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# Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

# 1) New Catalog Description

#### GE 343 Geography of Fresh Water Resources

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Learn about surface and groundwater as a resource with unique properties. Fresh water is defined physically by storage in the hydrologic cycle and the values assigned by different cultures. Problems featured relate to consumptive and withdrawal water uses, the problems of water supply and scarcity, water law and its inconsistencies, flooding and floodplain management, sources of contamination and pollution, wetlands and case studies of selected river basins.

### 2) List of Proposed Changes

- a) Changing the number of Geography of Fresh Water Resources from GE 340 to GE 343
- b) Changing the Catalog description for GE 343 Geography of Fresh Water Resources

## **Old Catalog Description:**

#### GE 340 Geography of Fresh Water Resources

3c-01-3sh

Contributes to the students' understanding of fresh water as a resource. Fresh water is identified by its physical characteristics, by an inventory based on the types of storage within the hydrologic cycle, and by the values assigned to this resource by different cultures. Included in the course are problems relating to the consumptive and withdrawal uses of water, the role of water supply and water law, flooding and floodplain management, the sources of water contamination and pollution, and case studies of selected river basins.

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#### 3) Justification

- a) GE 340 Geography of Fresh Water Resources will have a course number conflict when its dual level status is approved. (We already have a GE 540 Conservation: Environmental Analysis.) We propose the new number GE 343 to solve this problem.
- b) As part of the dual level proposal, the instructor has decided to update the catalog description. The wording in the description has been tightened along with the addition of wetland concerns that is reflected in a slightly modified course outline.