**General Education Curriculum Course Designation Proposal**

**Human Behavior and Society**

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**Course Information**

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| Course prefix | | Course number | | | Course title | |
| Course catalog description | | | | | | |
| Current catalog course?  (Select Yes or No) | Yes | | How often will the course be offered? | Frequency of offerings | | |
| Number of credit hours\* | Credits | | Designation to be effective: | Effective Semester | | Effective Year |
| ***Inquiry:*** The purpose of Inquiry courses is to provide a diverse liberal arts experience. These courses will be offered at the 100-200 level and typically have no prerequisites. Each requirement draws from subdisciplines with recognized expertise in that area of study.  ***Policies:***   1. Inquiry courses will devote a majority of coursework to the designation. 2. Inquiry courses will be offered at the 100- or 200-level and typically have no prerequisites.  * *Describe briefly how this course will align with the policies for an Inquiry course:* Click or tap here to enter text.   ***Human Behavior and Society:*** These courses explore individual human behaviors, groups, or systems through methods grounded in social science. | | | | | | |

**Definitions of Key Terms:**

* Social science refers to subdisciplines that rely on both theory and empirical methodologies.
* Individual human behaviors refer to people’s thoughts, feelings, and actions.
* A group is a “collection of two or more people who share an identity” (<https://sociologydictionary.org/group/#definition_of_group>).
* Systems are “the interconnected relationship between individuals, groups, and institutions […] that combine to form society” (<https://sociologydictionary.org/system/>).
* Empirical research refers to both quantitative and qualitative studies. Students do not necessarily need to read empirical articles; reading descriptions of studies included in textbooks is sufficient.

**Course Characteristics**: *Describe briefly how this course will meet the following course characteristics for Human Behavior and Society.*

A Human Behavior and Society course will…

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| **Course Characteristics**: | Examples of class activities and/or assignments |
| 1. …focus on content that is based on empirical evidence about individual human behaviors, groups, or systems. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. …teach students to critically evaluate theories and empirical evidence. | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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