

**CORE COURSE PERIODIC REVIEW
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES COMPONENT**

Reviewer name:

Course Prefix and Title:	Point of Contact:
Required for a degree or certificate program?	Service learning course?

Instructions: Rate each criterion with the review elements. Comments are highly encouraged for each criterion (see p. 2_ and *required* for the overall recommendation).

REVIEW ELEMENTS	CRITERIA	RATING		
REGULARITY	The course is offered regularly.			
SYLLABUS	Syllabus aligned with component requirements*			
	Syllabus addresses required component objectives**			
MODIFICATIONS	OUTCOMES	Learning outcomes match state mandated objectives.		
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		Assessment methods are appropriate and include <i>direct</i> measures of student learning.		
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	CHANGES & RESOURCES	Changes made to address strengths or weaknesses found in the assessment process are clearly outlined.		
		Resources that are used or needed are clearly described.		
	OVERALL EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION: ACCEPT Review elements adequately meet state mandated requirements and objectives and UTSA review criteria. DISCUSS Review elements meet some of the state mandated requirements and objectives and UTSA review criteria. REJECT Review elements do not adequately meet state requirements and/or objectives or UTSA review criteria.		

*** (A) Social & Behavioral Sciences Component Requirements:**

- (i) Courses in this category focus on the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human.
- (ii) Courses involve the exploration of behavior and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, and events, examining their impact on the individual, society, and culture.

****Required Component Objectives:**

- (A) **Critical Thinking Skills:** to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- (B) **Communication Skills:** to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
- (C) **Empirical & Quantitative Skills:** to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.
- (D) **Social Responsibility:** to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

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