study human perception. Signal detection theory will be covered, which has been used in a wide range of research areas.</td>
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<td>This course emphasizes the integration of behavioral research with potential applications to engineering practice. The covered topics will include the application of perceptual theories to real-world problems like computer vision, display technologies, graphic design, sound processing, etc.</td>
<td>Throughout this course we will discuss the application of perceptual theories to real-world problems, for example, shape/object recognition by computer (Chap 5) and computer understanding of speech (Chap 13).</td>
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Course Catalog Description

HSE 323: Perception and Human Systems

In-depth exploration of methods by which humans receive and interpret information from the world through vision, audition, taste, smell, touch, and movement. Emphasizes the integration of behavioral research with applications to engineering practice. Topics will cover a wide range from the biological basis of sensory information processing, to the behavioral aspects of perception, and to the applications of perceptual theories to disciplines like computer vision, and graphic design. Students will gain a solid foundation for further study and research in psychology, sociology, human development, neuroscience, and other related fields.
HSE-323: Perception and Human Systems
Arizona State University
Fall semester 2015
Course line # 12345

Instructor Information:

Dates of classes: Tues & Thurs, Aug. 20 - Dec. 3
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Human System Engineering Program
Email: Bing.Wu@asu.edu (preferred contact method)
Work Phone: 480-727-3716 (O)
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs, 4:30 – 5:30 or by appointments through email
Office Location: 150E, Santa Catalina Hall, Polytechnic campus

Course Information:

Pre-requisites: HSE 101, PSY 101, or EGR 103 and junior/senior standing
Course Format: Lectures. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 to 1:15 pm at Room 310, Peralta Hall.

Course description: In-depth exploration of methods by which humans receive and interpret information from the world through vision, audition, taste, smell, touch, and movement. Emphasizes the integration of behavioral research with applications to engineering practice. Topics will cover a wide range from the biological basis of sensory information processing, to the behavioral aspects of perception, and to the applications of perceptual theories to disciplines like computer vision, and graphic design. Students will gain a solid foundation for further study and research in psychology, sociology, human development, neuroscience, and other related fields.

Required Course Texts, Materials and Resources:
The required textbook is as follows:

Course materials like Powerpoint presentations and study guides for the exams will be available on the Blackboard (http://myasucourses.asu.edu).

Student Objectives and Learning Outcomes
After completing this course, students should be able to:
- Describe how our perceptual systems operate and how sensory and perceptual processes shape the experience of “reality”;
- Identify the classical and modern research techniques, and their roles in the science of perceptual systems;
- Critically analyze original research in perception;
- Apply perceptual theories and research to engineering problems.
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| 08/25/2015 | Introduction to perceptual systems  
Reading: Chap 1 (pp. 3 - 12)                                                                                                                                               |
| 08/27/2015 | Research methods & techniques  
Reading: Chap 1 (pp. 12 - 20), Appendix (401-406)                                                                                                                      |
| 09/01/2015 | Introduction to neurons and neuronal networks  
Reading: Chap 2 (pp. 23 - 39)                                                                                                                                          |
| 09/03/2015 | Vision as information processing: Information processing in the retina  
Reading: Chap 3 (pp. 43 - 68)                                                                                                                                      |
| 09/08/2015 | Vision as information processing: From retina to primary visual cortex  
Reading: Chap 4 (pp. 73 - 87)                                                                                                                                      |
| 09/10/2015 | Vision as information processing: Higher order visual centers  
Reading: Chap 4 (pp. 88 - 95)                                                                                                                                 |
| 09/15/2015 | Visual functions: Processing of color information  
Reading: Chap 9 (pp. 201 - 225)                                                                                                                                       |
| 09/17/2015 | Review (1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 09/22/2015 | **Exam 1**                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 09/24/2015 | Visual functions: Object recognition & Scene analysis  
Reading: Chap 5 (pp. 99 - 127)                                                                                                                                         |
| 09/29/2015 | Visual functions: Perceiving Motion  
Reading: Chap 8 (pp. 177 - 196)                                                                                                                                             |
| 10/01/2015 | Visual functions: Spatial perception & 3D-display technologies  
Reading: Chap 10 (pp. 229 - 255)                                                                                                                                      |
| 10/06/2015 | Visual attention  
Reading: Chap 6 (pp. 133 - 150)                                                                                                                                 |
| 10/08/2015 | Vision and action  
Reading: Chap 7 (pp. 155 - 172)                                                                                                                                 |
| 10/13/2015 | **Fall Break – Classes Excused**                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10/15/2015 | Auditory perception: Anatomy of the ear & auditory signal processing  
Reading: Chap 11 (pp. 259 - 287)                                                                                                                                     |
| 10/20/2015 | Auditory perception: Sound localization & auditory scene analysis  
Reading: Chap 12 (pp. 291 - 307)                                                                                                                                      |
| 10/22/2015 | Auditory perception: Understanding speech  
Reading: Chap 13 (pp. 311 - 325)                                                                                                                                 |
| 10/27/2015 | Perception and virtual realities  
| 10/29/2015 | Review (2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11/03/2015 | **Exam 2**                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11/05/2015 | Sense of Touch  
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Course Assignments
For each topic, there will be lectures and assigned readings. The course requirements are (1) participation in class; (2) homework; (3) quizzes, and (4) three exams.

Readings: Reading assignments will be posted on the Blackboard or come from the textbooks. You should do the assigned reading before class.

Homework: Homework assignments will be posted on the Blackboard.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given at the beginning of each class (excluding the review and exam days). They are designed to test your understanding of the reading assignment and ensure that you come prepared. Each quiz will account for 1% of the total grade. The quizzes also serve as an attendance record. NO make-up quizzes will be given. If a student misses a quiz, he or she will receive NO point for that quiz.

Exams: There will be three exams based on the materials covered in the classroom. The exams will be closed-book, closed-notes, closed-homework, and taken in class. The format is a combination of multiple-choice, short answer, and short essay. There will be NO make-up exam unless there is a documented emergency. Anyone missing an exam without a ASU sanctioned excuse will receive a zero score.

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NO incomplete grades will be given except in cases of serious medical emergencies as evidenced by a documented report.

Grade Appeals

ASU has formal and informal channels to appeal a grade. If you wish to appeal any grading decisions, please see http://catalog.asu.edu/appeal.

Classroom behavior:

- **Attendance and Participation**
  Your presence for the entire class period is mandatory and critical to academic success. The following penalties will be imposed for missing class without a valid and verifiable excuse: Every unexcused absence causes a deduction of 5 points from the final grade. Absences will be excused ONLY if the student has a ASU sanctioned excuse. The excused absences include those resulting from: (1) illness, death in the family or other emergency, or other reasons beyond the student’s control; (2) a student’s religious beliefs, observances, and practices that are in accord with ACD 304–04 (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd304-04.html), “Accommodation for Religious Practices”, and (3) those university sanctioned events/activities that are in accord with ACD 304–02 (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd304-02.html), “Missed Classes Due to University-Sanctioned Activities”.

- **Late and Missing Assignments**
  Make-up exams will NOT be given unless the student provides documentation of the illness or emergency. Anyone missing an exam without a university sanctioned excuse will receive a zero score.

- **Cell Phone and Recording Devices**
  Always turn off your cellular phone before you enter our classroom. You are not allowed to receive and make phone calls during class meetings. Other communication devices and recording devices are also strictly prohibited from the classroom.

- **Electronic Communication**
  Acceptable use of university computers, internet and electronic communications can be found in the Student Code of Conduct (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/us1/us104-01.html) and in the University’s Computer, Internet, and Electronic Communications Policy (http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd125.html).
University policies:

- **Academic Integrity**
  All students at ASU are expected to follow the Student Code of Conduct. Each student must act with honesty and integrity, and must respect the rights of others in carrying out all academic assignments. Plagiarism, and any other form of academic dishonesty that is in violation with the Student Code of Conduct, will not be tolerated. All necessary and appropriate sanctions will be issued to all parties involved with plagiarizing any and all course work. For more information, please see the ASU Student Academic Integrity Policy: [http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity](http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity).

- **Nondiscrimination, Anti-Harassment, and Nonretaliation**
  Arizona State University is committed to providing the university community, including students, faculty, staff, and guests, with an environment that is free of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation. ASU expressly prohibits harassment, discrimination, and retaliation by employees, students, contractors, or agents of the university based on protected status, including race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. If you believe that you have been subjected to any discrimination, harassment, or retaliation in violation of this policy, or you believe that this policy has been violated, you should report the matter immediately to the Office of Equity and Inclusion ([https://cfo.asu.edu/hr-equityandinclusion](https://cfo.asu.edu/hr-equityandinclusion); Phone: (480) 965-5057; Fax: (480) 237-7998; Email: [EqualityandInclusion@mainex1.asu.edu](mailto:EqualityandInclusion@mainex1.asu.edu)).

- **Policy against Threatening Behavior**
  Any kind of abusive, disruptive, threatening, or violent behaviour will NOT be tolerated. Students are expected to comply with the ASU policy against threatening behavior, per the [Student Services Manual, SSM 104–02](http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/ssm/ssm104-02.html), “Handling Disruptive, Threatening, or Violent Individuals on Campus”. Any violent or threatening conduct by an ASU student in this class will be reported to the ASU Police Department and the Office of the Dean of Students.

- **Disability Accommodations**
  To request academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact the ASU Disability Resource Center ([https://eoss.asu.edu/drc](https://eoss.asu.edu/drc); Phone: (480) 965-1234; Fax: (480) 965-0441; Email: [DRC@asu.edu](mailto:DRC@asu.edu)). This is a very important step as accommodations may be difficult to make retroactively. If you have a letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, in order to assure that you receive your accommodations in a timely manner, please present this documentation to me no later than the end of the first week of the semester so that your needs can be addressed effectively.

- **Religious Accommodations**
  Students will not be penalized for missing class due to religious obligations, holidays, observances, and practices that are in accord with ACD 304–04 ([http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd304-04.html](http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd304-04.html)). Students who need to be absent from class due to the observance of a religious holiday or participate in
required religious functions must notify me in writing as far in advance of the holiday/obligation as possible. Students will need to identify the specific holiday or obligatory function to me. The student should contact me to make arrangements for making up tests/assignments within a reasonable time.

- **Military Personnel Statement**
  A student who is a member of the National Guard, Reserve, or other U.S. Armed Forces branch and is unable to complete classes because of military activation may request complete or partial administrative unrestricted withdrawals or incompletes depending on the timing of the activation. For information, please see [http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/us/usi201-18.html](http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/us/usi201-18.html).

**Syllabus disclaimer:**
This syllabus is intended to give the student guidance in what may be covered during the semester. Efforts will be made to follow the syllabus as outlined above, but the possibility exists that unforeseen events will make syllabus changes necessary. The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus and/or course schedule. If changes are made, students will be notified in a timely manner by e-mail or by an announcement in class.
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