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**Concerning: adding two classes to the undergraduate curriculum in Anthropology**

This past academic year, the undergraduate program in Anthropology was thoroughly overhauled and an independent major, as opposed to an area of emphasis, was added.

We would now like to add two classes that contribute important aspects to the new major. One of these adds a significant methodological aspect to the program; it is an existing class that previously was a requirement for the “area of emphasis” in anthropology and we want to retain it as an elective. It should be numbered in the x00-09 range, which last year was deliberately left for such an addition through cross-listings that do not fit the disciplinary categories established:

x00-09:

x10-19: Appalachia

x20-29: Archaeology

x30-39: Physical-Biological Anthropology

x40-49: Area Studies

x50-69: Socio-Cultural Anthropology

x70-79: Linguistic Anthropology

x80-89: Special topics, independent study, internships

x90-99: Required seminars (including the capstone), honors

The class to be crosslisted is:

SOC 345 Social Statistics I. 3 hrs.

Introduction to statistical analysis of social data.

(To be crosslisted as ANT 301)

The other class is an internship possibility, 1-4 hours. We currently have ANT 485-488 Independent Study available. However, we want to make a distinction between Independent Study, which is student research carried out under the supervision of a faculty member, and Internship which is a practicum in the professional field of

anthropology, but which is not research. We hope in the coming years to develop internships with local museums, archives, and other organizations that will allow our students to get a better understanding of the utility of their academic learning outside our academic environment. A student wanting an internship must present to the department a project at a local institution as well as a written agreement with a person at this institution who agrees to supervise the intern (see attached draft for such an Internship contract). For the purpose of internships, 1 credit hour will equal 40-45 hours of work. At the end of the internship, a written evaluation of the student must be submitted by the supervisor and the student must make a 15-20 minute presentation to a group of faculty and peers on what they learned. After the presentation, a grade will be submitted by the internship coordinator in the department; if no such coordinator is appointed, by the department chair.

ANT 489 Internship. 1-4 hrs.

Supervised practicum founded on anthropological knowledge in a host institution. 40-45 hours of internship work correspond with 1 credit hour. PR: Six hours of Anthropology and advance permission required.

These proposed classes are **cost neutral**. In the case of the new ANT 301, it is a class already regularly on the schedule in our department. ANT 489 will create no work that is not already performed by faculty or administrators.

We take the opportunity to add an identical internship to the curriculum in Sociology (SOC 489).