

William McConnell

From: Craig Burnett
Sent: Saturday, January 3, 2026 11:33 AM
To: William McConnell
Subject: Re: New Sociology course

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Hi Will,

Sorry for the slow response here. I did hear back from faculty and we do not have any objections.

Sounds like a great course!

Best,
Craig

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From: William McConnell <wmccconnell@fau.edu>
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To: Craig Burnett <burnettc@fau.edu>
Subject: New Sociology course

Dear Dr. Burnett,

The Department of Sociology is developing a new upper-level course related to American Family Policy. The course has been run several times under a "Special Topics" name, but now we'd like to add it to the curriculum so that we can continue to offer it regularly. As an upper-level course, we anticipate that most students taking this course will be Sociology majors.

I'm reaching out to you as Chair of Political Science. The proposed course syllabus is attached for your review. Would you please review at your earliest convenience to determine whether there is any conflict between the proposed course and your undergraduate program? Please let me know if you have any feedback or if the proposed course can proceed as-is.

Thank you,

Will

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From: Precious Skinner-Osei
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2025 4:29 PM
To: William McConnell
Subject: Re: New Sociology course

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Good afternoon, Dr. McConnell,

Thank you for reaching out. We do not see any conflict between the proposed course and FAU's BSW program.

Respectfully,
Precious Skinner-Osei, Ph.D., MSW

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From: William McConnell <wmccconnell@fau.edu>
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Subject: New Sociology course

Dear Dr. Skinner-Osei,

The Department of Sociology is developing a new upper-level course related to American Family Policy. The course has been run several times under a "Special Topics" name, but now we'd like to add it to the curriculum so that we can continue to offer it regularly. As an upper-level course, we anticipate that most students taking this course will be Sociology majors.

I'm reaching out to you as Coordinator for FAU's BSW Program. The proposed course syllabus is attached for your review. Would you please review at your earliest convenience to determine whether there is any conflict between the proposed course and FAU's BSW program? Please let me know if you have any feedback or if the proposed course can proceed as-is.

Thank you,
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