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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete information as requested. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and for each program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)
 New Course Course Prefix Change Course Deletion
 Course Revision Course Number and/or Title Change Catalog Description Change

GEOS 337 Geology of Newfoundland	GEOS 404 Newfoundland Field Workshop
<i>Current Course prefix, number and full title</i>	<i>Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing</i>

2. Additional Course Designations: check if appropriate
 This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course. Other: (e.g., Women's Studies, Pan-African)
 This course is also proposed as an Honors College Course.

3. Program Proposals
 New Degree Program Program Title Change Program Revision
 New Minor Program New Track Other

<i>Current program name</i>	<i>Proposed program name, if changing</i>
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4. Approvals

		Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)		2/4/08
Department Chair(s)		2/4/08
College Curriculum Committee Chair		2-11-08
College Dean		2-11-08
Director of Liberal Studies *		
Director of Honors College *		
Provost *		
Additional signatures as appropriate: (include title)		
UWUCC Co-Chairs		10/14/08

* where applicable

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Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

1. Catalog Description

GEOS 404 Newfoundland Field Workshop (var-3cr)

Prerequisite: GEOS 403; instructor permission and valid passport required

A field course designed to utilize the exceptional and diverse geologic features of Newfoundland for instruction of departmental majors and minors in the tectonic analysis utilizing sedimentologic, stratigraphic, and paleontologic observations. (Three weeks, taught in the summer only).

2. Proposed Changes

Old Catalog Description:

GEOS 337 Geology of Newfoundland (var-3cr)

Prerequisite: Instructor permission required, at least 14cr of Geoscience courses recommended

A field course designed to utilize the exceptional and diverse geologic features of Newfoundland for instruction of departmental majors and minors in the tectonic analysis utilizing sedimentologic, stratigraphic, and paleontologic observations. (Three weeks, taught in the summer only).

Proposed changes include a) a change in course number, b) elimination of the requirement that a student have completed 14 credits of Geoscience coursework, and c) addition of GEOS 403 as a prerequisite.

3. Justification/Rationale for Proposed Changes

a) The change in course number is proposed to be consistent with the Geoscience Department's new course numbering system.

b) and c) Fourteen credits of Geoscience courses were only ever recommended with the final decision as to whether a student could take the course being left up to the instructor. As one goal of the Geoscience Department's proposed program revisions is to make these field courses more accessible to students earlier in their IUP careers, we are removing this recommendation. To prepare students for the field course we are adding as a prerequisite a one-credit pre-trip seminar (GEOS 403; see attached New Course Proposal). This seminar will introduce the regional geology of the field area, discuss controversies in the interpretation of the region's geologic history, and develop the skills necessary to successfully complete the field exercises conducted on the trip.

Part III. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement

No other departments or programs are affected by this change.