Proposal to consider ANTH 462 as a lab/field experience course for the BA Degree Specific Requirements

ANTH 462  Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology 3 credit hours

This course introduces students to ethical considerations, methods used in ethnographic fieldwork, field notes, coding data, analysis, and write-up. Students design and carry out research projects. Prerequisite: Anth 108/308, or Anth 160/360/162, or instructor's approval.

Requirement Explanation

Laboratory or Field Experience. Variable credits. This course must be an academic-credit bearing laboratory or field experience. This course may be taken in conjunction with a lecture but the course combination must contain a laboratory.

ADDITIONAL RATIONALE

Course syllabus is still in development.

The course teaches undergrads how to conduct fieldwork as cultural anthropologists, so it will teach a number of different ethnographic methods, all informed by professional ethics. We are working to identify a service learning component through which the students will be able to apply the skills as they learn them. It's very much a hands-on, in-the-field course with lectures/discussions twice weekly.