



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

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DATE: May 20, 2003

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Senate Council

FROM: Lissa Holland
Graduate Council

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The Graduate Council met on May 1, 2003, and approved the following:

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Anthropology

ANT 775 Cultures and Politics of Reproduction (3 credits)

This course takes a cross-cultural approach to understanding how reproduction and associated phenomena (family formations and the social use of technologies) comprise arenas where broader political debates become played out, and social relations become created and contested. Ethnographic case studies include cross-cultural constructions of the body, parenthood, and kinship relations; and we examine how the state, social movements, legal/medical experts, and lay persons struggle to appropriate reproductive potentials for their own needs.

Prerequisites: Graduate standing in Anthropology or consent of instructor.

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APPLICATION FOR NEW COURSE

Submitted by College of Arts and Sciences

Date 1/15/03

Department/Division offering course: Anthropology

2. Proposed designation and Bulletin description of this course:

(a) Prefix and Number **ANT 775** (b) Title* **Cultures and Politics of Reproduction**
*NOTE: If the title is longer than 24 characters (including spaces), write
a sensible title (not exceeding 24 characters) for use in transcripts: **Politics of Reproduction**

(c) Lecture/Discussion hours per week **3** (d) Laboratory hours per week

(e) Studio hours per week (f) Credits

(g) Course description:

(h) Prerequisites (if any): **graduate standing in anthropology or permission of instructor.**

(i) May be repeated to a maximum of **0** credits. (if applicable)

4. To be cross-listed as: _____
Prefix & No. Signature, Chairman, cross-listing department

5. Effective Date: **Fall 2003** (semester and year)

6. Course to be offered (a) **Fall** (b) **Spring** (c) Summer

7. Will the course be offered each year? (a) **Yes** (b) **No**

(Explain if not annually):

Graduate seminar will be offered on a 6-semester rotation to fill the needs of graduate students specializing in social science approaches to the study of reproduction.

Why is this course needed:

This course represents an important, burgeoning area of research in anthropology, sociology, and gender studies. It also offers insights into key theoretical problems in the social sciences more broadly. It is the main area of research of the faculty member teaching it, as well as increasing numbers of graduate students.

9. (a) By whom will the course be taught? **Michele Rivkin-Fish**

(b) Are facilities for teaching the course now available? (a) **Yes** (b) No
If not, what plans have been made for providing them?

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10. What enrollment may be reasonably anticipated? **10-12**
11. Will this course serve students in the Department primarily? (a) Yes (b) No
Will it be of service to a significant number of students outside the Department? (a) Yes (b) No
If so, explain: **graduate students in Women's Studies, sociology, and public health will also be interested.**
- Will the course serve as a University Studies Program course? (a) Yes (b) No
If yes, under what Area?
12. Check the category most applicable to this course:
traditional; offered in corresponding departments elsewhere;
X relatively new, now being widely established
not yet to be found in many (or any) other universities
13. Is this course applicable to the requirements for at least one degree or certificate at the University of Kentucky? (a) Yes
14. Is this course part of a proposed new program? (a) Yes
If yes, which?
15. Will adding this course change the degree requirements in one or more programs?* (a) Yes (b) No
If yes, explain the change(s) below:
16. Attach a list of the major teaching objectives of the proposed course, outline and/or reference list to be used.
If the course is a 100-200 level course, please submit evidence (e.g., correspondence) that the Community College System has been consulted.
18. Within the Department, who should be contacted for further information about the proposed course?
Name/e-mail: Michele Rivkin-Fish **mrivk2@uky.edu** Phone Extension: **7-9642**

*NOTE: Approval of this course will constitute approval of the program change unless other program modifications are proposed.

Anthropology 775: Cultures and Politics of Reproduction
Instructor: Michele Rivkin-Fish

Abbreviated form of Course Description from Application for New Course

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Extended form of Course Description from Syllabus:

Efforts to organize, interpret, and control processes surrounding human reproduction provide a window onto the cultural and political debates of contemporary societies. This course takes a cross-cultural approach to understanding how reproduction and associated phenomena (such as family formations and the social use of technologies) comprise arenas where broader political debates become played out, and where global and local social relations become created and contested. Ethnographic case studies include cross-cultural constructions of the body (sexuality, anatomy and physiology), parenthood, and kinship relations; and we examine the ways the state, social movements, legal/medical experts, and lay persons struggle to appropriate reproductive potentials for their own needs. Key themes include the ways reproductive politics and practices intersect with state power, nationalism, global inequalities, and neoliberal globalization processes.

Contact: 7-9642 Michele Rivkin-Fish

APPLICATION FOR NEW COURSE

Signatures of Approval:


Department Chair
David Leep
Dean of the College

1/20/03

Date
FEB 14 2003

Date
JAN 28 2003

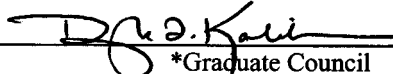
Date of Notice to the Faculty

*Undergraduate Council

Date

*University Studies

Date


*Graduate Council

5/14/03
Date

*Academic Council for the Medical Center

Date

*Senate Council (Chair)

Date of Notice to University Senate

*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

ARTS AND SCIENCES COLLEGE COUNCIL/CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

INVESTIGATOR REPORT

INVESTIGATING BODY Area B, John P. Jones
(Behav. & Soc. Sci. Curr. Com. Chair)

COURSE, MAJOR or DEGREE: ANT 775
(department or college)

DATE FOR COUNCIL REVIEW Feb. 14, 2003

CATEGORY: NEW, CHANGE, DROP

INSTRUCTIONS: This completed form will accompany the course application to the Graduate/Undergraduate Council(s) in order to avoid needless repetition of investigation. The following questions are included as an outline only. Be as specific and as brief as possible. If the investigation was routine, please indicate this. The term "course" is used to indicate one course, a series of courses or a program, whichever is in order. Return the form to the Associate Dean, 231 Patterson Office Tower for forwarding to the other Council(s). ATTACH SUPPLEMENT IF NEEDED.

List any modifications made in the course proposal as submitted originally and why.

No changes were made to the original proposal.

- 2. If no modifications were made, review considerations that arose during the investigation and the resolutions.

We looked into the question of how often the course would be offered and whether it was legitimate to indicate "permission of instructor" for non-Anthropology majors. We concluded that there were no reasons to change the proposal as submitted.

- 3. List contacts with program units on the proposal and the considerations discussed therein.

Dr. Udvardy answered questions related to (2) above. She is a member of the Anthropology Department's Curriculum Committee.

- 4. Additional information as needed.

The questions listed in (2) above were raised by Dr. Harris (Kern) of the Psychology Department and our responses were to her satisfaction.

- 5. A&S Area B, Social Sciences Curriculum Committee Recommendation.

APPROVE, APPROVE WITH RESERVATION, OR DISAPPROVE

- 5. A&S Council Recommendation:

APPROVE, APPROVE WITH RESERVATION, OR DISAPPROVE

7. _____
A&S Council Investigator, Dr. John P. Jones III

Date: 2-13-03

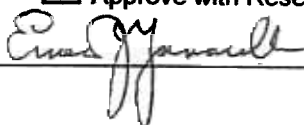
**GRADUATE COUNCIL
INVESTIGATOR REPORT**

Course/Courses/Program: ANT 775

Category (check one): New Change Drop

Date for Council Review: May 1, 2003

Recommendation (circle one): Approve Approve with Reservation Disapprove

Investigator's Signature: 

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The following questions are included as an outline only. Be as specific and as brief as possible. If the investigation was routine, please indicate this. Attach supplements as needed. Please return the form to Lissa Holland, 355 P.O.T., 0027, at least two days before the next Council meeting.

1. List any modifications made in the course proposal as submitted originally and reason(s) why.

I pointed out that the course proposal failed to include a course description. The missing information was quickly provided by the contact person/prospective instructor. Its absence was simply an oversight.

2. If no modifications were made, review considerations which arose during the investigation and the resolutions.

In addition to the above, I inquired into the reasons for the offering of the course once every three years, raised questions about the anticipated interest of other academic units and programs in this graduate course, and asked whether any thought or interest was expressed in cross-listing the course in any of these academic programs.

3. List contact(s) with program units and the considerations discussed therein.

I spoke at length with Professor Michelle Rivkin-Fish, the contact person and prospective graduate seminar instructor. She was extremely forthcoming in answering the above questions and concerns and immediately providing the Course Description for the course proposal.

4. Additional information as needed.

Special note should be taken regarding the "six semester rotation" of this seminar in the Department of Anthropology's course scheduling sequence. Professor Rivkin-Fish explained that enrollment would be generated among those graduate students who will be focusing on a subsection of medical anthropology. Since the Department typically admits 2-3 graduate students with this interest, she indicated that it seems reasonable to offer the course every sixth semester when a critical mass of 10-12 graduate students in Anthropology will be generated to take it.