



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
SOCIOLOGY

CHANGE REQUEST REPORT

Change Request Tracking Number: 2024-SOC-8707

Title of Change Request: Add a New Half Course

Status of Change Request: In Workflow

Change Request can't be split

CHANGE REQUEST CONTENTS

#	Type	Title
1.	New Course	Special Topics in Sociology

CHANGE REQUEST HISTORY

Workflow Stage	Action Type	Action Taken By	Change Made	Action Rationale	Date
Initiator	Approved	Karen Woychyshyn	No	Submitted to workflow	10/29/2024, 12:46 PM
Submission Review (Manager of Curriculum Development)	Approved	Submission Review	Yes	Ok to move forward in workflow.	11/05/2024, 01:24 PM

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AUDIT TRAIL

None.

CHANGE REQUEST COMMENTS

None.

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Justification

To create a 0.5 FCE course option at the first year that would be offered in the winter semester in order to support student retention and program completion. The course will appeal to transfer students who have already completed a half-course in first-year sociology at their previous institution, but who still need to complete an additional .5 FCE in order to move forward in their program. The course would also serve first year students who are starting in the winter term and have limited course options given the high number of full FCE 1000-level courses that are typically offered. Finally, the course would serve students who, for whatever reason, have had to drop a full-year 1000 course in the fall term and want to complete a half-course in the winter term so that they can limit the number of lost credits in their first year of study.

COURSE DETAILS

NEW COURSE FORM - The following is information that will be displayed in the University Calendar

What is the new Course Code? (provided by Manager of Curriculum Development): Sociology 1111 The code is the 'subject' plus the course number (e.g. "Biology 1110").

Title of New Course: Special Topics in Sociology

Course Description: The topic of this course will vary according to the interests and availability of staff members.

Credit Weight of this Course: 0.5 Example 0.25, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, etc.

Offering (Hours of instruction): 3-0; or 3-0 Example 3-0

What is the Grade Scheme?:

Is this a Special Topics course?: Yes

Is this course cross listed with another? If so, enter the other course code here:

Course Classification(s):

- Type B: Social Sciences

The following is information for Committee Review

Faculty or Institution

Unit:

- Lakehead University

Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar:

2025–26

Information for Timetable:

When will this be first offered?:

2025 Fall

Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?:

No Specified End Date Use No Specified End date unless you are removing it from the calendar.

Academic Level: Undergraduate

Is this a required course, or an elective?:

Elective

What is the pedagogical rationale for this request? Why are you submitting this request?:

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Learning Outcomes:

General university education objectives: Distinguish sociology from other sciences and social sciences (Anthropology, History, Communications, Psychology, Economics, Criminal Justice). Sociology objectives: Learn sociological perspective. Learn how race, gender, social class, and socioeconomic status structure social life. Learn specific theories and research methods used by sociologists to understand how society is organized and operates. Hard skills objectives: describe how sociologists and the Canadian government measures social categories. For example, socioeconomic status (education, occupation, income); social class categories (lower class, lower-middle class, middle class, upper-middle class, upper class, elite-upper class); poverty (relative and absolute); wealth (income, assets), etc. Soft skills objectives: reading comprehension, note-taking, verbal and written presentation skills.

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**REQUIRED FIELD – Course
Experiential Learning
Types:**

- Applied Research
- Community Service Learning

The following is information for Senate Budget Committee Consideration

NOTE: Complete each section and provide full explanations for both "yes" and "no" answers. This will not be displayed in the calendar but will be used by the Senate Budget Committee when considering approval of this proposal. The creator of this proposal may be asked to attend a committee meeting to discuss this proposal. Contact the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee if you wish to discuss any of the questions below.

Will this request impact student enrolment in another program within the same faculty/unit?: n

Will this request impact student enrolment in another program in a different faculty/unit?: n

Will additional resources be required (space, staff, equipment, etc)? : n

How will this impact existing teaching loads within this faculty/unit?: n

What is the impact on the demand for teaching support services (library, computers, staff, etc)? : n

Will this course require outside support? If yes, please outline the amount and timing of the funding: n