

GIS in Demography

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Good morning,

On Friday, May 10th, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal for a revision to the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with one contingency and one comment:

- a) **Comment:** The Subcommittee notes that a new course in the Geography Department, Geography 6286 (GIS in Social and Business Research), may be appropriate for this Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization, and they ask that the proposing unit consider it for inclusion. More information on the course can be found here: <https://ascnet.osu.edu/request/4988>.
- b) **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty have noted a number of administrative errors in the proposal, and they ask that these be corrected prior to the revision being sent forward to the Office of Academic Affairs.
 - i) The courses listed below appear in the proposal, but there is no mention of their cross-listings in other departments. The Subcommittee asks that the cross-listings be included in the proposal so that students can properly plan their course of study given the rules about courses to be taken outside of the home graduate program (proposal pg. 4).
 - (1) Anthropology 5505 is cross-listed as EEOB 5505 and (starting in SP 2025) FABENG 5505.
 - (2) Anthropology 5510 is cross-listed as EEOB 5510, ENR 5510.
 - (3) Anthropology 7004 is cross-listed as ENR 7004.
 - (4) ESQUAL 7240 is cross-listed as ESPHE 7240.
 - (5) History 7087 is cross-listed as AFAMAST 7087.
 - (6) History 7303 is cross-listed as AFAMST 7303.
 - (7) Public Affairs 7574 is cross-listed as HTHRHSC 7574.
 - (8) Public Health Bio 7225 is cross-listed as Statistics 6510.
 - ii) The courses listed below appear in the proposal with the wrong title; the Subcommittee asks that this be corrected to alleviate student confusion.
 - (1) Anthropology 7001 is "Society and Environment"
 - (2) Geography 7102 is "Fieldwork in Human Geography"
 - (3) Human Development and Family Science 8862 is "Seminar in Human Development and Family Sciences".
 - (4) Sociology 7884.08 is "Seminar: The Family"
 - iii) The following course is currently in limbo; the Subcommittee asks that it be removed from the list of electives or be taken out of limbo by the Department of Sociology.
 - (1) Sociology 7884.03 (pg. 30 of proposal)
 - iv) The following courses have been withdrawn from the Course Catalog as of SU23; the Subcommittee asks that they be removed from the list of electives:
 - (1) Agriculture and Development Economics 7410
 - (2) Agriculture and Development Economics 7415
 - (3) Agriculture and Development Economics 7421
 - v) Rural Sociology 7560 is erroneously listed in the proposal as ENR 7560 (proposal pgs. 7 and 28); the Subcommittee asks that this be corrected. They note that ENR is the name of the unit, while Rural Sociology is the Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area.
 - vi) ESQREM 8725 and 8895 are listed as additions to the GIS on pg. 7 of the proposal, but they do not appear in the Appendix at the end of the proposal.
 - vii) Public Health HBP 7544 and Sociology 7884.15 are listed on the current version of the GIS, but they do not appear on the proposed version of the GIS found in the Appendix, nor did the department ask

for them to be removed from the GIS.

As a reminder, **contingencies** (in bold above) must be addressed and resubmitted via email to Bernadette Vankeerbergen (vankeerbergen.1@osu.edu) before this proposal can move forward in the approval process to the Graduate School.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Subcommittee, please feel free to contact Amy Nathanson (faculty Chair of the SBS Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
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