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Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

1) New Syllabus

GE 411 History of Geography Syllabus

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unresolved issues.

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Goals: The student, by the end of the course, should be able to:

- 1. Know and be able to identify major figures of the discipline and their contributions.
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- 4. Ask questions in some area of geography that go beyond the current understandings of the discipline.

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- C. Class Participation: This is a seminar. Students will come to class prepared and will talk.
- D. Oral Report on your term paper. This is the culminating activity for the class and will be presented at the final exam period or the last day of class. Failure to complete this aspect of the course will result in a 20 point reduction in your participation grade.

Grading:	Grades:
I. Class participation—60 points	A=445 points
II. Short Papers & Assignments—180 points	B=395 points
III. One Long Paper—160 points	C=345 points
IV. Midterm—100 points	D=295 points
•	F= <295 points
Total	500 noints

Attendance Policy: Attendance and participation are required and will be a part of the participation grade. If you have more than three unexcused absences, there will be two points for each additional absence deducted from your participation grade.

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Four approaches to defining geography.

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What is a paradigm? How do paradigms change? What are the paradigms in geography today?

III. An Historical Concept of Geography

A. Ancient Classical Geography 1.5 hours

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- Hartshorne, R. 1958. "The Concept of Geography as a Science of Space, from Kant and Humboldt to Hettner," Annals of A.A.G., 40, June, p. 97-108.
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F. Pre-Darwinian Geography 1.5 hours

Livingstone, David N. 1992. "Of Design and Dining Clubs; Pre-Darwinian Geography" in Geographical Tradition, pp. 139-176.

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VI. The Hartshorne-Schaefer Debate 1.5 hours

- Martin, G. 1989. "The Nature of Geography" and the Schaefer-Hartshorne Debate,
 Reflection's on Richard Hartshorne's "The Nature of Geography," Annals of the
 Association of American Geographers, p.69-88.
- Harsthorne, R. 1956. "The Nature of Geography," <u>Annals of the Association of American Geographers</u>, 29, 3&4, p. 460-469.
- Schaefer, F.K. 1954. "Exceptionalism in Geography: A Methodical Examination," in Human Geography, pp. 571-589.

VII. The Search for a Focus: Spatial Variables and Spatial Systems

A. The Quantitative Revolution 3 hours

Livingstone, David N. 1992. "Statistics Don't Bleed; Quantification and its Detractors" in Geographical Tradition, pp. 304-346.

Agnew, John, et. al. 1996. "Introduction," in Human Geography, pp. 514-524.

B. Spatial Tradition and Spatial Topics Reports 1.5 hours

[For GE 511 Students Only: A student or group of students will be responsible for presenting a choice of the following topics. Assignments to be made in class. Readings are suggestive, not inclusive.]

1. Central Place Theory

- Berry, B. and J. Parr. 1988. <u>Market Centers and Retail Location</u>, Prentice Hall: Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, p. 55 -77.
- Haggett, P. 1983. "Chapter 15 City Chains and Hierarchies," in <u>Geography a Modern Synthesis</u>, Harper and Row, New York, p. 360-378.*

2. Factorial Ecology

- Berry, B. and J. Kasarda. 1977. <u>Contemporary Urban Ecology</u>, Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc., p. 108 161.
- Haggett, P. "Chapter 16 Worlds Within the City," in Geography a Modern Synthesis, p. 385-405.*

3. Gravity Model

- Wilson, A. G. 1980. "Comment's on Alonso's 'theory of movement" Environment and Planning A, p. 727-732.
- Wilson, A. G., 1970. Entropy in Urban and Regional Modelling, Chapter 2.
- Haggett, P. "Chapter 18 Worlds Beyond the City, II: Movements and Pathways," in Geography a Modern Synthesis p. 441-457.*

4. Diffusion

Haggett, P. "Chapter 13 Spatial Diffusion: Toward Regional Convergence," in Geography a Modern Synthesis, p.303-325.*

Reading for everyone:

Nyststuen, John. 1963. "Identification of Some Fundamental Spatial Concepts," in <u>Human Geography</u> pp. 590-599.

VIII. Humanism and Phenomenology 1.5 hours

Tuan, Yi-Fu. 1974. "Space and Place: Humanistic Perspective" in Human Geography Ley, David. 1980. "Geography without Human Agency: a Humanistic Critique" in <u>Human Geography</u> pp. 192-210.

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GE 213, GE 230, GE 231, & GE 241
to
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2. Rationale for the Changes.

- 1) The prerequisites required for this course will need to change because GE 241 Physical Geography is being dropped as a required course for majors. Now the fourth prerequisite will be GE 341 (Climatology) or GE 342 (Physiography). None of the prerequisites has a prerequisite, and they may be taken in any order. Climatology is usually offered in the fall and Physiography is usually offered in the spring so it will actually be easier for a student to fulfill the physical knowledge requirement than before with only Physical Geography, which was a fall course.
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