

**Purpose:** The proposed course designator should have an identified purpose within the curricular structure of Oregon State University.

We are requesting a designator FCSJ for Food Studies for the new Food in Culture and Social Justice Program. We would like the program to grow and it will be easier to present to prospective students if it has its own designator.

- What academic programs, including majors, certificates, options and minors will be served by courses within the designator?

The Food in Culture and Social Justice undergraduate certificate and graduate minor will be served by courses within the designator. It will allow us to expand curricular options in the future. Sarah Cunningham is developing a lower division gateway (Bac Core) course and it is important that this attract a broad audience of students interested in food. A course on International Perspectives on Food Systems is also being developed. The ANTH designator will be seen as restrictive to some students.

- In what ways do the general area and scope of the content constitute a coherent body of knowledge?

Food Studies is a growing interdisciplinary focus of study. The coherence comes from a focus on food, but the approaches are multiple.

- Is the proposed usage of the designator consistent with practice at OSU and other institutions? Give examples.

**Accountability:** Responsibility for the integrity and oversight of the proposed course designator should be clearly identified.

Food Studies is a recognized body of knowledge in libraries and universities around the world. See a list of Food Studies programs at <http://www.food-culture.org/food-studies-programs/>

Responsibility for and oversight of the designator will be with the Coordinator and Affiliated faculty of the Food in Culture and Social Justice (FCSJ) program

- What is the academic College of the designator?

College of Liberal Arts

- Who is responsible for administering courses in the designator, e.g. scheduling and catalog updates. Who are the faculty contact persons?

Sarah Cunningham, FCSJ coordinator  
Joan Gross, professor of anthropology

- Who is responsible for consistency and outcome assessment for courses in the designator?

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- Which units get credit for the SCH generated by courses in the subject code?

Credit will go to the unit of the instructor of the course

- Who is responsible for communicating information about the new designator to stakeholders, including advisors, Admissions, and students?

**Impacts:** Who will benefit from the new designator and what changes will result from its implementation?

Sarah Cunningham as coordinator of the FCSJ program will be responsible for communicating about the new designator.

The new designator will allow us to present FCSJ in a more coherent fashion and it will more correctly represent the program as interdisciplinary and not as an anthropology program.

- Will courses in the new designator duplicate or compete with existing ones?  
No. Most of the courses are already being taught under disciplinary designators.

- Are there expected cross-listings or curricular equivalencies?  
Yes, some existing courses will be cross-listed as FCSJ

- How will the new designator affect transfer credits?  
Since FCSJ is an interdisciplinary program, we don't see that this will affect transfer credits.

- Will any previous existing designators expire as the new one appears?  
No

- How will the new designator benefit students?  
As it stands, many of the interdisciplinary courses taught in the FCSJ program are taught by anthropology professors, so it looks as if the program is a disciplinary one in anthropology. We would like to attract students from a broader base of the university and the FCSJ designator more clearly reflects the interdisciplinary base of the program.