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TO: Writing Across the Curriculum Committee

FROM: Dr. Sitawa Kimuna, Undergraduate Director  
Dr. Marieke Van Willigen, Interim Chair  
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RE: Removal of WI Designation for SOCI 4385

The Sociology Department is requesting the WAC Committee approve the removal of WI designation from SOCI 4385: Theoretical Perspectives and Applications effective Fall 2014. At the September 4, 2013 meeting, the Undergraduate Committee voted to bring before the sociology faculty a change to remove WI from SOCI 4385. The sociology faculty unanimously voted on September 11, 2013 to approve the removal.

The removal of WI designation from SOCI 4385 will not adversely affect students' ability to graduate in a timely manner. Students in our Bachelor of Science program will still have 12 credits of WI credit built into their coursework (ENGL 1100, ENGL 1200, ENGL 3810/3820/3880, and SOCI 4800). Previously they completed 15 credit hours of WI credit, exceeding the University requirement. Students in our Bachelor of Arts program will be required to take 9 credits of specific WI coursework (ENGL 1100, ENGL 1200, and SOCI 4800) and will work with their advisors to select an additional WI course of their choosing, as is typical in many majors. Indeed the removal of the WI designation may help them graduate more quickly since it has been difficult for us to offer enough SOCI 4385 sections while still maintaining enrollment in the course which is appropriate to the WI designation.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions about this request ([kimunas@ecu.edu](mailto:kimunas@ecu.edu) or [vanwilligenm@ecu.edu](mailto:vanwilligenm@ecu.edu))