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LIBERAL STUDIES COURSE APPROVAL FORM

About this form: Use this form only if you wish to have a course included for Liberal Studies credit. The form is intended to assist you in developing your course to meet the university's Criteria for Liberal Studies, and to arrange your proposal in a standard order for consideration by the LSC and the UWUCC. If you have questions, contact the Liberal Studies Office, 353 Sutton Hall; telephone, 357-5715.

Do not use this form for technical, professional, or pre-professional courses or for remedial courses, none of which is eligible for Liberal Studies. Do net use this form for sections of the synthesis course or for writing-intensive sections; different forms will be available for those.

PART I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. For which category(ies) are you proposing the course? Check all that apply.

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PART II. WHICH LIBERAL STUDIES GOALS WILL YOUR COURSE MEET? Check all that apply and attach an explanation.

All Liberal Studies courses must contribute to at least one of these goals; most will meet more than one. As you check them off, please indicate whether you consider them to be primary or secondary goals of the course. For example, a history course might assume "historical consciousness" and "acquiring a body of knowledge" as its primary goals, but it might also enhance inquiry skills or literacy or library skills. Keep in mind that no single course is expected to shoulder all by itself the responsibility for meeting these goals; our work is supported and enhanced by that of our colleagues teaching other courses.

		Primary	Secondary
A.	Intellectual Skills and Modes of Thinking:		
	1. Inquiry, abstract logical thinking, critical analysis, synthesis, decision making, and other aspects of the critical process.	<u>X</u>	10 <u></u>
	2. Literacy-writing, reading, speaking, listening		
	3. Understanding numerical data		<u>_x</u>
	4. Historical consciousness		xx
	5. Scientific inquiry	 :	- -
٠	6. Values (ethical mode of thinking or application of ethical perception)	<u> </u>	. Turner of the second
	7. Aesthetic mode of thinking		
В.	Acquiring a Body of Knowledge or Under- standing Essential to an Educated Person	_X	
C.	Understanding the Physical Nature of Human Beings		
D.	Certain Collateral Skills:	<u> </u>	and general general
	1. Use of the library		
	2. Use of computing technology		:

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- A.1. Human behavioral interaction in space is a complex phenomenon that geographers have begun to describe and predict with theoretical models during the last half century. Much of the theory involves abstract thought, critical perception of the interaction of demographic, economic and political spatial forces, and decisions regarding the claims of competing theories. Since vying theories are discussed at several points in the course, the student is forced to exercise critical thought.
- A.3. Much of the theory the student is exposed to is quantitative: demographic change, central place theory, location theory, diffusion models. Much of the material, too, is numerical and requires interpretation of charts, graphs, trends, and geometric argument.
- A.4. Urban development is approached historically. This part of the course looks at themes in urban form from Sumeria to Rome to the medieval city to the industrial city to the modern megalopolis. In this section and in that on population, the role of historical forces on spatial form is stressed.
- A.6. One of the overwhelming facts of human spatial behavior is that of inequity. Whether discussing the central city, apartheid, or the role of gender in spatial form, students are frequently asked to confront ethical questions.
- B. Some scholars have argued that human development can be described in two key dimensions: time and space. History concerns itself with the first of these, human geography with the second.

PART III. DOES YOUR COURSE MEET THE GENERAL CRITERIA FOR LIBERAL STUDIES? Please attach answers to these questions.

A. If this is a multiple-section, multiple-instructor course, there should be a basic equivalency (though not necessarily uniformity) among the sections in such things as objectives, content, assignments, and evaluation. Note: this should not be interpreted to mean that all professors must make the same assignments or teach the same way; departments are encouraged to develop their courses to allow the flexibility which contributes to imaginative, committed teaching and capitalizes on the streangths of individual faculty.

What are the strategies that your department will use to assure that basic equivalency exists? Examples might be the establishment of departmental guidelines, assignment of repsonsibility to a coordinating committee, exchange and discussion of individual instructor syllabi, periodic meetings among instructors, etc.

See attached.

B. Liberal Studies courses must include the perspectives and contributions of ethnic and racial minorities and of women wherever appropriate to the subject matter. If your attached syllabus does not make explicit that the course meets this criterion, please append an explanation of how it will.

See attached,

C. Liberal Studies courses must require the reading and use by students of at least one, but preferably more, substantial works of fiction or nonfiction (as distinguished from textbooks, anthologies, workbooks, or manuals). Your attached syllabus must make explicit that the course meets this criterion.

[The only exception is for courses whose primary purpose is the development of higher level quantitative skills; such courses are encouraged to include such reading, but are not expected to do so at the expense of other course objectives. If you are exercising this exception, please justify here.]

See attached. .

D. If this is an introductory course intended for a general student audience, it should be designed to reflect the reality that it may well be the only formal college instruction these students will have in that discipline, instead of being designed as the first course in a major sequence. That is, it should introduce the discipline to students rather than introduce students into the discipline. If this is such an introductory course, hew is it different from what is provided for beginning majors?

See attached.

Liberal Studies Approval Form

III.

- A. For all knowledge area course Geography and Regional Planning established a departmental committee composed of potential instructors for the course. This committee wrote the course syllabus and agreed on the basic nature of the course and a list of potential texts and supplementary readings. These committees will become standing departmental committees charged with meeting at least once each semester to compare syllabi, course content, and assignments.
- B. Syllabus is explicit with respect to content regarding women and minorities. In addition, each instructor will attempt to incorporate these concepts in all lectures.
- C. All syllabi of knowledge area courses contain a list of suggested substantial readings either in fiction or non-fiction. Each instructor will select from this material.
- D. There are no equivalents to our liberal education knowledge area courses for majors. Rather, majors are expected to take substantially more detailed specialized courses. The general overview of the discipline for majors is provided in our 400 level course: Thought and Philosophy.
- E. 1. Many of the topics in human geography deal with spatial inequality. At times, inequalities are environmental, eg., Sahel drought, but at times they are social, e.g., apartheid. When faced with social spatial inequalities, our students are asked to reflect on the ethical choices involved both social and in their own lives.
 - 2. Some of the topics confronted in human geography are problems confronting society, e.g., degradation of the environment, overpopulation. Such topics are framed as social questions with choices among alternative solutions left to the student.
- 5/6 Most of the knowledge gained in any geography knowledge area course provide an essential basis for understanding social, political, and environmental issues on a global scale. These issues will confront the student daily throughout life. Hopefully, the basis of knowledge and enthusiasm of our faculty will lead them to confine to inquire into these topics for a lifetime.

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E.	The Liberal Studies Criteria indicate six ways in which all courses should contribute to students' abilities. To which of the six will your course contribute? Check all that apply and attach an explanation.
	X 1. Confront the major ethical issues which pertain to the subject matter; realize that although "suspended judgment" is a necessity of intellectual inquiry, one cannot live forever in suspension; and make ethical choices and take responsibility for them.
	 X 2. Define and analyze problems, frame questions, evaluate available solutions, and make choices 3. Communicate knowledge and exchange ideas by various forms of expression, in most cases writing and speaking.
	4. Recognize creativity and engage in creative thinking.
	\underline{x} 5. Continue learning even after the completion of their formal education.
	X 6. Recognize relationships between what is being studied and current issues, thoughts, institutions, and/or events.

PART IV. DOES YOUR COURSE MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE CURRICULUM CATEGORY IN WHICH IT IS TO BE LISTED?

Each curriculum category has its own set of specific criteria in addition to those generally applicable. The LSC provides copies of these criteria arranged in a convenient, check-list format which you can mark off appropriately and include with your proposal. The attached syllabus should indicate how your course meets each criterion you check. If it does not do so explicitly, please attach an explanation.

CHECK LIST -- SOCIAL SCIENCES

Knowledge Area Criteria which the course must meet:		
<u> </u>	Treat concepts, themes, and events in sufficient depth to enable students to appreciate the complexity, history, and current implications of what is being studied; and not be merely cursory coverages of lists of topics.	
X	Suggest the major intellectual questions/problems which interest practitioners of a discipline and explore critically the important theories and principles presented by the discipline.	
<u> </u>	Allow students to understand and apply the methods of inquiry and vocabulary commonly used in the discipline.	
<u>_x</u> _	Encourage students to use and enhance, wherever possible, the composition and mathematics skills built in the Skill Areas of Liberal Studies.	
Socia	1 Science criteria which the course must meet:	
<u> </u>	Explore the critical thinking and anlytical skills employed by the discipline to offer meaningful explanations of social and individual behavior.	
<u>X</u>	Acquaint students with the various approaches, perspectives, and methodologies used to examine the intellectual questions and problems of the discipline(s).	
<u> </u>	Include, where appropriate, discussion of other cultures and subcultures, including minorities, and the roles of women.	
Addit	ional Social Science criteria which the course should meet:	
<u>_x</u>	Illustrate how a discipline shares common theories and methods with other disciplines in the social sciences.	
<u> </u>	Promote an understanding of individuals, groups, and their physical and social environment by exploring and analyzing concepts developed in the discipline(s).	

University-Wide Course Analysis Questionnaire

A.

- Al. This is a liberal education knowledge area course, not designed for majors. This introduces discipline to non-majors not non-majors to the discipline.
- A2. Yes. See attached overview.
- A3. This is a traditional offering.
- A4. Yes. See attached overview.
- A5. No.
- A6. This course may not be taken for variable credit.
- A7. Yes. List examples.
- A8. No.

В.

- B1. Single instructor.
- B2. No.
- B3. Many of the topics discussed are common to the social sciences, but in this course the topics are examined from a geographic perspective.
- B4. Yes.

C.

- C1. All resources except space are currently available and adequate. Sections of this course are anticipated to be quite large. We need better access to large auditoriums.
- C2. No.
- C3. There will be several sections taught each semester.
- C4. Between two and four.
- C5. See above (C1 and C4).
- C6. No.
- C7. No.

Course Analysis Questionnaire

Section A

A2 This course is part of an attempt to bring the introductory course offerings of the geography curriculum into conformance with the clearest and most recent thinking concerning the teaching of geography. It is part of a revision for purposes of the liberal studies offerings that effects three submissions. GE 101 Introductory Geography: Man and Environment has been renamed and substantially rewritten. It will be supplemented with two new course offerings (GE 103 Human Geography and GE 104 Geography of the Non-Western World).

To help the committee understand these changes we present a synopsis of some recent changes in geography as a discipline and a brief recapping of the evolution of GE 101.

Three Traditions in Geography

Even introductory textbooks now refer to the three themes or traditions in geography (DeBlij and Muller, 1986; Jackson, 1985). While space and the representation of space are unifying concepts in geography, geographers have historically approached these ideas in three very different ways.

The oldest and most secure tradition in geography is that of the physical geographer. Grounded firmly in the study of surface processes the physical geographer attempts to relate the physical world of soil, water, and weather to human culture and activity. This conception of geography is at the core of the GE 101: Man and Environment course that has been taught at IUP for more than 15 years.

The second tradition in geography is that of regional geography. Until the "quantitative revolution" hit geography in the 1950s physical and regional geography were the principal components of most departments. Regional geography originally focused on the attributes of the physical environment in a particular place and attempted to isolate their impact on cultural development. These original efforts have been greatly expanded and the influence of space on the economy, movement, and trade are part of the sub-discipline of regional science or regional studies today. While the regional approach to understanding geography was disparaged through much of the sixties and seventies, it is now being touted as instrumental to introducing students to the discipline (Abler, 1987, Presidential Address). It is integrative and place specific and is the most appropriate introduction for some students. This approach is reflected in our old GE 102 Geography of U.S. and Canada and the newly proposed GE 104 Geography of the Non-Western World.

Together these two approaches to introductory geography, the environmental and regional, make up 26.3 percent and 20.6 percent

respectively of total introductory course enrollment in U.S. geography departments (AAG, 1987). Adding GE 104 Geography of the Non-Western World is well within the framework of the American collegiate academic tradition. It is an appropriate social science knowledge area course and also satisfies the non-western culture course requirement. These two courses do not fully exhaust the introductory content of geography.

With the advent of high-speed computers and a series of conceptual breakthroughs during the 1950s, geographers began to investigate spatial phenomenon about which generalities can be made that are not location specific. These include: market area delineation, travel behavior, shopping behavior, freight movement, the formation of settlements, the hierarchy of towns and cities, the delineation of political space, spatial autocorrelation, diffusion, and migration. In the past twenty years, important advances have been made in what is referred to as human or systematic geography. These theories have been adopted and adapted by other social scientists. They form an important and separable part of modern geography. Our proposed course, GE 102 Human Geography, approaches geography in the context of what has been called quantitative or systematic Schwendeman's (1987) lists human geography as making geography. up 14.3 percent of the enrollment in all U.S. introductory courses, third in rank behind environmental and regional offerings.

This separation of GE 101 into three distinct introductory courses is not unique to IUP. DeBlij, Harm, and Muller (1988) in a discussion of the ideal content of an undergraduate program in geography begin with:

"An undergraduate curriculum contains all or several of the following courses (titles may vary):

- 1. Introduction to Physical Geography . . .
- 2. Introduction to Physical Geography . . .
- 3. Introduction to Human Geography . . .
- 4. World Regional Geography . . .

These beginning courses are followed by more specialized courses, including both substantive and methodological ones . . . " (p. 617).

In dividing the course as we are, the geography department not only comes into line with mainstream thinking, but recognizes a tacit division in our course offering that has existed for several years.

A4 The Evolution of GE 101: Man and Environment

The original intent of GE 101 as it stands was to serve as

an overview of human/environment relations in the physical geography tradition. While it has served that purpose for some teachers, it is fair to say that the course as originally designed no longer exists. Different teachers coming from different graduate schools which have emphasized different traditions have taught the course in three distinct ways (see above). This is not surprising. The content of GE 101 as it exists is too ambitious. Faculty have chosen to concentrate on that part of the discipline with which they were most familiar or which they considered most essential.

One group has been teaching largely physical geography. A review of the course syllabi of these professors show considerable overlap with the content of GE 241 Physical Geography. While this approach to introductory geography is the most common in the United States (see above), we have decided to substantially rewrite GE 101 to emphasize human/environment relationships and relegate pure physical geography to the 200 level for our majors. This is intended to avoid potential conflict with earth science introductory courses while retaining the crucial environmental emphasis that many scholars still believe is the bulwark of geography (Stoddart, 1987).

A second group of faculty have been teaching world regional geography. This is reflected in textbook selection and syllabi. Since this is an established tradition in geography and should be recognized as such, we will now teach GE 104 Geography of the Non-Western World. This introductory course could be appropriate for business majors. It provides a good overview of world resources and the cultural adaptations to their use in the developing world.

A third group of faculty have been teaching systematic or human geography. The textbooks they taught from often had "human" in the title and syllabi reflect a more quantitative and systematic approach. We wish to formalize this offering as GE 103 Human Geography. This kind of offering should appeal to more quantitative students and students in the social sciences other than geography.

Thus, while neither of the two new social science knowledge area courses has formally existed in the past, faculty have offered them. These proposals are an effort to make the diversity of our discipline and our faculties expertise available to the liberal education student at an introductory level.

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GE 103: Introduction to Human Geography
Department of Geography and Regional Planning

Catalogue Description: (3 cr.) SS/no prerequisites. An introductory course designed to acquaint students with the major concepts and themes in human geography. The course focusses specifically on geographic processes and provides an understanding of how geographers organize and interpret the world around them. Strengths and weaknesses of the discipline.

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Meeting times and days Location Section Number Prerequisites: None

Professor Office and Phone Number Office Hours 3 Credits, No Labs

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Course Content: Among things studied in the course will be the four paradigms of modern geography; techniques and methods of analysis; and modes of inquiry. Topics covered include population, human-environmental linkages, migration-diffusion, location analysis, models of spatial economic behavior, geopolitical systems, urbanization, geography and gender, and geography of the future.

Course Objectives: The course has four objectives. The first is analytical - by the end of the course, students should be able to single out and analyze critical issues/key questions that fall within the discipline of geography.

The second objective is informational. Here the aim is to impart information about how geographers approach problems and put forth solutions.

The third objective is to generate curiosity - an interest in the discipline of geography. The course is not exclusively for, or restricted to, students majoring in geography. In fact, it will be extremely useful for students in business, sociology, political science and economics.

The three objectives noted above serve to accomplish a fourth goal. The problems and issues addressed in this course are identical to those students will encounter in everyday life. The course will convey to the student a mechanism for examining complex issues and making judgments about human problems to which there exists no unique or "right" solution.

Evaluation: Students will be expected to complete a minimum of three examinations. Examination questions will be taken from lectures, handouts, exercises, and the textbook. Each examination should cover roughly one third of the course. Written assignments and/or exercises requiring critical thinking and synthesis of materials are also recommended. In instances where concepts can be applied to existing data bases, exercises should draw on applied and interpretative skills.

Recommended Text: Human Geography. Austin, Honey and Eagle. West Publishing Company, 1987.

Other acceptable texts: deBlij

Stoddard, Blouet & Wishart

Jackson

Getis, Getis and Fellman

Harris & Norris

Zimalzak & Stansfield

Jordan & Rowntree

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

I. What is Geography?

- A. Earth Science Tradition
- B. Human-Environment Tradition
- C. Areal Studies Tradition
- D. Spatial Analysis Tradition
- II. The Socio-Cultural Context
 - A. Language/Religion
 - B. Geography of Race and Ethnicity
 - C. Geography and Gender

III. The Demographic Context

- A. Population Distribution
- B. Changes in Population
 - 1. Population Growth
 - 2. Migration

IV. The Physical Context

- A. Environmental/Human
- B. Management of the Environment
 - 1. Natural Hazards
 - Perception Mental maps
- V. Spatial Economic Behavior
 - A. Central Place Theory
 - B. Industrial Location
 - C. Location Decision Making
 - D. Land Rent Models

VI. Geography of Development

- A. Traditional Economies
 - 1. Gender divisions of labor
 - 2. "His space/Her space"
- B. Industrial Economies

VII. Geography of Politics

- A. Nation States
- B. Geography of Voting
- C. Supranational Organizations
- D. Spatial Policies (specific attention to issues such as)
 - 1. School busing
 - 2. Apartheid
 - 3. Gerrymandering
- E. Location of Public Facilities
- F. The Meaning of Social Justice

VIII. Urban Geography

- A. Origin of Cities
- B. Urban Systems
- C. Urban Form
 - 1. Urban ghettos
 - -2. Rural Urban distribution of minorities
- D. Trends in Urbanization
 - 1. Suburbanization
 - 2. Gentrification

IX. Geography of the Future

- A. Complex Systems
- B. Changes in Technology
- C. Human-Environmental Issues
- D. Economic Transformation and Development
- E. Nuclear Winter

Suggested Readings - Articles

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II. The Socio-Cultural Context

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VI. Geography of Development

Vining, Daniel. "The Growth of Core Regions in the Third World," <u>Scientific American</u>, April, 1985.

Salter, Kit. "Windows on a changing China," Focus, January, 1985.

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Smiley, Xan. "A Black South Africa?" The Economist, February 1-7, 1986.

Terrill, Christopher. "The Plight of Stateless People," Geographical Magazine, May, 1984.

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