

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – EXPEDITED COURSE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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Submitted by: Laura Mentore	Date Prepared: 10/10/18
Department/Discipline(s) and Course Number(s): Anth 350 (see others on attached page)	
Course Title: Amazonian Anthropology	

Type of change (check all applicable):

Number* _____ Title _____ Description _____ Prerequisites ☒ X _____ 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 2019

Current Catalog Entry	Proposed Catalog Entry (suggested length – less than 50 words)
350 – <i>Amazonian Societies</i> (3) Prerequisite: ANTH 101 or 298 and 299, or permission of instructor. In-depth study of ethnographic literature on Amazonian societies, including kinship, economics, politics, gender, shamanism and other main themes. Western preconceptions about humanity, power and morality are put in comparative context alongside indigenous theories.	350 – Amazonian Societies (3) In-depth study of ethnographic literature on Amazonian societies, including kinship, economics, politics, gender, shamanism and other main themes. Western preconceptions about humanity, power and morality are put in comparative context alongside indigenous theories.

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.**

The upper level anthropology elective listed above and the others on the attached page can count towards various minors and special majors (e.g. Environmental Sustainability; Latin American Studies; Linguistics special major) and can count towards the Sociology major. In order to facilitate students' completion of their major or minor by taking these courses, we routinely waive the prerequisites. They are also frequently waived for students with a special interest in the topic (e.g. Native American and indigenous students wanting to take Amazonian Societies because it is the only course at UMW entirely focused on indigenous cultures of the Americas). We have found that waiving the pre reqs does not negatively impact the ability of these students to successfully complete the course. The removal of all existing pre-requisites for these courses will make it easier for those students to use this course to fulfill their major/minor requirements and/or further pursue a special interest in the course topic. It will also reduce the flow of paperwork between our department and the Registrar's office.

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)

This change will not require a transition. Students wishing to take these courses will simply no longer be required to take ANTH 101 or 298/299 or seek permission of the instructor to waive the prerequisites.

Approvals

Department Chair _____ Leslie Martin _____ Date: 10/10/18 _____

College Curriculum Chair  _____ Date: 10/23/2018 _____

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).

The same change (removal of all prerequisites) applies to the following additional courses for the same reasons:

Anth 317: Economic Anthropology

Anth 321: Anthropology of Food

Anth 322: Symbolic Anthropology

Anth 365: Environment and Development Narratives

Anth 371: Special Topics (faculty agree on waiving prerequisites for any course taught as a Special Topics course)