Bluegrass Community and Technical College
Application for a Revision to a Focus Area

1. Name of Focus Area: Peace and Justice Studies

2. Effective Date (Semester, Year): Fall, 2013

3. Area/program responsible for Focus Area: Social Sciences

4. Identify the current minimum number of hours to be completed and list the courses currently in the Focus Area:

   16+
   (3) HUM 220: Historical Perspectives on Peace and War
   (3) HUM 221: Contemporary Perspectives on Peace and War
   (3) PHI 130: Ethics
   (1-3) EX 196: Experiential Education
   (3) ANT 160: Cultural Diversity in the Modern World or GEO 160: Lands/Peoples of the Non-Western World
   (3) ANT 220: Intro to Cultural Anthropology or ENG 264: Major Black Writers or ENG 282: International Film Studies or HUM 135: Intro to Native American Literature or POL 212: Culture and Politics in the Third World or POL 235: World Politics or SOC 235: Inequality in Society or WGS 200: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in the Social Sciences or WGS 201: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in the Arts and Humanities or HIS 101: World Civilization I or HIS 102: World Civilization II

5. Identify the proposed revisions to the Focus Area:

   The proposed focus area will have a 15 credit hour requirement, to include:
   (3) HUM 121: Introduction to Peace Studies
   (3) HUM 220: Historical Perspectives on Peace and War
   (3) HUM 221: Contemporary Perspectives on Peace and War
   (3) GEO 163: Global Conflicts
   (3) HUM 160: Introduction to Holocaust Literature and Film or PHI 130: Ethics or SOC 235: Inequality in Society or POL 235: World Politics

6. Rationale for proposed changes to the Focus Area:

   1. We reversed our decision to phase out HUM 121. An in-class version of HUM 121 is now offered each fall and online versions are offered fall/spring/summer. This introductory course must be added to the requirements for the peace and justice studies focus area.
   2. Two new courses, on global conflicts and the holocaust, relate directly to peace and justice studies. Therefore, they must be added to the focus area.
   3. The options for the focus area have been reduced, including only courses that directly relate to peace and justice studies.
   4. Service/experiential learning is now incorporated into HUM 121, HUM 220, and HUM 221. As a result, the EX 196 requirement is being dropped.

7. Persons primarily responsible for courses in the Focus Area (i.e., coordinators of areas from courses listed in the Focus Area).

The Peace Studies courses are team-taught. The members of the team typically include: Gerry Adair, Michael Benton, Greg Feeney, Jim Fenton, Marcia Freyman, Rebecca Glasscock, David Hellmich, Leon Lane, Diana Martin, Danny Mayer, Dan Schuman, Steve White.

The coordinators/contacts for the courses are: Jim Fenton (Humanities); Rebecca Glasscock (Peace Studies contact), Robert Hinkle (Political Science); Ryan Kelly (Geography and Sociology); Dan Schuman (Philosophy)

8. Who should be contacted further about the proposal?

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