



FINAL FACULTY SENATE APPROVAL ON FEBRUARY 13, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Jack Kirby *JRK*

DATE: January 17, 2018

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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL (Submit one hard copy and an electronic copy to the Associate Provost by the second Tuesday of the month.)

Proposal Number: 17-18-08

School/Department/Program: Behavioral Sciences

Preparer/Contact Person: Chris Kast

Telephone Extension: 4236

Date Originally Submitted: 11/3/17

Revision (Indicate date and label it Revision #1, #2, etc.): 1/16/18 Revision #1

Implementation Date Requested: Fall 2018

- I. **PROPOSAL.** Write a brief abstract, not exceeding 100 words, which describes the overall content of the proposal.

We propose making PYSC 3305, Research Methods, interchangeable with SOCY 3360, Methods of Social Research, for core requirement and prerequisite purposes. In addition, we propose that the course description in the course catalog be modified to reflect this change. Subsequently, this will increase the hours for this course from 3 to 4 increasing the total program hours by 1.

- II. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL.** Provide a response for each letter, A-H, and for each Roman Numeral II–V. If any section does not apply to your proposal, reply N/A.

- A. Deletion of course(s) or credit(s) from program(s)

Total hours deleted. _____

- B. Addition of course(s) or credit(s) from program(s)

The additional hour comes from increasing Methods of Social Research from 3 hours to 4 hours. This better reflects the effort necessary in the course.

Total hours added. 1

- C. Provision for interchangeable use of course(s) with program(s)

Either SOCY 3360 Methods of Social Research or Psych 3305 Research Methods (both of which will be renamed Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences) may be used to fulfill the core major requirements and as a prerequisite for SOCY 4461 and PSYC 3310.

As far as cross-listing, the courses will be listed in the same fashion that PSYC 2230 and SOCY 2230 and that PSYC 2240 and SOCY 2240 are listed using the language same as.... For example (Same as SOCY 3360).

Also, the content of each course and the course descriptions will be identical

- D. Revision of course content. Include, as an appendix, a revised course description, written in complete sentences, suitable for use in the university catalog.

Please see Appendix B for the new course description.

- E. Other changes to existing courses such as changes to title, course number, and elective or required status.

Socy 3360 Method of social research becomes Socy 3360 Research methods in the behavioral sciences

Socy 4461 will now have a prerequisite of SOCY 3360 or Psych 3305

- F. Creation of new course(s). For each new course

1. Designate the course number, title, units of credit, prerequisites (if any), ownership (FSU or shared) and specify its status as an elective or required course. If you are creating a shared course, attach a memo from the Deans of the affected Schools explaining the rationale for the course being shared.
2. Include, as an appendix, a course description, written in complete sentences, suitable for use in the college catalog.
3. Include, as an appendix, a detailed course outline consisting of at least two levels.
4. In order to meet the requirements as outlined in Goal One of the Strategic Plan, please include Outcome Competencies and Methods of Assessment as an appendix. Examples are available upon request from the Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

G. Attach an itemized summary of the present program(s) affected, if any, and of the proposed change(s).

Describe how this proposal affects the hours needed to complete this program. Specifically, what is the net gain or loss in hours? Use the format for Current and Proposed Programs in Appendix A.

This will increase the required hours in the sociology program by 1, and reduce the number of free elective hours by 1.

III. **RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSAL.**

A. **Quantitative Assessment:** Indicate the types of assessment data, i.e., surveys, interviews, capstone courses, projects, licensure exams, nationally-normed tests, locally developed measurements, accreditation reports, etc., that were collected and analyzed to determine that curricular changes were warranted. Quantitative data is preferred.

Psychology and Sociology's positions as behavioral sciences along with many of the available textbooks use of this terminology provide support for this realignment of title along with the applicability of this course to fulfill research training for both major programs.

B. **Qualitative Assessment:** Based upon the assessment data above, indicate why a curricular change is justified. Indicate the expected results of the change. Be sure to include an estimate of the increased cost, or reduction in cost of implementation. FOR EXAMPLE: Will new faculty, facilities, equipment, or library materials be required?

In addition to the benefit to the students highlighted above no additional cost is foreseen. Additionally, the alignment of research methods instruction between the sociology and psychology programs increases the available faculty who can teach this course by two.

IV. Should this proposal affect any course or program in another school, a memo must be sent to the Dean of each school impacted and a copy of the memo(s) must be included with this proposal. In addition, the Deans of the affected schools must sign below to indicate their notification of this proposal.

By signing here, you are indicating your college's/school's notification of this proposal.

College/School	Dean	Signature
College of Liberal Arts	Dr. Shields	

V. Should this proposal affect any course to be added or deleted from the general studies requirements, a memo from the chair of the General Studies Committee indicating approval of the change must be included with this proposal.

VI. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.**

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APPENDIX A
B.S. Degree in Sociology
Current Program

Required Major Courses	HRS
SOCY 1110	3
SOCY 2200	3
SOCY 2205	3
SOCY 2240	3
SOCY 3301	3
SOCY 3360	3
SOCY 3370	3
SOCY 3395	3
SOCY 4480	3
TOTAL Required Major Courses	27
Major Electives	15
Minor Requirements/Electives (if minor is required)	18
TOTAL HOURS FOR MAJOR (and minor if required)	60

Required General Studies Courses (example text highlighted)	
Attribute IA – Critical Analysis	3
PHIL 2275*	
Attribute IB – Quantitative Literacy	3
MATH 1407 or 1507 or higher in Out. 2	
Attribute IC – Written Communication	3
ENGL 1101	
Attribute ID - Teamwork	3
COMM 2201*	
Attribute IE – Information Literacy	3
ENGL 1102	
Attribute IF – Technology Literacy	3
BISM 1200*	
Attribute IG – Oral Communication	X
COMM 2201*	
Attribute III - Citizenship	3
HIST 1107 or 1108 or POLI 1103*	
Attribute IV - Ethics	X
SOCY 2200	
Attribute V - Health	3
PHED 1101*	
Attribute VI - Interdisciplinary	X

	SOCY 2200	
Attribute VIIA - Arts		3
	Any course in 12	
Attribute VIIB - Humanities		3
	Any course in 13	
Attribute VIIC – Social Sciences		X
	SOCY 1110	
Attribute VIID - Natural Science		3
	Any course in 15	
Attribute VIII – Cultural Awareness		X
	SOCY 3301	
Additional General Studies hours		X
	Major Course – SOCY 3395 writing intensive course	
TOTAL GENERAL STUDIES HOURS		33
TOTAL FREE ELECTIVES		27
TOTAL HOURS		120

- * Any course(s) marked with an asterisk (*) above are recommended to complement the program curriculum; however, student may select any other courses from the approved general studies list.

	SOCY 2200	
Attribute VIIA - Arts		3
	Any course in 12	
Attribute VIIB - Humanities		3
	Any course in 13	
Attribute VIIC – Social Sciences		X
	SOCY 1110	
Attribute VIID - Natural Science		3
	Any course in 15	
Attribute VIII – Cultural Awareness		X
	SOCY 3301	
Additional General Studies hours		X
	Major Course – SOCY 3395 writing intensive course	
TOTAL GENERAL STUDIES HOURS		33
TOTAL FREE ELECTIVES		26
TOTAL HOURS		120

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Appendix B

SOCY 3360 Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences..... 4hrs.

Research methods provides an introduction to: 1) the scientific method used in the behavioral sciences; 2) the design and control of research experiments; 3) the statistical analysis of data; 4) the communication of research results; and 5) an introduction to the application of ethics in the practice of research. Various observational, relational and experimental approaches are presented and include but are not limited to: survey research, interviewing, content analysis, experiments, ethnographies, focus groups, historical analysis, and analysis of secondary data. This course includes three hours of instruction and one hour of Lab.

PR: PSYC 2240 or SOCY 2240. Same course as SOCY 3360 Behavioral Research Methods. Credit may be received for PSYC 3305 or SOCY 3360 but not both.