

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 19 (SOC): Delete the following courses: ANTH 280, SOC 358, SOC 364

Effective Date: Fall 2017

1. Delete: On page 281, the entry for ANTH 280:

280 Cultures of Africa (4)

An introduction to African culture and society. It has two aims: first, to read, watch, and discuss a range of ethnographic and popular representations of African cultures; and second, to develop a critical understanding of the complex and dynamic processes of African societies. The course will involve lectures and discussion as well as small- group workshops. Odd years Fall.

2. Delete: On page 287, the entry for SOC 358:

358 Globalization and Social Change in Africa (4)

Focuses on social change and economic development in Africa with an emphasis on theories of modernization, dependency and world systems. Special attention is paid to the ways that Western society's policies impact the lives of individuals in Africa and on the ability of African countries to be self-determining. Course topics vary to address current issues as highlighted in news and activist media. Spring.

3. Delete: On page 287, the entry for SOC 364:

364 Population and the Environment: An International Perspective (4)

Uses the tools of demography, sociology and anthropology to explore population processes in different parts of the world, the politics of population, and population policies as they relate to the environment, development, food, and energy. Using a comparative approach, the course emphasizes the importance of cultural difference in understanding the dynamics of population growth. Students develop skills in reading and critically interpreting demographic data. Spring.

Impact: The impact on faculty is nil, as the SOC courses were offered by someone no longer employed at the university, and the ANTH course is offered by a current department member who incorporates cultures of Africa in the context of other course offerings in the curriculum. There will be minimal impact on students: the courses have not been offered in multiple years, and there are other places in our elective curriculum where some of the content is covered (SOC 387 – Gender, Globalization and Development, ANTH 325 – Culture and Mind, ANTH 365 – Death and Dying, and ANTH 390 -- Nomadism).

Rationale: This is an effort to eliminate courses currently listed in the catalog that we will not offer in the future. Further, it facilitates eliminating some overlap in elective course offerings, making our entire curriculum more streamlined and sustainable. The only way we could continue to offer SOC 364 would be to hire a person trained in demography; we do not have plans to do so.