A. **Identification:**
   1. **Subject Area:** SOCIOLOGY
   2. **Course Number:** SOC 125
   3. **Course Title:** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
   4. **Credit Hrs:** 3
   5. **Catalog Description:**

B. **Course Goals:**
   This course will help the student develop an understanding of domestic violence, including spouse abuse, elder abuse and child abuse from an historical perspective, and the dynamics of the abuser and abusive cycle.

C. **Course Outcomes:**
   The students will demonstrate by their scores on the written examinations and class participation, thorough knowledge of the following:
   1. Forms of spouse abuse, elder abuse, and child abuse.
   2. Historical perspectives and sex role stereotyping.
   3. Dynamics of the abuser and the abusive cycle.
   4. The appropriate role of community resources.
   5. Basic principles and types of non-abusive communication skills.
   6. The relationship of alcohol and other drugs to domestic violence.
   7. The inter-generational effect of domestic violence.

D. **Course Content:**
   Will include:
   1. Defining abuse/inter-generational issues.
   2. Dynamics of abuse.
   5. Relationship of alcohol and drug abuse to abuse.
   6. Medical and moral aspects.
   7. Criminal justice system.
   8. Role of legal advocacy for victims.
   9. Non-abusive communication skills.
   10. Incidence of elder abuse.
   13. Community resources.