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Course: Add: _____ Delete: _____ Change: _____
(check all that apply) SCH _____ Description _____ Prerequisite _____

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, lecture/lab (hours if applicable) and **student learning outcomes**. If in current catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red and provide a brief justification.

Program: Add: _____ Change: _____ Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red.

Minor: Add: X Delete: _____ Change: _____ Attach new/changed minor.
Minor in Social Studies

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Justification: According to the College of Education, the two local school districts increasingly wish to hire social studies teachers who can teach all of the disciplines, and who did not major in one content area (e.g., History, Political Science). At the same time, the Social Studies major generates very few students. Social Studies is also one of the areas for the TeXes Teacher examination with the lowest pass rate at TAMIU. Without adding any courses to the curriculum, the Social Studies Minor (housed in the Department of Social Sciences) is designed to address all of these concerns, by emphasizing subjects that are traditionally the weakest for our students (world history and politics; geography; economics) while allowing them to continue to take content bachelor's degrees that will allow them additional flexibility in their career choices.

Faculty: Add: _____ Delete: _____ Change: _____ Attach new/changed faculty entry.

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Proposal for Minor in Social Studies
Department of Social Sciences, Fall 2008
Original Proposal written by Dr. Deborah Blackwell

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MINOR CURRICULUM—SOCIAL STUDIES

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Choose one of the following:

SOST 4391: Topics in Social Studies

SOST 4392: Issues in Social Studies

Choose one of the following:

ECO 1301: Survey of Economics

ECO 2301: Principles of Macroeconomics

ECO 2302: Principles of Microeconomics

Two courses chosen from the following:*

GEOG 3350: U.S. Historical Geography

GEOG 3351: World History and Geography

GEOG 3352: Latin American Historical Geography

GEOG 3353: Political Geography

GEOG 4395: Urban Historical Geography

URBS 4302: Topics in Latin American Urbanism

Two courses chosen from the following:*

HIST 3301: Mexico

HIST 3320: The World Since 1914

HIST 3330: History of Latin America

HIST 3392: Survey of the Middle East

HIST 3393: History of Asia
HIST 3394: History of Africa
HIST 4302: Greek and Roman History
HIST 4320: The Middle Ages
HIST 4330: Renaissance and Reformation
HIST 4340: Early Modern Europe, 1600-1789
HIST 4341: Nineteenth Century Europe
HIST 4342: Modern Europe, 1914-1990
HIST 4391: Problems in World History
PSCI 3305: Government and Politics of Europe
PSCI 3308: Latin American Political Systems
PSCI 3310: Studies in Comparative Politics
PSCI 3340: International Law and Organization
PSCI 4307: The Interamerican System
PSCI 4309: Mexican Politics and Government
PSCI 4335: International Politics

*Students are not allowed to “double-dip”; that is to say, courses taken for this minor cannot also count towards the course requirements in their majors.