Social-Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee Report

Date: 11/1/2018
To: General Studies Council
From: Social-Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee
Katherine Antonucci, Perla Vargas, Michael Mokwa, Chair
Re: Recommendations for Course Proposals for SB Designation

Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)

Recommend Approve

The proposals are developed and documented adequately. The syllabi are presented effectively. There is a clear and dominant focus on studying and understanding human interaction with socio-behavioral research grounding the material and work.

Courses from ASU

COM 364 Cultural Communicology (new)
HCR 394 Fundamentals of Human Trafficing (new)

Courses from MCCCD:

PSY 277 Psychology of Human Sexuality (new)

Recommend Deny

Courses from ASU

HST 280 The History of Science, Ideas, and Innovation (new)

This is an interesting and relevant course. The proposal and syllabus are developed adequately, although both could be improved. Regardless, the committee found enough evidence in the proposal to make its recommendation. While some social and behavioral considerations are addressed in the course, we do not find that the study of human interaction (SB) is at the core of this course. The required materials and student work only marginally deal with the topic. We think a radical redevelopment of the course would be necessary to qualify.