

SOU New Program Proposal

NOTE: This form should be used for new minors, or new concentrations to existing degrees. For new certificates and new majors, complete the OUS new program proposal form as well as this form. The OUS new program forms can be found online at <http://www.ous.edu/about-ous/provosts-council/academic-program-policies-procedures>.

New Program name: Social Science Minor (online)

CIP Code: (Classification of Instructional Program): 45.01

Impact statement:

1. What is the expected effect of this program on existing courses (both within your academic program or elsewhere in the SOU curriculum)?

The intent of this proposed minor is twofold; first, the online social science minor would provide another minor degree option for our growing population of online students. Specifically, this minor would help to meet the minor requirement for the online business majors. Currently, options for those majors are limited to Psychology, Criminal Justice and Early Childhood Development. Because CCJ and Psychology are two of the three options, online courses typically run at capacity. Consequently the second goal of the minor is to shift some of that demand to other online courses within the division.

2. Will any prerequisites or other course requirements affect other academic programs? *No.* If so, the relevant chairs or directors should be notified to determine if those programs have sufficient capacity to meet these requirements. Please document your research into this possible impact.

We deliberately identified courses without pre-requisites for inclusion in the list of suggested courses, so there should be no impact on other academic programs.

3. Program Resource evaluation:

- a. Faculty: Cite faculty availability or needs and impact on other teaching obligations. If additional faculty teaching hours are needed, how will that need be met?

Staffing for the minor will be met initially through existing online coursework. The program will be reviewed yearly to determine whether the demand for the minor is exceeding the curricular capacity.

- b. Facilities: Cite any additional need for classrooms, equipment or laboratory space and how that need will be met.

NA

- c. Library: Are Hannon Library resources sufficient to meet the needs of this program? (Check with the library staff and ***attach a copy of their report.***)

NA

- d. Other: Are any other resources needed to support this program? If so, please document them and explain how they will be obtained.
Because the program will be met through existing online coursework, no new resources are required at this time. Yearly review will help determine the necessity of additional staffing and/or technological resources.
- 4. Catalog copy for the new program, including requirements and electives.
See attached.
- 5. Please provide written verification of contact with the chair/director of any other programs affected by the new program. *Development of the curriculum for the program included the Director.*

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