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GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM COURSE PROPOSAL COVER FORM

Courses submitted to the GSC between 2/1 and 4/30 if approved, will be effective the following Spring.

Courses submitted between 5/1 and 1/31 if approved, will be effective the following Fall.

(SUBMISSION VIA ADOBE.PDF FILES IS PREFERRED)

DATE September 8, 2010

1. ACADEMIC UNIT: School of Transborder Studies

2. COURSE PROPOSED:
   TCL 304 Transborder Research Methods 3
   (prefix) (number) (title) (semester hours)

3. CONTACT PERSON:
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   Mail Code: 3502 E-Mail: nvalenz@asu.edu

4. ELIGIBILITY: New courses must be approved by the Tempe Campus Curriculum Subcommittee and must have a regular course number. For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact the General Studies Program Office at 965-0799.

5. AREA(S) PROPOSED COURSE WILL SERVE. A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study. (Please submit one designation per proposal)

   Core Areas
   Literacy and Critical Inquiry—L ☐
   Mathematical Studies—MA ☐ CS ☐
   Humanities, Fine Arts and Design—HU ☐
   Social and Behavioral Sciences—SB ☒
   Natural Sciences—SQ ☐ SG ☐

   Awareness Areas
   Global Awareness—G ☐
   Historical Awareness—H ☐
   Cultural Diversity in the United States—C ☐

6. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.
   (1) Course Description
   (2) Course Syllabus
   (3) Criteria Checklist for the area
   (4) Table of Contents from the textbook used, if available

7. In the space provided below (or on a separate sheet), please also provide a description of how the course meets the specific criteria in the area for which the course is being proposed.

   The course emphasizes social scientific perspectives in studying the social behavior of Latinos. Required readings include those drawn from anthropology, sociology, epidemiology, history, linguistics, etc. Guest lecturers were trained in these disciplines and present their recent research emphasizing their methods.

   CROSS-LISTED COURSES: ☒ No ☐ Yes; Please identify courses: _______________________________

   Is this a multisection course?: ☒ No ☐ Yes; Is it governed by a common syllabus? _________

   Carlos Vélez-Ibáñez
   Chair/Director (Print or Type) _________

   Chair/Director (Signature) _________

Rev. 1/94, 4/95, 7/98, 4/00, 1/02, 10/08
Arizona State University Criteria Checklist for

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES [SB]

Rationale and Objectives

The importance of the social and behavioral sciences is evident in both the increasing number of scientific inquiries into human behavior and the amount of attention paid to those inquiries. In both private and public sectors people rely on social scientific findings to assess the social consequences of large-scale economic, technological, scientific, and cultural changes.

Social scientists' observations about human behavior and their unique perspectives on human events make an important contribution to civic dialogue. Today, those insights are particularly crucial due to the growing economic and political interdependence among nations.

Courses proposed for General Studies designation in the Social and Behavioral Sciences area must demonstrate emphases on: (1) social scientific theories and principles, (2) the methods used to acquire knowledge about cultural or social events and processes, and (3) the impact of social scientific understanding on the world.
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

**ASU-[SB] CRITERIA**

A SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE [SB] course should meet all of the following criteria. If not, a rationale for exclusion should be provided.

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<td>4. Course illustrates use of social and behavioral science perspectives and data. Syllabus</td>
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**THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE [SB] AREA EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CONCERNS:**

- Courses with primarily fine arts, humanities, literary, or philosophical content.
- Courses with primarily natural or physical science content.
- Courses with predominantly applied orientation for professional skills or training purposes.
- Courses emphasizing primarily oral, quantitative, or written skills.
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<td>1.</td>
<td>This course identifies appropriate methods for understanding human interaction. Using appropriate and culturally-relevant approaches, as this course discusses, improves the quality of studies focusing on humans, cultural production, social interaction, etc.</td>
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<td>The topics, guest lecturers, and readings in class emphasize disciplines that study social behavior, such as epidemiology, sociology, anthropology, history, linguistics, etc.</td>
<td>See Syllabus, pg.6 and 7 for sample guest lecturers and readings; see pgs. 1 and 2 of full reading list to see assigned readings published in anthropology, community health, and other disciplines. See the table of contents for primary textbook.</td>
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<td>The course emphasizes social and behavioral science methods such as surveys, concepts such as reliability and validity, developing research questions, inductive versus deductive approaches, etc.</td>
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Transborder Research Methods
TCL 304
Spring 2008
Eileen Diaz McConnell, Instructor
(304-1001 RSC 31855)

Time: Monday and Wednesdays 12:15-1:30pm
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an intensive overview of a broad range of research methods pertinent to the study
and examination of Mexican origin and Latina/o populations in the U.S., along the U.S. Mexico
border, and in binational settings. Taking advantage of recent developments of point of origin to
settlement methods, this course focuses on providing an introduction to methods in a true
transnational and transborder setting. This course explores diverse approaches, including
interviews, surveys, historical, textual analyses, uses of available data; and the value of
approaching research questions with diverse quantitative and qualitative approaches. In addition
to readings, lecture, activities, “hands on” activities, and class discussions, a unique component
of this class will be guest speakers. Faculty from the Transborder Chicana/o Latina/o Studies
department and other units on campus will visit class to discuss their research and the techniques
that they employ in their work. Students will write a research proposal to address a research
question of their choosing. Consequently, by the end of the semester, students will have learned
the basics of research methods, interacted with faculty about their research, and gained
experience with thinking through a proposed study of their own.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1) To acquire skills in problem formulation, research design and analysis of information.

2) To introduce students to diverse qualitative and quantitative research methods.

3) To develop skills in evaluating other research studies, and the connections between
techniques and interpretations.

4) Concurrent with objectives #1, #2, and #3; to explore how diverse approaches can be
(and are) used to study the dynamic and heterogeneous experiences of Chicanos and
Latinos, in the U.S., along the U.S.-Mexico border, and in other countries.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1) Active participation in all class activities is ESSENTIAL to student learning. Educational research demonstrates that students who attend class regularly earn higher grades. Therefore, there will be sign-in sheets for students to note their attendance each day. An un-excused absence means that a student gives up the opportunity to make up class activities assigned that day. Consequently, the instructor will not provide additional materials to absent students—students are to look over the power points covered in that day and to ask other students for class notes. In the event of an extended absence (more than 2 classes in a row), it is the student’s responsibility to communicate with the professor about the reasons for the absence. Regarding attendance: students missing more than 3 class days over the semester will lose points in their participation and attendance grade. Both the professor and the student will evaluate the student’s participation over the semester.

2) A Blackboard page has been established for our course and will greatly improve communications between the instructor and students (http://myasucourses.asu.edu). Students are expected to check this page frequently for announcements, grade postings, and other information that may not be discussed in class. Grades are posted regularly on Blackboard, students are encouraged to review their grades throughout the semester. In addition, slides used in class will be posted before class on Blackboard; students are strongly encouraged to print off the slides and bring them to class.

3) It is critical that students complete the reading assigned for each class day! Students are expected to come to each class prepared to discuss the assigned readings and to bring a copy of the day’s reading with them to class. Each article/book chapter/report should be read carefully before each class. Significant portions of each class will be spent discussing the readings. The instructor may administer quizzes, use short writing assignments or use other avenues to insure that students are carefully completing the readings and learning the material. In these situations, quiz grades or other assignments will become part of the participation and activities grade. Such in-class activities cannot be made up if a student is absent, regardless of the circumstances. No exceptions.

4) Students will complete a research proposal focused on developing a research question and planning a study to address the question. This proposal will be a typed academic paper approximately 9-12 pages long (Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-spaced). This proposal will require that students provide a brief overview of a topic of interest, select one or more methods outlined in this course, explain why it is appropriate, and demonstrate a detailed understanding of the particular approach(es), comparing the advantages and limitations with other possible strategies to address the question. A rough draft of the proposal will be due in early April to insure that students are making progress on the proposal and to provide an opportunity for initial feedback and advice from the instructor. The completed proposal may be submitted early, the deadline for dropping off the paper to Prof. McConnell’s office (Coor 6640) is May 2, 2008 at 5pm; only hard copies. No emailed attachments! Papers submitted after the May 2nd 5pm deadline will be docked 10 points per 24 hour period that the paper is late. In the case of serious illness or
other emergency, the student must have written documentation and prior approval of the instructor to make alternative arrangements. More guidance about the research proposal will be provided in the first few weeks of the semester.

5) Two examinations drawn from required texts, lecture and class activities/discussion. The format of the exam may include multiple choice, short answer, and longer essay items. Students are expected to demonstrate sophisticated understanding of the course material. Exam I is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008; Exam II is scheduled for April 9, 2008. Make-up exams are available ONLY to those who (1) have a valid excuse (typically medically related; in all cases verifiable); and (2) have contacted the instructor before the Exam via email to explain the circumstances and to receive permission for a make up. Makeup examinations are to be completed within 48 hours of the regularly scheduled exam; makeup exams may be different (and more rigorous) than regularly-scheduled exams. Review sheets to help students prepare for the exams will be provided about a week before the exam.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

All students are expected to follow the ASU Student Code of Conduct, especially with regard to student academic dishonesty. Students found cheating on an assignment will receive a reduced grade in the course. Those found cheating on an exam will fail the course.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

If any student will require assistance or appropriate academic accommodations for a disability, please contact the instructor as soon as possible. The instructor is available to discuss this or other issues during office hours or by individual appointment.

WRITING ASSISTANCE

All students can benefit from help with writing. Good writing takes practice and careful revisions. Students are encouraged to read William Strunk and E.B. White’s book, The Elements of Style available at the library and local bookstores. ASU provides a number of resources, including the Writing Center (http://studentsuccess.asu.edu/writing), which provides writing tutoring and workshops.
GRADES: 500 Total Points

Participation and Activities: 100 points, Exam I: 125 points, Exam II: 125 points, Research Proposal: 150 points

A+= 485+ points   A= 465-484 points   A-= 450-464 points
B+= 435-449 points B= 415-434 points   B-= 400-414 points
C+= 385-399 points C= 365-384 points   C-= 350-364 points
D+= 335-349 points D= 315-334 points   D-= 300-314 points   E= Below 299 points

COURSE READINGS


The remaining readings are in the course reader or are available online (these latter readings are marked with asterisks). The course reader can be purchased from the Alternative Copy Shop, 715 S. Forest in Tempe. (480) 829-7992.

COURSE SCHEDULE
(Schedule subject to change)

Introduction to Transborder Chican@/Latin@ Studies and Research Methods
  Research Methods: The Basics
  What does Transborder Research Methods mean?
  Studying Transborder Chican@/Latin@ issues and themes

Monday, January 14  (No reading)
Wednesday, January 16  C&S: Ch. 1
Monday, January 21  NO CLASS, MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Wednesday, January 23  Guest speaker, Professor Carlos Vélez-Ibáñez, “Formative Research Development”
Vélez-Ibáñez and Greenberg, “Formation and Transformation…”
Monday, January 28  Guest speaker, Professor Carlos Vélez-Ibáñez, “Transitions to a Transborder Model”
Vélez-Ibáñez and Sampaio, “Introduction: Processes…”
Research Questions and Research Designs
   Processes and considerations
   Designing a study
   Research ethics & IRB

Wednesday, January 30        C&S: Ch. 2 pg. 21-40
Monday, February 4           Durand and Massey, “The Mexican Migration Project.”
Wednesday, February 6        C&S: Ch. 2 pg. 40-47

Measurement
   Conceptualization & Measurement
   Levels of Measurement
   Validity & Reliability
   Development & Adaptation of Instruments vis-à-vis Latinos

Monday, February 11          C&S: Ch. 3
Wednesday, February 13       C&S: Ch. 3 (cont’d)
   *MMP Ethnosurvey
   (http://mmp.opr.princeton.edu/databases/pdf/Ethnosurvey2006MX
    _eng.pdf)
   *Census Bureau, “Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin”
   http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/c2kbr01-1.pdf
Monday, February 18          Guest speaker, Professor Hilda Garcia Perez, “Studying Health
   Outcomes on the U.S. Mexico Border”
   Hunter et al., “Healthcare Access and Utilization…”
Wednesday, February 20       Marín & Marín, “Enhancing Research Participation.”
   (Exam 1 review at end of class)

Exam 1
Monday, February 25
Sampling

Introduction to Sampling: Why and how it matters

Wednesday, February 27  C&S: Ch. 4

Causation and Experimental Design

Defining causality
Experiments

Monday, March 3  C&S: Ch. 5

Wednesday, March 5  Martin, “The Effects of Questionnaire Design on Reporting…”

Spring Break

Monday, March 10

Wednesday, March 11

Survey Research

Creating surveys; challenges
Types of surveys
Examples of surveys: asking about race and ethnicity
Using quantitative survey data

Monday, March 17  C&S: Ch. 6

Wednesday, March 19  *Kaiser/Pew Hispanic: 2002 National Survey of Latinos
Executive Summary; Section 2: Identity
http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/upload/2002-National-Survey-of-
Latinos-Summary-of-Findings.pdf
*Skim the 2002 NSL survey:
http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/upload/2002-National-Survey-of-
Latinos-Toplines-Survey.pdf

Monday, March 24  Guest Speaker, Michael McLaen, Institute for Social Science Research, “Administering Surveys: Issues and Challenges”
Reading TBA
Wednesday, March 26        C&S: Ch. 9
Mooney, “Migrants’ Social Capital and Investing Remittances…”

Qualitative Methods: Part I
Participant Observation
Interviews
Ethnography

Monday, March 31           C&S: Ch. 7
Draft of Research Proposal Due

Wednesday, April 2          Guest speaker, Professor Seline Szkupinski Quiroga, “The Color of Infertility: Race, Reproduction and American Medicine”
Szkupinski Quiroga, “Appendix A: Methods and Demographics”

Monday, April 7             C&S: Ch. 8

Exam 2

Wednesday, April 9

Qualitative Methods: Part II
Archival and Historical Approaches
Life history

Monday, April 14            Truett and Young. “Making Transnational History…”

Wednesday, April 16         Guest speaker, Professor Edward Escobar, “Historical Methodology for the Study of Urban Problems
Escobar, “Dialectics of Oppression.”

Analyses of Texts and Performance
Analyses of text
Discourse, Rhetoric, Metaphors and other perspectives
Latina/o Performance

Wednesday, April 16         Santa Ana et al., “Awash Under a Brown Tide…”
Monday, April 21  
*Guest speaker,* Professor Marivel Danielson, “Latina Performance”
Reading TBA

**Reflecting on Research Methods in Transborder Chican@/Latin@ Studies, Wrapup**
- Research Triangulation
- Reviewing and Reporting research
- Methods, data, and the characterization of Latinos

Wednesday, April 23  
C&S: Ch. 10

Monday, April 28
(LAST DAY OF CLASS)
Bernal, “Using a Chicana Feminist Epistemology…”

Friday, May 2nd
*Hard copy of Final research proposal due to Coor 6640 by 5pm*
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READINGS IN COURSE PACKET


