1. Catalog Description of the Course. [Follow accepted catalog format.]

Prefix SOC  Course# 421  Title CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY  Units (3)
3 hours lecture per week
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Prerequisites Soc 100, SOC 201, SOC 202, SOC 420
Corequisites

Description Modern sociological paradigms from the 1960s forward to the present period including Marxism, neo-Marxist modern theory, critical theory, symbolic interaction, rational choice, feminist theories and theories on modernity and post-modernity.

Graded
Gen Ed
CR/NC
Repeatable for up to units
Lab Fee Required
A - F
Total Completions Allowed
Optional (Student’s choice)
Multiple Enrollment in same semester

2. Mode of Instruction.

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3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course. (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) [Use as much space as necessary]

This is a required course in the Sociology major. It continues the trajectory of sociological theory begun in Sociology 420.

Learning Objectives. Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:
1) Identify key contemporary thinkers and their ideas in each of the major emerging paradigms in sociology;
2) Articulate and apply contemporary sociological use and theory;
3) Demonstrate and communicate knowledge of contemporary theory in sociology,

4. Is this a General Education Course YES ☐ NO ☒

If Yes, indicate GE category and attach GE Criteria Form:

A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)
A-1 Oral Communication ☐
A-2 English Writing ☐
A-3 Critical Thinking ☐

B (Mathematics, Sciences & Technology)
B-1 Physical Sciences ☐
B-2 Life Sciences – Biology ☐
B-3 Mathematics – Mathematics and Applications ☐
B-4 Computers and Information Technology ☐

C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)
C-1 Art ☐
C-2 Literature Courses ☐
C-3a Language ☐
C-3b Multicultural ☐

D (Social Perspectives)

E (Human Psychological and Physiological Perspectives) ☐
5. Course Content in Outline Form. [Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]

1. Review of Soc 420: Classical Theory
2. Introduction to Contemporary Theory
3. Post War Period
   A. Systems Theories
   B. Symbolic Interactionism
   C. Feminist Theory
4. Post-Modern Theory

Does this course overlap a course offered in your academic program? YES ☑ NO ☐
If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap? Currently, Sociology 420 covers both classical and contemporary sociological theory. The material is difficult and hard to cover effectively in a 16 week period. Dividing the material into two consecutive semesters means that the student has a greater possibility of understanding key ideas in sociology and finding them useful.

Does this course overlap a course offered in another academic area? YES ☐ NO ☑
If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap?
Signature of Academic Chair(s) of the other academic area(s) is required on the signature sheet below.

6. Cross-listed Courses (Please fill out separate form for each PREFIX)
List Cross-listed Courses

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Department responsible for staffing:

7. References. [Provide 3 - 5 references on which this course is based and/or support it.]


8. List Faculty Qualified to Teach This Course.

Sociology Faculty

   a. Projected semesters to be offered: Fall ☑ Spring ☑ Summer ☐

10. New Resources Required. YES ☐ NO ☑
    If YES, list the resources needed and obtain signatures from the appropriate programs/units on the sheet below.
   
   a. Computer (data processing), audio visual, broadcasting needs, other equipment)
   
   b. Library needs
   
   c. Facility/space needs
11. **Will this new course alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program?**  YES ☒  NO ☐

If, YES attach a program modification form for all programs affected.

Elizabeth Hartung  
Proposer of Course  

10/8/2006  
Date
Approval Sheet
Program/Course: SOC 421

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