University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Curriculum Proposal Form #4R

# **Change in or Deletion of an Existing Course**

Type of Action (check all that apply)

Pre-requisite Change

Add Cross-listing \*  Technological Literacy

Course Deletion  Title Change   
 Number Change  Writing Requirement

(other)

**Effective Term**:

**Current Course Number** (*subject area and 3-digit course number)*: SOCIOLOGY 352   
**Cross-listing *(if applicable)***:

**New Course Number** (*subject area and 3-digit course number*): **SOCIOLOGY 352**

**Cross-listing *(if applicable)***: **ANTHROPL 352**

**\*If adding a cross-listing, include the following:**

Required in the major: **No**  
  
Required in the minor: **No**

Number of credits: **3** Lab hours/week: **0**   
  
Contact hours/week: **3**Repeatable **No**

**Current Course Title**: Urban Sociology

**New Course Title**: **Urban Society**

**25-Character Abbreviation** *(if new title)*: Urban Society

**Sponsor(s)**: Larry Neuman

**Department(s):** SOCIOLGY, ANTHROPOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**College(s):**

**List all programs that are affected by this change:**

Sociology Major, Sociology Minor, Anthropology minor, Urban and Area Development Minor,

Liberal Studies Major, Public Administration Minor, Urban Education Module

If programs are listed above, will this change affect the Catalog and Advising Reports for those programs? If so, have Form 2's been submitted for each of those programs?

(Form 2 is necessary to provide updates to the Catalog and Advising Reports)

NA  Yes  They will be submitted in the future

**NOTE: This course is used in the following programs: Urban and Area Development Minor,**

**Liberal Studies Major, Public Administration Minor, Urban Education Module**

Proposal Information: ([***Procedures for form #4R***](http://acadaff.uww.edu/UCC/Curriculum_Handbook_09/Procedures_form4R.docx))

1. **Detailed explanation of changes** (use FROM/TO format)

***FROM:***

Tile: Urban Sociology

Cross-listed: None

Prerequisite: 3 units of Sociology

***TO:***

Title: Urban Society

Cross-listed: Anthropology

Prerequisite: 3 units of Sociology or 3 units of Anthropology

## Justification for action

The new title better reflects the course’s broad coverage. The Urban Sociology title was in common usage in 1960s-1970s. It reflected ideas and a perspective that emerged in U.S. sociology during the 1920s-1970s era. The course title at UW-Whitewater has been unchanged since the 1960s. The field of urban sociology evolved significantly over the past 40 years. It incorporated political economy, cultural, historical and cross-national theoretical and empirical studies. Most departments and textbooks have moved beyond the old Urban Sociology perspective and title to reflect this broader, more multi-disciplinary content. The course includes a historical-archeological perspective, issues of race-gender-inequality, and topics of political-social conflict and crime. It considers land usage-environmental concerns, examines immigration and cultural and neighborhood dynamics, and discusses the impact of globalization. Urban social-cultural relations in the U.S. and elsewhere are considered. Because the course includes archaeological content and insights from urban anthropology ethnographies, a cross-listing is appropriate and will help expand offerings within the anthropology program.