

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

S. 83-74

To..... SENATE

From..... SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE

..... STUDIES

Subject..... PROPOSED CHANGES - DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY

Date..... OCTOBER 19, 1983

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies,
at its meeting of October 18, 1983, gives rise to the following
motion:-

MOTION: "That Senate approve and recommend approval to
the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.83 - 74
the proposed

New course S.A. 420-4 - Sociology of Aging"

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MEMORANDUM

To.....Faculty of Arts Undergraduate.....
Curriculum Committee.....
 Subject.....New Course Proposal.....

From...Undergraduate Curriculum Committee...
 ...Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology...
 Date...June 15, 1983.....

New Course ProposedS.A. 420-4 Sociology of Aging

A consideration of the structural and behavioural implications of aging. Topics included will be: demographic aspects of aging; the relationship of aging to political, economic, familial and other social institutions; the social psychological significance of aging.

Rationale

The sociology of aging is a core course in the new Gerontology Diploma programme, which will be commencing in the fall 1983 semester. The course has been offered twice under the S.A. 460/461 "Special Topics" rubric (81-1 and 83-1) and draws a substantial number of students.

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MEMORANDUM

SCUS 83-38

To.....H. M. Evans.....
Secretary S.C.U.S.....
 Subject.....New Course Proposal S.A. 420-4.....

From.....Sheila Roberts.....
Secretary, Faculty of Arts.....
Curriculum Committee.....
 Date.....October 13, 1983.....

The Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee at its meeting of October 13, 1983 approved the new course S.A. 420-4 Sociology of Aging for permanent inclusion in the calendar.

Would you please place this item on the agenda of the next meeting of S.C.U.S. Thank you.

Sheila Roberts

SR/ck
 Attachments

c.c. G. Teeple

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

1. Calendar Information

Department: Sociology & Anthropology

Abbreviation Code: SA Course Number: 420 Credit Hours: 4 Vector: 2-2-0

Title of Course: Sociology of Aging

Calendar Description of Course:

A consideration of the structural and behavioural implications of aging. Topics included will be: demographic aspects of aging; the relationship of aging to political, economic, familial and other social institutions; the social psychological significance of aging.

Nature of Course one two-hour lecture, one two-hour seminar

Prerequisites (or special instructions):

S.A. 202

What course (courses), if any, is being dropped from the calendar if this course is approved: none

2. Scheduling

How frequently will the course be offered? once a year

Semester in which the course will first be offered? 84-1

Which of your present faculty would be available to make the proposed offering possible? E. Gee, A. McLaren

3. Objectives of the Course

To familiarize students with the theoretical and methodological issues involved in the study of aging societies and aging individuals from a sociological point of view.

4. Budgetary and Space Requirements (for information only)

What additional resources will be required in the following areas:

Faculty nil

Staff nil

Library nil

Audio Visual nil

Space nil

Equipment nil

5. Approval

Date: 22 August 1983

Law W. Walker

Chairman Department Chairman

Dean

Chairman, SCUS

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

S.A. 420-4 Sociology of Aging

- I. Introduction of Major Concepts
- II. The Demography of Aging
- III. Aging and Modernization
- IV. Western Stereotypes of Aging and Old People
- V. Age-grading
- VI. Social Theories of Aging
- VII. Political Economy of Aging
- VIII. Family and Aging
- IX. Retirement and Aging
- X. Conclusion

Required Reading

Victor Marshall, Aging in Canada

Jill S. Quadagno, Aging, the Individual and Society

In addition, a number of photocopies articles will be available at cost.

Course Requirements

research paper	- 45%
final exam	- 35%
seminar presentation	- 20%

Library Resources for S.A. 420-4 Sociology of Aging

- W.A. Achenbaum, Old Age in the New Land, 1978
- R.C. Atchley, The Social Forces in Later Life, 1977
- R.C. Atchley, The Sociology of Retirement, 1976
- M. Baum and C. Baum, Growing Old: A Societal Perspective, 1980
- G.M. Barrow and P.A. Smith, Aging, Ageism and Society, 1979
- R.H. Binstock and E. Shanas, Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences, 1976
- Z. Blau, Old Age in a Changing Society, 1973
- R. Butler, Why Survive? Being Old in America, 1975
- D. Cowgill and L. Holmes, Aging and Modernization, 1972
- E. Cumming and W. Henry, Growing Old: The Process of Disengagement, 1961
- J.J. Dowd, Stratification Among the Aged, 1980
- M. Field, The Aged, the Family and the Community, 1972
- D.H. Fischer, Growing Old in America, 1977
- A. Fontane, The Last Frontier: The Social Meaning of Growing Old, 1977
- D.E. Gelfand and A.J. Kutzik, Ethnicity and Aging, 1979
- J.F. Gubrium, Time, Roles and Self in Old Age, 1976
- G. Gutman, Canada's Changing Age Structure: Implications for the Future, 1982
- L. Harris and Associates, The Myth and Reality of Aging in America: A Study for the National Council on Aging, 1975
- R.J. Havighurst et al., Adjustment to Retirement, 1969
- J. Hendricks and C.D. Hendricks, Aging in Mass Society: Myths and Realities, 1981
- B.B. Hess, Growing Old in America, 1976
- B.B. Hess and E.W. Markson, Aging and Old People, 1980
- A.R. Hochschild, The Unexpected Community, 1973
- L.F. Jarvik, Aging into the Twenty-first Century, 1978
- M. Kaplan, Leisure: Lifestyle and Lifespan, 1979
- D.P. Kent et al, Research Planning and Action for the Elderly: The Power and Potential of Social Science, 1972
- D. Levinson et al, The Seasons of a Man's Life, 1978
- H.Z. Lopata, Widowhood in an American City, 1973
- H.S. Maas and J.A. Kuypers, From Thirty to Seventy, 1974
- V. Marshall, Aging in Canada: Social Perspectives, 1980
- S.H. Matthews, The Social World of Older Women, 1978
- B. Neugarten, Middle Age and Aging: A Reader in Social Psychology, 1968
- E. Palmore, Normal Aging, 1970

- E. Palmore, The Honorable Elders, 1975
- H.J. Pratt, The Gray Lobby, 1976
- J. Quadagno, Aging, the Individual and Society, 1980
- M.W. Riley and A. Foner, Aging and Society, vols. 1-3, 1968-72
- D. Rodgers, The Adult Years, An Introduction to Aging, 1982
- I. Rosow, Socialization to Old Age, 1974
- E. Shanas et al, Old People in Three Industrial Societies, 1968
- E. Shanas and M.B. Sussman, Family, Bureaucracy and the Elderly, 1977
- I.H. Simpson and J.C. McKinney, Social Aspects of Aging, 1966
- F.H. Stewart, Fundamentals of Age-group Systems, 1977
- G.F. Streib and C.J. Schneider, Retirement in American Society, 1971
- C. Townsend, Old Age: The Last Segregation, 1971
- L.E. Troll et al, Families in Later Life, 1979
- W.H. Watson, Aging and Social Behavior: An Introduction to Social Gerontology, 1982
- J.B. Williamson et al, The Politics of Aging: Power and Policy, 1982
- W. Withers, The Crisis in Old Age Finance, 1979
- D.S. Woodruff and J.E. Birren, Aging: Scientific Perspectives and Social Issues, 1975