

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

Senate Document Number 2417S
Date of Senate Approval 03/02/17

Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 21 (SOC): Change title and description of the senior capstone courses, SOC/ANTH 464

Effective Date: Fall 2017

1. Delete: On page 284, the entry for ANTH 464:

464 Senior Colloquium (4)

Examines contemporary theoretical, methodological, and/or substantive topics in the fields of Anthropology and Sociology. Topics vary by semester. Drawing on the course themes, students will engage in a semester-long capstone project incorporating one or more of the following: independent data collection and analysis; extended theoretical inquiry; service and applied learning. These projects will culminate in a thesis and oral presentation. May be repeated for credit as topic varies. The course fulfills the requirement for oral competency. Prerequisite: ANTH 336 or SOC 338 or permission of instructor. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 284, in place of deleted entry:

464 Senior Seminar in Anthropology (4)

Students engage in a semester-long capstone project incorporating one or more of the following: independent data collection and analysis; extended theoretical inquiry; service and applied learning. These projects will culminate in a thesis and oral presentation. The course fulfills the requirement for oral competency. Prerequisite: ANTH 336 or SOC 338 or permission of instructor. Fall.

2. Delete: On page 289, the entry for SOC 464:

464 Senior Colloquium (4)

Examines contemporary theoretical, methodological, and/or substantive topics in the fields of Anthropology and Sociology. Topics vary by semester. Drawing on the course themes, students will engage in a semester-long capstone project incorporating one or more of the following: independent data collection and analysis; extended theoretical inquiry; service and applied learning. These projects will culminate in a thesis and oral presentation. May be repeated for credit as topic varies. The course fulfills the requirement for oral competency. Prerequisite: ANTH 336 or SOC 338 or permission of instructor. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 289, in place of deleted entry:

464 Senior Seminar in Sociology (4)

Students engage in a semester-long capstone project incorporating one or more of the following: independent data collection and analysis; extended theoretical inquiry; service and applied learning. These projects will culminate in a thesis and oral presentation. The course fulfills the requirement for oral competency. Prerequisite: ANTH 336 or SOC 338 or permission of instructor. Fall and Spring.

Impact: The capstone course is being redesigned to focus solely on a senior capstone project that culminates in a paper and oral presentation. Previously, students were also introduced to a significant body of thematic content, in addition to producing the thesis. This change will give more time to the production of a well-wrought project.

Rationale: We were too ambitious imagining that we could offer thematic content in addition to supporting the development of a robust senior capstone project. We believe this will improve student course completion rates as well as the quality of projects.

ANTH 464 will now be offered in the fall only instead of Fall and Spring. Under exceptional circumstances, we will allow a student to take it in the spring (offered by the SOC 464 instructor), but we want the ANTH section to be formally offered in the fall, so that it follows more closely to ANTH 336, which we are changing to a spring offering.