Eastern Illinois University
Revised Course Proposal
SOC 5100 – Sociological Aspects of Gerontology

1. Catalog description
   a. Course number: SOC 5100
   b. Title: Sociological Aspects of Gerontology
   c. Meeting times and credit: (3-0-3)
   d. Terms to be offered: S
   e. Short Title: Gerontology
   f. Course Description: Review of current social gerontological theories and research; consideration of structural aspects of the social order as related to the aging process.
   g. Prerequisites: Admission to the M.A. in Gerontology program or permission of instructor.
   h. Initial term of course offering: Spring 2006

2. Student Learning Objectives and Evaluation
   a. Objectives:
      Students will be able to:
      1. describe the scope of social gerontology
      2. explain the demographic and historical factors that form the macrosocial context for individual aging.
      3. analyze the ways in which physical, psychological and social aging affects individuals and how individuals adapt to these processes.
      4. critique and apply social theories of aging.
   b. Methods of assessing students’ achievement:
      1. Mid-term exam worth 20%, meets objectives 1, 2 and 4.
      2. Research paper/presentation worth 40%, meets objectives, 2 or 3 and 4, depending on topic selected.
      3. Facilitate class discussion one session/participation worth 10%
      4. Social service agency report worth 10%, meets objective 3.
      5. Final exam worth 20%, meets objective 1, 3 and 4.
   c. Not technology-delivered
   d. Not numbered 4750-4999
   e. Writing designation: N/A

3. Outline of the Course
   a. Course Topics: Class periods are 150 minutes each, one time a week, over a 15 week period.

      Week 1   Introduction to Social Gerontology
                Demography of Aging

      Week 2   History of Aging in America
4. Rationale

a. Purpose and need: Gerontology is a multidisciplinary approach to the study of aging. The purpose of the course is to introduce graduate students to the sociological perspective on aging.

b. Justification of the course level & prerequisites: This is a required course for the M.A. in Gerontology Program and a core requirement for the degree. Permission of the instructor prerequisite allows other graduate students with the appropriate background to enroll in the course.

c. Similarity to existing courses: None at the graduate level.
d. Impact on Program: This is a core requirement for the M.A. in Gerontology Program and is a revision and replacement of SOC 4800, the previously existing required sociology core course.

5. Implementation

a. Faculty members to whom the course may be assigned: Qualified Graduate Faculty in the Department of Sociology/Anthropology

b. Additional costs to students: None


6. Community College Transfer: N/A

7. Date approved by Sociology/Anthropology Curriculum Committee: 11/8/2004

8. Date approved by COS Curriculum Committee: 4/22/2005

9. Date approved by the Council of Graduate Studies: 10/18/2005