

**The Ohio State University
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Concurrence Form**

The purpose of this form is to provide a simple system of obtaining departmental reactions to course requests. A letter may be substituted for this form.

An academic unit initiating a request should complete Section A of this form and send a copy of the form, course request, and syllabus to each of the academic units that might have related interests in the course. Initiating units should be allowed two weeks for responses.

Academic units receiving this form should respond to Section B and return the form to the initiating unit. Overlap of course content and other problems should be resolved by the academic units before this form and all other accompanying documentation may be forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs.

A. Information from the academic unit *initiating* the request

Sociology 5-22-07

Initiating Academic Unit Date

Sociology

Book 3 Listing (e.g., Portuguese)

851 Hierarchical linear models G 5

Course Number Title Level Credit Hours

Type of Request (Circle): **New Course** Course Change Course Withdrawal Other

Statistics

Academic unit asked to review the request

6-5-07

Date response is needed (within two weeks of above date)

B. Information from the academic unit *reviewing* the request should include a reaction to the proposal, including a statement of support or non-support (continued on the back of this form or a separate sheet, if necessary).

See attached letter

Signatures

1.	<i>Douglas A. Wolfe</i>	(Douglas A. Wolfe) Chair, Department of Statistics	5/30/07
	Name	Position	Date
2.	<i>Elizabeth A. Stasny</i>	(Elizabeth A. Stasny) Graduate Chair, Statistics	5/30/07
	Name	Position	Date
3.			
	Name	Position	Date



May 30, 2007

Professor Paul E. Bellair
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Dear Paul,

The Curriculum Committee in the Department of Statistics has now completed their review of your new course proposal for Sociology 851, titled Hierarchical Linear Models. In their report, they pointed out that there is already a course in existence here at Ohio State with the exact same title and using the same text and software. This seemingly duplicate course is ED P&L 925N60 and this issue should be addressed by your new course proposal.

If, for some reason, the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee does not find a problem with this redundancy, we are happy to add our concurrence support for your course if you are agreeable to make the following two modifications to your proposal:

1. Change the title to something like "Applications of Hierarchical Models in Sociological Research". We request this change to make it clear that this is not a general statistics course, but rather a course dealing with applications of hierarchical models specifically to problems in sociology.

2. We suggest the inclusion of Statistics 530 as a prerequisite for your course. We believe that some introduction to random effects should be part of the intended package, and that Statistics 530 is a good way for your students to pick up that material.

If you have any questions or concerns about our recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me again. Good luck with the course proposal.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Wolfe".

Douglas A. Wolfe
Professor and Chair

Cc: ASC Curriculum Office ✓