Unit proposing the change: **Health Science**

Please check all that apply:

- **☑** Changes to academic major or minor; course titles, descriptions, number changes within level; prerequisites
  
  Requires*: Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (Copy to Div. Chair.)

- **☐** Course additions, cross-listings or deletions; course level changes; change in course credit hours; change in grading S/U to A-F and A-F to S/U
  
  Requires*: Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (copy to Div. Chair) AND Division Discussion and Signature.

- **☐** Student-designed majors, non-credit workshops.
  
  Requires*: Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (copy to Div. Chair.)

- **☐** Special courses or credit workshops.
  
  Requires*: Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (Copy to Div. Chair) AND Division Discussion and Signature.

- **☐** Statements of academic philosophy or policy; additions or deletions of majors, minors, or other programs; degree requirements; additions of courses to or deletions of courses from the Gen Ed; or change of category for Gen Ed courses.
  
  Requires*: Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (copy to Div. Chair) AND Division Discussion and Signature.

- **☐** Other (Explain in 1 below)
  
  See VPAA for details regarding approval requirements.

*Required prior to submission to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

NOTE: See APAP section 110 for more information regarding changes to curriculum.

1. Detailed description of the proposed change:
   
   This proposal is to add HLSC 322: Health Policy to the U.S. Experience category (XIII) of the new General Education Program. Additionally the catalog description is being modified so that the US/American focus of the course is made more explicit.

2. Justification for change:
   
   With the revision of our General Education Program, Health Policy provides an understanding of the institutions, particularly the healthcare system, resources and challenges facing the United States in the contemporary setting. The course examines both current and historical policies while also taking into consideration the cultural background for why the policies were shaped as they were. Further exploration of the institutions and their impact on policy is also a part of the course. As healthcare costs continue to rise and our society ages, debates about paying for and the forms our system for providing care will be an ongoing issue for some time. Therefore, Health Policy offers just one more aspect of the U.S. Experience for students to explore.

3. Proposed term of initial offering or implementation date: **Fall 2015**

4. As applicable, please provide or attach the following information:
   
   a) Course subject and number (or proposed number): **HLSC 322**
   b) Course title: **Health Policy**
c) Credit hours: 3

d) Recommended level: FR SO IR SR

e) Prerequisites or other special conditions (if any): None

f) Requirements it will satisfy (major, minor, Gen Ed, licensure):
General Education Category XIII, The U.S. Experience; Required for the majors in Health Administration and Public Health Studies; Elective for the major in Healthcare Management

g) Proposed catalog description:
322. Health Policy (3) provides a comprehensive review of the American health policymaking process and current debates. A historical perspective of health policy will be reviewed. Students will be introduced to the process of health policy development and implementation in the United States and will have the opportunity to analyze a current policy and its effects on a health care organization or special interest group in their local community.

h) Describe any potential impact(s) of this change, such as course prerequisites, majors/minors, interdisciplinary programs, licensure requirements, etc.: None expected

> REQUIRED: Attach documentation of notification of affected parties. [X]

No other parties are affected by this change

i) Staffing considerations:
[X] Can be taught by present staff
[ ] Will require additional staff

j) Anticipated frequency of offering:
[ ] Every semester
[ ] Once a year
[X] Alternate years

k) Resources required (facilities, equipment, supplies, library materials, etc.):
Requires no additional resources

5. Signatures:

Department Chair or Program Coordinator: [Signature]

Please attach summary of department discussion. [X]

This proposal was approved by the Social Science Division at a previous meeting but after a name change (to U.S. Health Policy) was accepted as a friendly amendment. Upon further reflection by the Department, they decided not to forward the proposal to the Curriculum Committee in its revised form. The Department met again to discuss the proposal. They decided to make changes to the catalog description rather than to the title to make the US/American focus of the course more explicit.

This course is routinely taught by Hallie Baker; and she wrote the justification in this proposal. If and when this course is taught by someone else, the instructor will use the developed master syllabus to
ensure the goals and objectives of the U.S. Experience category continue to be met. The Department was fully supportive of this proposal.

Department Vote:

In favor 5  
Opposed 0  
Abstentions 0  

Date: 9/23/2014

Vice President of Graduate and Continuing Studies: (if applicable)  
In favor or Opposed or Abstain (circle one)  
(Please attach comments)  

Date: 10/8/2014

Teacher Preparation Programs [Initial Licensure]: (if applicable)  
In favor or Opposed or Abstain (circle one)  
(Please attach comments)  

Date: _/___/___

Division Chair:  

Please attach summary of division discussion(s). [X]  
Following only minimal discussion the Division voted unanimously to approve  

Division Vote:

In favor 20  
Opposed 0  
Abstentions 0  

Date: 10/15/2014

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair (VPAA):  

Curriculum Committee Vote:

In favor  
Opposed  
Abstentions  

Date: _/___/___