Petition for Clarification and Exceptions for Anthropology Majors and Minors

Instructions: When submitting a petition request for a course to count towards the anthropology degree, please be sure to:

1) Attach the syllabus or syllabi from any courses related to the petition. For study abroad or transfer credits to the major, please attach supporting materials (i.e., syllabi, papers, tests, etc.) to document the work completed.

2) Describe the anthropological content of the course you are petitioning for. The onus is on you to present evidence that the course you are petitioning for has sufficient anthropological content for it to count as an anthropology course. You might, for example, say that 40% of the readings in the class were written by anthropologists, identify whether the professor’s PhD is in anthropology, or get a note from the professor where s/he discusses the anthropological content or affirms it is an anthropology course. Note that many courses discuss topics that are of interest to anthropologists but they do not always discuss these topics from an anthropological perspective. Topical overlap alone does not constitute evidence of anthropological content.

3) Courses that are not anthropological but include a research topic that could plausibly be anthropological in nature will not be considered for a petition. (This applies to courses that might have, say, a final research project and the student can craft the project to be an ethnography.)

Name: ____________________________ ID#: ____________________________

Faculty Advisor: ____________________________ B.A. __________ B.S. __________ Minor

Major/Minor Requirement being petitioned: ____________________________________________

Course to be substituted for required course (if applicable): ____________________________________________

Instructor of course: ____________________________ Term of enrollment: ____________________________

Reasons for request (if needed, continue on reverse or a separate page):

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Signature / Student ____________________________ Date ____________________________

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Signature / Director of Undergraduate Studies ____________________________ Date ____________________________