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Department/Discipline(s) and Course Number(s): Geography/Masters of Geospatial Analysis, MSGA 595

Course Title: Capstone Project (1-6)

Type of change (check all applicable):
Number* Title Credits Description x Prerequisites Deletion Cross list**

*This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.

**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 Fall 2015

Current Catalog Entry | Proposed Catalog Entry
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Prerequisite: Completion of 510 and 520; minimum GPS of 3.0 and approval of the faculty advisor. Final 3 credits cannot be taken until all of degree requirements are completed. An intensive independent research project utilizing theories, methods, and techniques acquired in the program. | Prerequisite: Completion of 510 and 520; minimum GPS of 3.0 and approval of the faculty advisor. Final 3 credits must be taken in the last semester of the program. An intensive independent research project utilizing theories, methods, and techniques acquired in the program.

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)
The MSGA was designed for full time students to complete in 12 months (taking 12 credits fall & spring, 6 in summer), and part time students to complete in 3 years (1 course per semester). In reality, we have a small number of students enrolled in 8 credits fall & spring, who next year want to take 4+3 credits of capstone in fall and spring. They need to be enrolled in at least 6 credits to qualify for state and federal financial aid. The current course description does not allow this, so we want to change the requirement so they can take one class while completing their capstone. Making the change is needed to allow them to qualify for student loans.

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)
Not needed – no students are adversely affected.

Approvals

Department Chair  Date: 2/20/2015
College Curriculum Chair  Date: 2/20/15

Expedited course changes are posted for a 10-class day comment period. If no comments are raised during that time, 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).
Expedited Course Change Cover Sheet (July 2014)