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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 29:** **Add new course, ANTH 357, Disrupted Lives: The Anthropology of Social Suffering**

**Effective Date: Fall 2013**

**1. Add:** On page 269, new course, **ANTH 357:**

**357 Disrupted Lives: The Anthropology of Social Suffering (3)**

Through ethnographies and other texts (both written and filmic), this course explores the anthropology of social suffering, from acts of disruption to the possibility of reconciliation. From war, political violence, state terror, and marginalization in the case of chronic illnesses, disability, addictions, and other forms of embodied distress, how is suffering collectively and individually experienced? Is it possible for broken communities and dispirited lives to heal? The focus is on everyday life--how painful events are culturally constructed and socially healed in the realm of the ordinary. Fall.

**Impact Statement:** Adding the course gives another elective to the anthropology major and minor. No additional resources are needed as it has been taught as a Special Topics class three times. There was high enrollment in the course the times it has been taught, so there is definite interest in the course.

**Rationale:** Increases the number of anthropology electives to serve the growing number of students interested in anthropology with the recent addition of the anthropology major. Because it has been taught as a special topics three times, it needs to be added to the regular curriculum.