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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or 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

Current course prefix, number and full title: _____

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing: _____

2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate

This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)

Learning Skills Knowledge Area Global and Multicultural Awareness Writing Across the Curriculum (W Course)

Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)

Global Citizenship Information Literacy Oral Communication

Quantitative Reasoning Scientific Literacy Technological Literacy

3. Other Designations, as appropriate

Honors College Course Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)

4. Program Proposals

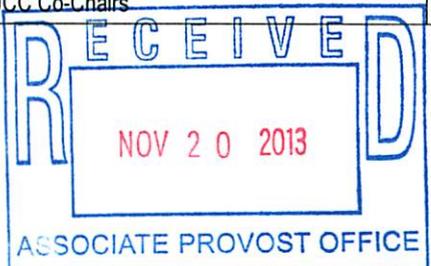
Catalog Description Change Program Revision Program Title Change New Track

New Degree Program New Minor Program Liberal Studies Requirement Changes Other

Current program name: **Geography Honors Program; Regional Planning Honors Program**

Proposed program name, if changing: _____

| 5. Approvals | Signature | Date |
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| Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s) | <i>Gail Sechrist</i> | 9/11/13 |
| Department Chairperson(s) | <i>John Robert Pa...</i> | 9/12/13 |
| College Curriculum Committee Chair | <i>Allen...</i> | 9/12/13 |
| College Dean | <i>Ann...</i> | 11/15/13 |
| Director of Liberal Studies (as needed) | <i>Dr. H. ...</i> | 1-30-14 |
| Director of Honors College (as needed) | | |
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| Additional signature (with title) as appropriate | | |
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Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

1. Catalog Descriptions of the revised programs

Geography Honors Program

The honors program is open by departmental permission to majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.25 GPA in Geography courses. After completing 45 credits of university coursework, all qualified majors will be invited to join the Geography Honors Track. Social Studies Education/Geography Track majors are encouraged to participate, with the realization that participation will require more than 120 credits.

Students select one of the following options: 1) Two courses from GEOG 333, 334, 337 or 440 and two 600-level (graduate seminar) courses, 2) Two courses from GEOG 333, 334, 337 or 440 and one 600-level (graduate seminar) course and GEOG 483 Honors Thesis, 3) Three courses from GEOG 333, 334, 337 or 440 and GEOG 483 Honors Thesis, 4) Three courses from GEOG 333, 334, 337 or 440 and one 600-level (graduate seminar) course. Honors students who enroll in the above designated undergraduate courses will undertake an honors project identified in conjunction with the course instructor, and reviewed by the Geography Program Director or the department chair (if the director is the course instructor).

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the track. To determine how honors track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Geography major, students should consult their academic advisor. To apply, students must submit a letter of intent to the Geography Program Director. The student's advisor and one other Geography faculty member must endorse the student's application.

Geography Honors Track

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Prerequisites: Declared major in geography, completion of at least 45cr of university coursework, 3.25 or higher GPA in major and overall, plus endorsement of advisor and one other Geography faculty member

Select one of the following options:

Two from GEOG 333, 334, 337, and 440 (1) and two 600 level seminars

Two from GEOG 333, 334, 337, and 440 (1) and one 600 level seminar and GEOG 483/H/ (2)

Three from GEOG 333, 334, 337, and 440 (1) and GEOG 483/H/ (2)

Three from GEOG 333, 334, 337, and 440 (1) and one 600 level seminar

- (1) Students in these designated undergraduate courses will undertake an honors project identified in conjunction with the course instructor, and reviewed by the geography director or the department chair (if the director is the course instructor).
- (2) Credits for GEOG 483 are counted in the appropriate departmental concentration requirement.

Regional Planning Honors Programs

The honors program is open by departmental permission to majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.25 GPA in Regional Planning courses. After completing 45 credits of university coursework, all qualified majors will be invited to join the Regional Planning Honors Track.

Students select one of the following options: 1) Two courses from RGPL 333, 345, 426 or 440 and two 600-level (graduate seminar) courses, 2) Two courses from RGPL 333, 345, 426 or 440 and one

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Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the track. To determine how honors track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Regional Planning major, students should consult their academic advisor. To apply, students must submit a letter of intent to the Regional Planning Program Director. The student’s advisor and one other Regional Planning faculty member must endorse the student’s application.

Regional Planning Honors Track

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Prerequisites: Declared major in Regional Planning, completion of at least 45cr of university coursework, 3.25 or higher GPA in major and overall plus endorsement of advisor and one other Regional Planning faculty member

Select one of the following options:

Two from RGPL 333, 345, 426, and 440 (1) and two 600 level seminars

Two from RGPL 333, 345, 426, and 440 (1) and one 600 level seminar and RGPL 483/H/ (2)

Three from RGPL 333, 345, 426, and 440 (1) and RGPL 483/H/ (2)

Three from RGPL 333, 345, 426, and 440 (1) and one 600 level seminar

- (1) Students in these designated undergraduate courses will undertake an honors project identified in conjunction with the course instructor, and reviewed by the Regional Planning Program Director or the department chair (if the director is the course instructor).
- (2) Credits for RGPL 483 are counted in the appropriate departmental concentration requirement.

2a. Table Comparing Old and New program

| Current Programs: | Proposed Programs: |
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| <p>Geography Honors Program The honors program is open by departmental permission to majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university course work and a 3.25 GPA in Geography courses. After completing 60 credits, all qualified majors will be invited to join the Geography Honors Track. Social Studies Education—Geography Track majors are encouraged to participate, with the realization that participation will require more than 120 credits.</p> <p>Students complete CHSS 489, a multidisciplinary colloquium emphasizing problem solving, discussion, reading, and writing on a topic or theme; GEOG 483; and HNRC 499, which fulfills the Liberal Studies synthesis requirement. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the track. To determine how honors track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Geography major, students should consult their academic advisors.</p> <p>To apply, students must submit a letter of intent that includes a two-page self-statement describing the student’s academic and career goals. Two Geography faculty members must endorse the student’s application.</p> | <p>Geography Honors Program The honors program is open by departmental permission to majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.25 GPA in Geography courses. After completing 45 credits of university coursework, all qualified majors will be invited to join the Geography Honors Track. Social Studies Education/ Geography Track majors are encouraged to participate, with the realization that participation will require more than 120 credits.</p> <p>Students select one of the following 12 credit options: 1) Two courses from GEOG 333, 334, 337 or 440 and two 600-level (graduate seminar) courses, 2) Two courses from GEOG 333, 334, 337 or 440 and one 600-level (graduate seminar) course and GEOG 483 Honors Thesis, 3) Three courses from GEOG 333, 334, 337 or 440 and GEOG 483 Honors Thesis, 4) Three courses from GEOG 333, 334, 337 or 440 and one 600-level (graduate seminar) course. Honors students who enroll in the above designated undergraduate courses will undertake an honors project identified in conjunction with the course instructor, and reviewed by the Geography Program Director or the department chair (if the director is the course instructor).</p> <p>Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the track. To determine how</p> |

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| <p>Geography Honors Track 12 Prerequisites: Declared major in Geography, completion of at least 60cr, and endorsement of two Geography faculty members Required Courses: CHSS 489/H/ Honors Colloquium 3cr HNRC 499 Honors Senior Synthesis *cr (1) GEOG 483/H/ Honors Thesis in Geography 6cr (2)</p> <p>(1) Credits for HNRC 499 are counted in the Liberal Studies synthesis requirement. (2) Credits for GEOG 483 are counted in the appropriate departmental track requirement.</p> | <p>honors track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Geography major, students should consult their academic advisor. To apply, students must submit a letter of intent to the Geography Program Director. The student's advisor and one other Geography faculty member must endorse the student's application.</p> <p>Geography Honors Track 12 Prerequisites: Declared major in Geography, completion of at least 45cr of university coursework, 3.25 or higher GPA in major and overall plus endorsement of advisor and one other Geography faculty member Select one of the following options: Two from GEOG 333, 334, 337, and 440 (1) and two 600 level seminars Two from GEOG 333, 334, 337, and 440 (1) and one 600 level seminar and GEOG 483/H/ (2) GEOG 333, 334, 337, and 440 (1) and GEOG 483/H/ (2) Three from GEOG 333, 334, 337, and 440 (1) and one 600 level seminar (1) Students in these designated undergraduate courses will undertake an honors project identified in conjunction with the course instructor, and reviewed by the Geography Program Director or the department chair (if the director is the course instructor). (2) Credits for GEOG 483 are counted in the appropriate departmental concentration requirement.</p> |
| <p>Regional Planning Honors Programs The honors program is open by departmental permission to Regional Planning majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university course work and a 3.25 GPA in Regional Planning courses. After completing 60 credits, all qualified majors will be invited to join the Regional Planning Honors Track. Social Studies Education—Geography Track majors are encouraged to participate, with the realization that participation will require more than 120 credits.</p> <p>Students complete CHSS 489, a multidisciplinary colloquium emphasizing problem solving, discussion, reading, and writing on a topic or theme; RGPL 483; and HNRC 499, which fulfills the Liberal Studies synthesis requirement. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the track. To determine how Honors Track courses will be integrated into existing requirements for the Regional Planning major, students should consult their academic advisors.</p> <p>To apply, students must submit a letter of intent that includes a two-page self-statement describing the student's academic and career goals. Two Regional Planning faculty members must endorse the student's application.</p> <p>Regional Planning Honors Track 12 Prerequisites: Declared major in Regional Planning, completion of at least 60cr, and endorsement of two Regional Planning faculty members Required Courses: CHSS 489/H/ Honors Colloquium 3cr HNRC 499 Honors Senior Synthesis (1) *cr RGPL 483/H/ Honors Thesis in Regional Planning (2) 6cr</p> <p>(1) Credits for HNRC 499 are counted in the Liberal Studies synthesis requirement. (2) Credits for RGPL 483 are counted in the appropriate departmental track requirement.</p> | <p>Regional Planning Honors Program The honors program is open by departmental permission to regional planning majors with at least a 3.25 GPA in total university coursework and a 3.25 GPA in Regional Planning courses. After completing 45 credits of university coursework, all qualified majors will be invited to join the Regional Planning Honors Track.</p> <p>Students select one of the following options: 1) Two courses from RGPL 333, 345, 426, or 440 and two 600-level (graduate seminar) courses, 2) Two courses from RGPL 333, 345, 426, or 440 and one 600-level (graduate seminar) course and RGPL 483 Honors Thesis, 3) Three courses from RGPL 333, 345, 426, or 440 and RGPL 483 Honors Thesis, 4) Three courses from RGPL 333, 345, 426, or 440 and one 600-level (graduate seminar) course. Honors students who enroll in the above designated undergraduate courses will undertake an honors project identified in conjunction with the course instructor, and reviewed by the Regional Planning Program Director or the department chair (if the director is the course instructor).</p> <p>Regional Planning Honors Track 12 Prerequisites: Declared major in Regional Planning, completion of at least 45cr of university coursework, 3.25 or higher GPA in major and overall plus endorsement of advisor and one other Regional Planning faculty member Select one of the following options: Two from RGPL 333, 345, 426, and 440(1) and two 600 level seminars Two from RGPL 333, 345, 426, and 440(1) and one 600 level seminar and RGPL 483/H/ (2) Three from RGPL 333, 345, 426, and 440(1) and RGPL 483/H/ (2) Three from RGPL 333, 345, 426, and 440(1) and one 600 level seminar (1) Students in these designated undergraduate courses will undertake an honors project identified in conjunction with the course instructor, and reviewed by the Regional Planning Program Director or the department chair (if the director is the course instructor). (2) Credits for RGPL 483 are counted in the appropriate departmental track requirement.</p> |

2b. List of all associated changes

- Removing CHSS 489 and HNRC 499 and replacing them with multiple options.
- Lowering the number of credits for eligibility to apply to program from 60 to 45 credits of university course work.
- The reference to SSED/GE Track is being removed from the Regional Planning Honors Program.

3. Rationale

CHSS 489 Honors Colloquium has been infrequently offered and HNRC 499 Honors Synthesis no longer exists. The modification is being made to make the undergraduate Geography and Regional Planning Honors Tracks more accessible to our high-achieving students. The proposed revisions will use a combination of regularly offered upper division major's courses with an honors project component or 600 level seminar courses or an honors thesis.

The number of credits for eligibility is being lowered from 60 to 45 credits of university coursework because we have found that students that might have been interested in the Honors Programs were unwilling to select the option because it would have extended their time at IUP. Making the programs available to students earlier will allow them to plan their course work in order to be able to complete the Honors Track and still graduate on schedule.

The reference to the Social Studies Education/Geography Track is being removed from the Regional Planning Honors Program because these students take no Regional Planning courses.

Part III. Implementation.

1. How will the proposed revision affect students already in the existing program?

Currently there is only one student in the Honors Track. He was already directed to complete an honors project in one of his spring 2013 courses (it is not a course on the current list, but it will be substituted for one of those courses). We will accommodate him in any other ways that are necessary so that he can complete the Honors Track.

2. Are faculty resources adequate? Yes since these options will use regularly offered courses.

3. Are other resources adequate? Yes

4. Do you expect an increase or decrease in the number of students as a result of the changes.

We anticipate that more of our majors will now select the honors option.

Part IV. Periodic Assessment

1. Describe the evaluation plan. Include evaluation criteria.

These tracks will be evaluated as part of the department's regularly scheduled five year review and as part of our annual data collection of information from exiting students.

2. Specify the frequency of the evaluations. Every five years.

3. Identify the evaluating entity. Department faculty and an outside consultant if selected.