

Social-Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee Report

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To: General Studies Council

From: Social-Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee

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Re: Recommendations for Course Proposals for SB Designation

Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)

Recommend Approve

Courses from ASU

[CRD 302 Inclusive Community Development](#) (new)

Well developed and well documented proposal. There is a clear focus on understanding human interaction across a variety of social settings to increase knowledge of the unique dynamics of diversity across these settings.

Recommend Revise and Resubmit

Courses from ASU

[SGS 394 Global Markets](#) (new)

This course has not been offered and is using an omnibus number. Any decision that we propose must be delimited to this particular course name, topic and approach.

The proposal needs further development. Economics appears to be the dominant theoretical grounding for this course. Economics can be taught/studied from a behavioral or institutional perspective. This course appears to blend these perspectives. But, from the material provided in the proposal, we cannot determine if a socio-behavioral perspective is dominant. Further, in the syllabus, analytical skills appear to be accentuated rather than core knowledge about socio-behavioral dynamics. Above all, the syllabus is incomplete. There is no statement of learning outcomes. Articulation of the learning outcomes and elaboration how the coursework directly relates to learning outcomes that are socio-behavioral is necessary and may help our decision-making.

Finally, we recommend that as the syllabus is developed further the following requirements be added:

1. A statement of the proposed learning outcomes;
2. An overview of the technical requisites for the blackboard portion of the course and instructions regarding technical support;
3. A scale to help students determine their final grades;
4. The required language regarding ASU's academic integrity policy;
5. General policy statements regarding absences containing reference to ACD 304-04, regarding accommodation for religious practices and ACD 304-02, and regarding classes missed due to university-sanctioned activities;
6. University policy regarding threatening behavior.