

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 20 (SOC):

Change Title and Description of SOC 221

Effective Date: Fall 2017

1. Delete: On page 285, the entry for SOC 221:

221 Race and Ethnic Relations (4)

Critically examines the social construction of race and ethnic identities and the ways in which dominance and subordination are linked to this process. The course surveys related issues including arbitrary categorization, group formation, racial and ethnic stratification, prejudice and discrimination, race privilege, and patterns of domination, segregation, and integration in multi-ethnic societies. Students are required to select and conduct a community service project enhancing race and ethnic relations throughout the semester and to present their experience. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 285, in place of deleted entry:

221 Sociology of Race (4)

Critically examines the social construction of race and the ways in which dominance and subordination are linked to this process. This course surveys what race is, how conceptions of race have changed over time, and how racism can be understood. Through course readings and discussions, students develop a historically grounded understanding of how race structures social life in the United States. Students learn about the relationship between race and social inequality, and where possible, also investigate individual and collective acts of racial resistance. Fall and Spring.

Impact: This change allows our new faculty member, who was hired to teach in the field of sociology of race, to teach the course according to the updated standards of the field. The course will be regularly offered, and supports our department commitment to retaining a DI curriculum option available to students at the 200-level.

Rationale: This is an effort to update a course to reflect current standards/understandings in the field.