

Proposal Form General Education Area B-2

Faculty Initiator _____

Course _____

Date _____

GE Proposal for Mendocino College Area B-2, Social Sciences, Social and Behavior Sciences (minimum 3 units)

Courses in the social and behavioral sciences are those, which focus on people as members of society. To satisfy the general education requirement in social and behavior sciences, a course shall be designed to develop an awareness of the method of inquiry used by the social and behavioral sciences. It shall be designed to stimulate critical thinking about the ways people act, and have acted, in response to their societies and should promote appreciation of how societies and social subgroups operate. This category would include introductory or integrative survey courses in cultural anthropology, cultural geography, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology and related disciplines

Course includes the following attributes:

- Does not emphasize practical skill development or professional preparation
- Examines issues in contemporary as well as historical settings and in a variety of cultural contexts
- Explains problems and issues from a social science disciplinary perspective
- Explores the principles, methodologies, value systems, or ethics employed in social scientific inquiry
- Explains the contributions and perspectives of men and women of various ethnic groups and of minorities
- Presents a comparative perspective on Western and non-Western societies
- Focuses on core concepts and methods of the discipline rather than personal or applied aspects.
- Explores how social and cultural groups constitute the framework for the behavior of the individual as well as the group
- Explores individual behavior in political organizations and/or economic institutions

Describe how the proposed course addresses **a preponderance of the above listed attributes:**