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College of Liberal Arts

PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR)

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See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/> for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	Anthropology
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	B.A.

A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

We are requesting two changes to our B.A. program. First, under the previous system of Gen Ed courses, we required majors to take ANTH 100X: Individual, Society and Culture as part of their general education requirements. Given the expanded list of courses fulfilling Gen Ed requirements, we would like to amend that requirement, allowing students to take either ANTH 100X or ANTH 101X: Introduction to Anthropology. The classes cover different material but both serve as gateways to future coursework in anthropology.

The second change would replace the requirement that students take ANTH/LING 223: Sociolinguistics with ANTH/LING 260: Language in Culture and Communication. The latter class, newly added to the catalog, provides a more anthropology centered approach to the language and culture interface and is an introduction to the subfield of linguistic anthropology. While there is some overlap between linguistic anthropology and sociolinguistics, the latter is more closely related to linguistics and does not cover classic texts that reflect the origins of the subfield.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

General University Requirements		
Complete the general university requirements.		
General Education Requirements		
Complete the general education requirements.		
As part of the general education requirements, complete:		
ANTH F100X	Individual, Society and Culture	3
B.A. Degree Requirements		
Complete the B.A. degree requirements.		
Program Requirements		
ANTH F211X	Fundamentals of Archaeology	3
or ANTH F221	Fundamentals of Biological Anthropology	
ANTH F215	Fundamentals of Social/Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH/LING F223	Sociolinguistics: Language and Social Inequality	3

<u>ANTH F384</u>	History of Anthropology	3
<u>ANTH F411</u>	Senior Seminar in Anthropology	3
Select six anthropology electives, at least four (12 credits) of which are at the F400 level		18
Total Credits		36

C. PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES:
(Underline new wording ~~strike through old wording~~ and use complete catalog format)

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General Education Requirements		
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<u>or ANTH F101X</u>	<u>Introduction to Anthropology</u>	
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<u>ANTH F211X</u>	Fundamentals of Archaeology	3
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<u>ANTH F215</u>	Fundamentals of Social/Cultural Anthropology	3
<u>ANTH/LING F223</u>	Sociolinguistics: Language and Social Inequality	3
<u>ANTH/LING 260</u>	<u>Language in Culture and Communication</u>	<u>3</u>
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D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

Allowing anthropology majors to choose ANTH 100X or ANTH 101X as one of their general education requirements should have no real budgetary impact, as majors will still be required to take an anthropology course as part of their general education requirements. It should also have a minimal impact on facilities/space. Note, however, that ANTH 101X is currently capped at 30 students (as

compared to ANTH 100X, which caps at ~200). If demand warrants, we will increase that enrollment cap, which would require teaching in a larger room (the course is currently offered in Bunnell 302). ANTH 101X has been offered every fall for the last three years, so there is already a faculty member covering the course.

There will not be an impact resulting from substituting ANTH/LING 260 for ANTH/LING 223. Both courses will have the same enrollment cap and will not be offered in the same semester. ANTH/LING would switch to As Demand Warrants.

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

*What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)*

Allowing anthropology majors to choose ANTH 100X or ANTH 101X as one of their general education requirements will not impact any programs/departments outside of Anthropology.

Replacing ANTH/LING 223 with ANTH/LING 260 will not impact the Linguistics Program. ANTH/LING 223 is an elective, it is not required for the Linguistics major or minor. ANTH/LING 260 will make up for the potential loss of an elective for Linguistics students in years when ANTH/LING 223 is not offered.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

Change 1: Allowing anthropology majors to choose ANTH 100X or ANTH 101X as one of their general education requirements

On the 2012 SLOA for the BA in Anthropology, the first objective includes a statement that students in introductory courses should gain “a desire to learn more about the diversity of peoples and cultures and the human condition”; it further states that students should learn enough about the discipline in the core course to be interested in taking up anthropology as a primary field of study. As an introduction to the four primary subfields in Anthropology, ANTH 101X is also designed as a gateway course for future work in anthropology, and highlights the diversity of careers that one can pursue with a major in Anthropology. One of the assessment criteria for this objective includes tracking new majors that derive from the core course; this can be easily expanded to include ANTH 101X.

Change 2: Replacing the requirement that students take ANTH/LING 223 with the requirement that they take ANTH/LING 260 will more adequately meet one of the SLO for the BA in Anthropology, which is to expose students to the four subfields of Anthropology and their historical development. ANTH/LING 260 is more better suited to meeting these objectives because the material covered in the class is traces the historic development of linguistic anthropology as a subfield of anthropology. It addresses historic and contemporary concerns with the relationship between language, cognition and culture as well as language evolution. Furthermore, our current SLOA instrument (exit exam for graduating seniors) measures the aforementioned topic areas , none of which properly belong to sociolinguistics as a subfield of linguistics.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

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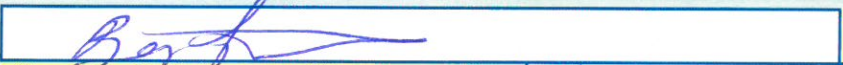
We are requesting this change in response to the recent revisions to the General Education requirements. Under the previous system, all students were required to take either ANTH 100X or SOC 100X. The department required that anthropology majors choose to take ANTH 100X. Under the new framework, students can choose from an expanded list of courses to fulfill the Gen Ed Social Sciences requirement. That list includes ANTH 101X: Introduction to Anthropology. Given that this course provides an introduction to all the major subfields within anthropology, it also serves as an appropriate gateway course for later coursework in the field. Because the department was aware that the change to the GER was coming, we have been slowly updating our 200 and 300 level courses to add ANTH 101X as a valid introductory-level prerequisite.


Change 2: Replacing the requirement that students take ANTH/LING 223 with the requirement that they take ANTH/LING 260.


We are requesting this change because the current course that was meant to expose students to the subfield of linguistic anthropology is more oriented toward linguistics than anthropology and does not include in its scope the development of linguistic anthropology as a subfield, nor classic concerns that have motivated scholarship in this area. ANTH/LING 260 was added to the catalog last year in anticipation of changing major and minor requirements to better meet SLO.

Empty box for additional justification or comments.


APPROVALS: SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

	Date	1-24-17
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: Anthropology		

	Date	February 10, 2017
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: CLA		

	Date	February 13, 2017
Signature, Dean, College/School of: CLA		

CHAIR SIGNATURE OBTAINED FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE

	Date	
Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate		
___ Curriculum Review Committee		
___ Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee		