
Sociology 5649

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Good evening,

On Thursday, January 22nd, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course change proposal for Sociology 5649.

The Subcommittee did not vote on the proposal as they would like the following points addressed:

- a. The Subcommittee asks that the department provide a cover letter explaining the reason for the change in credit hours, as this change will have a substantial effect on the remaining Bachelor of Science students. Additionally, if available, they ask that the previous syllabus for the 3 CH version of the course be uploaded to curriculum.osu.edu as a part of the proposal (in addition to the new, 4 CH version) so that the Subcommittee members can compare the two syllabi and better understand how the course is being restructured in the 4 CH format.
- b. The Subcommittee requests that the course meeting times (syllabus, p. 1) be changed to reflect the course's proposed 4 CH status – the current structure of two 50-minute lectures and one 55-minute lab is not commensurate with the request for 4 credit hours. On a related note, they ask that the course calendar (syllabus, p. 11) include both the lab/recitations and lectures; in its current form, the schedule only seems to cover the lecture portions of the course.
- c. The Subcommittee asks that the department amend the statement regarding the programmatic implications of the change on curriculum.osu.edu (under "Course Change Information") to clarify that this course is required only for graduate students and the few remaining undergraduate students seeking the Bachelor of Science.
- d. The Subcommittee notes that making this a 4 CH course may make scheduling a challenge for the remaining undergraduate students in the Bachelor of Science program. They ask that the department confirm in the cover letter (see item "a" above) that they will work with the department's academic advisors to make any student who has not yet taken this course aware of the change.
- e. The Subcommittee asks that the department clarify the format of the class's third meeting each week. The syllabus alternately refers to the meeting as a "lab" (p. 1, p. 7), a "recitation" (p. 2) and a "lab-based recitation" (p. 2), which can be confusing for students.

I will return Sociology 5649 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee's requests.

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

Best,
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