CURRICULUM PROPOSAL FORM University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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| I. TITLE/AUTHOR OF PR | OPOSAL | | | |
| COURSE/PROGRAM TITLE | E: Revised GS 4 | Revised GS 493 Geoscience Internship | | |
| DEPARTMENT: | Geoscience D | epartment | | |
| CONTACT PERSON: | Karen Rose C | <u>Cercone</u> | | |
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| II. APPROVALS | | | | |
| Noveme Richard Department Curriculum Com | mittee | OUTAN Department Chair | rperson | |
| College Curriculum Committe | ee | College Dean | | |
| Director of Liberal Studies | | Provost | | |
| III. TIMETABLE | | | | |
| | Semester/Year to be implemented | | e publishe catalog _ | |

IV. DESCRIPTION OF CURRICULUM CHANGE

1. Catalog description (also included on separate sheet)

GS 493 Geoscience Internship

1-12 credits (variable)

Summer or semester work experiences with cooperating firms or agencies. May be scheduled only after consultation with advisor and chairperson. Restricted to junior and senior department majors; only three credits may be applied toward major.

2. Proposed revision

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The number of credits that can be taken by a a Geoscience intern will be increased from 1-3 credits (variable) to 1-12 (variable). As in the past, 40 hours of employment will equate to 1 credit hour of internship and only three of these credits may be applied toward the departmental major.

3. Course syllabus

There are no course syllabi for internships.

4. Justification

Environmental firms and agencies have recently begun to offer full-time semester-long internships to our upper-level geoscience students. According to the Experiential Education office, 40 hours of work equate to one hour of internship credit, so that a full-time job that lasts three months could justify up to twelve credits of internship. However, the current departmental course description allows students to take only a maximum of three credits of internship. In order to allow our full-time interns to maintain their financial aid and class standing, we plan to increase the possible number of hours that can be taken under GS 493. As before, we will allow only three internship credits to be applied toward the student's major program.

V. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

No letters of support are required for this change.

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Indiana, Pennsylvania 15705

Date:

November 30, 1992

Subject:

Revised GS 493 Geoscience Internship

To:

NS&M College Curriculum Committee

From:

Karen Rose Cercone

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This is a resubmission of a course revision sent to the college committee last spring. The committee indicated that a minor change was needed to clarify the relationship between hours of internship and credits earned by the student. They also asked for a separate cover sheet on the proposal. Aside from the requested revisions, the proposal is unchanged.