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Dr. Bobbi Owen
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Dear Dean Owen:

This letter is for submission to the Administrative Board of the College on behalf of the Sociology Major in the Department of Sociology. We are requesting Administrative Board approval for a rule change in the Sociology Major to meet the needs of some sociology and sociology/psychology majors.

We have a significant number of students who switch from planned psychology majors into sociology, or choose to dual-major in psychology and sociology. Many of these students have taken PSYC 210 or PSYC 215, courses with substantially similar content to our SOCI 252. Each of these classes is designed to offer students skills in quantitative reasoning and data analysis, and the specific skills and tools are quite similar between the two departments. We therefore plan to allow sociology majors who have taken PSYC 210 or PSYC 215 to substitute an upper-level sociology course for SOCI 252.

This rule has been practiced informally for some time, and we are seeking to formalize it with the advent of ConnectCarolina's degree audit system.

Thank you for your help. If you or the Administrative Board has any questions, please feel free to contact me or Kenneth T. ("Andy") Andrews, who is the sociology Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Sincerely yours,

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