

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – EXPEDITED COURSE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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Submitted by: Melina Patterson	Date Prepared: 8/20/2018
Department/Discipline(s) and Course Number(s): GEOG 337	
Course Title: Nature of Cities	

Type of change (check all applicable):

Number* _____ Title _____ Description Prerequisites Deletion _____ Cross list** _____

**This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted. With this course proposal, attach a list of ALL COURSES that will be affected by the number change (for example, cases where the course number that is changing is a prerequisite for another course).*

***To cross list courses between departments/colleges, there should be two cover sheets submitted with the proposal – one by the chair of each department with signatures from the relevant College Curriculum Committee Chair.*

Effective Date: FALL Semester, Year __Spring 2019_____

Current Catalog Entry	Proposed Catalog Entry (suggested length – less than 50 words)
<p>337 – The Nature of Cities (3) Prerequisite: GEOG 237 or permission of the instructor. Examination of the multiple intersections between cities and nature, including the environmental explanations for the location of cities, the role of green spaces in cities, ecological models of cities and environmental justice issues.</p>	<p>337 – The Nature of Cities (3) Prerequisite: HISP 209, GEOG 231, 237, or permission of the instructor. Examination of the multiple intersections of urban and natural environments, including the role of green spaces in cities, political ecology, and environmental justice issues.</p>

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required). **Any change that impacts another Department must have a written statement (such as a copy of an email) from the Chair(s) agreeing to the change.**

For the last several years GEOG 337 has had a prerequisite, which is somewhat unusual for our 300 level thematic classes. The prerequisite has been useful at ensuring that students have already been introduced to central ideas, such as gentrification, urban redevelopment, zoning, etc. However, GEOG 237 is not the only class that consistently covers those topics. HISP 209, GEOG 231, and GEOG 237 can be used to fulfill the intro class requirement for urban studies and while they have different disciplinary perspectives (historic preservation, geography, and planning), they are all appropriate prerequisites for GEOG 337. This will decrease the number of POIs I fill out for Urban Studies minors and will help more students know that they are able to take the class, but should not otherwise impact the instructors or departments of the new prerequisites.

TRANSITION PLAN (describe how will students who are in Catalogs where the course is required for a major be accommodated; attach additional pages if required)

I will continue granting POI to students who have taken those classes until this change is in the catalog.

Approvals

Department Chair Jadie Gallagher Date: 9/6/18

College Curriculum Chair Don M. Baker Date: 9/23/2018

Expedited course changes are posted for a 10-class day comment period. If no comments are raised, the proposal becomes final. All expedited proposals approved in this way will be noted on the UCC web site. If comments are raised, the proposal may be reviewed by the UCC and then approved or it may be returned to the CCC for additional deliberation (as required).