

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 36 (SOC): **Change offering patterns for selected SOC/ANTH courses**

Effective Date: Fall 2018

- 1. Replace:** On pages 284-292, the “**current**” entries describing course offering patterns, as listed in the tables below, with the “**proposed**” offerings listed:

Courses in Anthropology	Current	Proposed
323 Storied Anthropology	Odd years Fall	Even years Fall
325 Culture and Mind	Odd years Spring	Odd years Fall
353 Culture and the Individual	Even years Spring	See department chair
355 Marginality and Radicalism	Spring	See department chair
357 Disrupted Lives: The Anthropology of Social Suffering	Odd years Fall	Odd years Spring
360 America and the Middle East	Spring	See department chair
361 Writing Gender	Even years Fall	See department chair
365 Death and Dying	Spring	Every year
380 Zen Anthropology	Even years Fall	See department chair

Courses in Sociology	Current	Proposed
200 Criminology	Spring	See department chair
210 Contemporary Social Problems	Spring	See department chair
220 Juvenile Delinquency	Fall	See department chair
302 Sociology of Religion (RELS 302)	Fall and Spring	See department chair
312 Society, Culture and Poverty	Spring	Every year
338 Social Research Methods	Fall	Fall and Spring
357 Development and Social Change in Latin America	Fall	See department chair
387 Gender, Globalization, and Development	Spring	Every year
368 Sociology of Gender	Spring	Every year
390 Queer Sociology	Fall	Every year
480 Sociology of Law	Even years Spring	See department chair

Impact: The expected impact on resources and staffing of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology is minimal. The impact for students is increased transparency about when courses will be available, and fewer chances of promising a course that proves to be undeliverable due to changes in staffing resources. The more flexible course offering patterns accommodate unforeseen leaves and course releases, as well as any additional teaching needs external to the department.

For SOC 200, 210, and 220, one of these must be offered each semester for teacher licensure, but we need staffing flexibility that allows us to not promise one specific course. Even if we listed the offering on these courses as “every third semester”, that wouldn’t always be accurate because which course is offered depends on instructor availability. Changing the offering to “see department chair” seemed the least problematic option.

Rationale: Due to recent retirements, PDLs, FMLAs, and other release time, our department is not always able to anticipate elective offerings with accuracy. We have a clear offering pattern for required courses (e.g. SOC 338 changing from Fall to both Fall and Spring), but electives offerings can vary without affecting completion of the major. Where we have greater certainty, we have retained more specific offering patterns.