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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

I. CONTACT

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II. PROPOSAL TYPE (Check All Appropriate Lines)

 COURSE _____

Suggested 20 character title

 New Course* _____

Course Number and Full Title

 Course Revision _____

Course Number and Full Title

 Liberal Studies Approval+ _____
for new or existing course

Course Number and Full Title

 Course Deletion _____

Course Number and Full Title

 Number and/or Title Change _____

Old Number and/or Full Old Title

New Number and/or Full New Title

 Course or Catalog Description Change _____

Course Number and Full Title

 X PROGRAM: X Major Minor X Track New Program* _____B.A. - Geography/~~General~~ Geography Track X Program Revision* B.A. - Geography/ GIS & Cartographer TrackB.A. - Geography/~~General~~ Geographer Track Program Deletion* _____

Program Name

 Title Change _____

Old Program Name

New Program Name

III. Approvals (signatures and date)

Gail S. Sechrist 2/2/98
Department Curriculum CommitteeSusan Forbes 2/2/98
Department Chair[Signature]
College Curriculum Committee[Signature] 2/11/98
College Dean[Signature] 2/15/98

+ Director of Liberal Studies (where applicable)

*Provost (where applicable)

Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

1) New Catalog Description

Bachelor of Arts--Geography/General Geography Track

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section **53-58**
with the following specifications:

Mathematics: MA 121 or MA 217

Liberal Studies electives: No courses with GE prefix

College:

Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1) **0-8**

Major: **36**

Required Courses:

GE 213	Cartography I	3sh
GE 230	Cultural Geography	3sh
GE 231	Economic Geography	3sh
GE 411	History of Geography	3sh
GE 412	Research Seminar	3sh

Controlled Electives:

One course from GE 251-257 **3sh**

One course from GE 341-342 **3sh**

Five courses (15 sh) from any GE courses [only one GE 100 level permitted] **15sh**

Free Electives: **30-35**

Total Degree Requirements **124**

(1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.

Bachelor of Arts--Geography/GIS & Cartographer Track

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Controlled Electives:

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Track Courses:

GE 313	Cartography II	3sh
GE 314	Map and Photograph Interpretation	3sh
GE 316	Introduction to GIS	3sh
GE 415	Remote Sensing	3sh
GE 417	Technical Issues in GIS	3sh

Free Electives: **30-35**

Total Degree Requirements: **124**

(1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.

Bachelor of Arts--Geography/Economic Geographer Track

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section **54-60**
with the following specifications:

Mathematics: MA 121 or MA 217

Social Sciences: EC 121

Liberal Studies electives: EC 122, no courses with GE prefix

College:

Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1) **0-8**

Major:

36

Required Courses:

GE 213	Cartography I	3sh
GE 230	Cultural Geography	3sh
GE 231	Economic Geography	3sh
GE 411	History of Geography	3sh
GE 412	Research Seminar	3sh

Controlled Electives:

One course from GE 251-257 **3sh**

One course from GE 341-342 **3sh**

Track Courses:

GE 331	Population Geography	3sh
GE 332	Urban Geography	3sh
GE 333	Trade and Transportation	3sh
GE 334	Political Geography	3sh
GE 464	Land Use Policy	3sh

Free Electives:

28-34

EC 383 Urban/Regional Economics recommended

Total Degree Requirements

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a. Table Comparing old and new programs.

Old	
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College:	
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)	0-6
Major:	36
Required Courses:	
GE 213 Cartography I	3sh
GE 230 Cultural Geography	3sh
GE 231 Economic Geography	3sh
GE 241 Physical Geography	3sh
GE 411 History of Geography	3sh
GE 412 Research Seminar	3sh
Controlled Electives:	
One course from GE 251-257	3sh
Five courses (15 sh) from any GE courses [only one GE 100 level permitted]	15sh
Free Electives:	30-34
Total Degree Requirements:	124

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Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)	0-6
Major:	36
Required Courses:	
GE 213 Cartography I	3sh
GE 230 Cultural Geography	3sh
GE 231 Economic Geography	3sh
GE 241 Physical Geography	3sh
GE 411 History of Geography	3sh
GE 412 Research Seminar	3sh
Controlled Electives:	
One course from GE 251-257	3sh
Track Courses:	
GE 313 Cartography II	3sh
GE 314 Map & Photo. Interpretation	3sh
GE 316 Introduction to GIS	3sh
GE 415 Remote Sensing	3sh
GE 417 GIS Applications Development	3sh
Free Electives:	30-34
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Old (cont.)**Bachelor of Arts—Geography/Economic Geographer Track****Liberal Studies:** As outlined in Liberal Studies **54-58**

section with the following specifications:

Mathematics: MA 121 or MA 217**Social Sciences:** EC 121**Liberal Studies electives:** EC 122,

no courses with GE prefix

College:Foreign Language Intermediate Level **0-6****Major:** **36****Required Courses:**

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GE 230 Cultural Geography 3sh

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GE 241 Physical Geography 3sh

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GE 412 Research Seminar 3sh

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Track Courses:

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GE 332 Urban Geography 3sh

GE 333 Trade and Transportation 3sh

GE 334 Political Geography 3sh

GE 464 Land Use Policy 3sh

Free Electives: **30-34**

EC 383 Urban/Regional Economics recommended

Total Degree Requirements **124****New (cont.)****Bachelor of Arts—Geography/Economic Geographer Track****Liberal Studies:** As outlined in Liberal Studies **54-60**

section with the following specifications:

Mathematics: MA 121 or MA 217**Social Sciences:** EC 121**Liberal Studies electives:** EC 122,

no courses with GE prefix

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Total Degree Requirements **124**

b. List of All Associated Changes for Geography Major.

1) Dropping Physical Geography (GE 241) as a core requirement and replacing it with a controlled elective of Climatology (GE 341) or Physiography (GE 342) for all three tracks (General Geography, GIS and Cartographer Track, and Economic Geographer Track).

2) Liberal Studies and foreign language numbers are changing to be more accurate.

3) Rationale for Changes

GE 241 Physical Geography is being dropped as a required course* because it has become redundant. Students coming to the department are better prepared in physical geography and we find it more appropriate professionally that they complete the requirement (GE 341 Climatology or GE 342 Physiography) at an upper division content level. Informally the department has been allowing students to substitute either GE 341 or GE 342 for Physical Geography.

*The course itself is not being deleted at this time.

Part III. Implementation.

- 1) Students in the program will now have two options for their Physical Geography requirement. One is usually offered in the Fall and one in the Spring. Many current students have been allowed to substitute GE 341 Climatology or GE 342 Physiography for GE 241 Physical Geography.
- 2) The revision will not impact teaching loads because these courses are currently in the program. Physical Geography will not be offered as frequently and it will free up time to offer other major courses.
- 3) Other resources are adequate.
- 4) We expect no change in the number of students because of this revision.

Part IV. Course Proposals.

None needed for this revision.

Part V. Letters of Support.

None requested because these changes will not impact any other department.