

# Improvement Template

## Social and International Studies

### Year 2007-2008

Goal #	Goal Description	Action Steps completed	Improvements made
1.	Bring Psychology Major on-line	1. BOR approval process completed 2. Search repeated; faculty position still not filled. 3. Student recruitment on-going. 4. Plan for course rotation schedule established.	1. Program fully approved and students being advised during spring semester 2008. 2. Program will formally begin August 2008. 3. 12 declared majors as of June 2008. 4. Course rotation schedule posted to departmental web site.
2.	Expand and stabilize offerings in Core Area E4	1. Geography search not authorized. 2. Part-time sociology instructor identified, but accepted full-time position elsewhere at the last minute.	1. Number of sections stabilized, but breadth of offerings remains very narrow. 2. New Ethnic Studies course was created and offered Spring 08.
3.	Expand accessibility and use of SIS labs	1. Recruited and scheduled 2 graduate assistants for total of 40 hrs / week. 2. Train session for faculty in use of Sony Virtuoso software held August 2007. 3. SPSS pilot program in J-216 completed.	1. Lab was open and available to students on expanded and regular hours. 2. Reliable support for faculty use of labs with classes was provided. 3. French and Spanish classes made extensive use of new lab capabilities (including recording student oral responses for later review). 4. Instructor reported that availability of SPSS software on lab computers provided critical positive instructional and learning opportunities. Class has

			been rescheduled for spring semesters so availability of software can be maintained with minimal disruption due to license renewal schedule.
4.	Move toward offering required courses in IS major every year rather than every other year and bring necessary history and HST courses into the teaching rotation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning session in departmental retreat, 14 Sept 08.</li> <li>2. New rotation schedule developed; effective 8/08.</li> <li>3. Hired two history Lecturers in order to be able to maintain sufficient offerings in Core Areas E1 and E2</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beginning Fall 2008, all required courses will be offered once per year (rather than every-other year).</li> <li>2. Beginning Fall 2008, all optional or concentration-only courses will be offered every-other year.</li> <li>3. HST courses will not be introduced as scheduled due to lack of demand; faculty have committed to provide independent study courses if any student needs a course scheduled but not being offered.</li> </ol>