Expedited Course Change Cover Sheet (July 2014)

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – EXPEDITED COURSE CHANGE PROPOSAL
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Submitted by: Jodie Hayob  Date Prepared: Sept. 28, 2015
Department/Discipline(s) and Course Number(s): Earth and Environmental Sciences; GEOL 301
Course Title: Geology 301: Mineralogy

Type of change (check all applicable):
Number* _____ Title_____  Credits_____ Description____ Prerequisites _X__  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 __2016_______________________

Current Catalog Entry                                                                 Proposed Catalog Entry
301 – Mineralogy (4) Prerequisite: GEOL 111 or EESC 110; prerequisite or co-requisite CHEM 111. Study of Earth’s major rock forming minerals, and those of economic value, in hand sample, microscopic thin section and through field studies. Course is conducted as a mix of lecture and laboratory activities. Laboratory. 301 – Mineralogy (4) Prerequisite: GEOL 111; prerequisite or co-requisite CHEM 111. Study of Earth’s major rock forming minerals, and those of economic value, in hand sample, microscopic thin section and through field studies. Course is conducted as a mix of lecture and laboratory activities. Laboratory.

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)
Currently, either GEOL 111 or EESC 110 is allowed as a pre-requisite to GEOL 301 (Mineralogy). However, EESC 110 provides essentially no content on minerals. Data on student performance collected over the past few years has demonstrated that students who have only had only EESC 110 (and not GEOL 111) are unprepared for the upper-level content of Mineralogy. Thus, we are proposing to remove EESC 110 as a pre-requisite to Mineralogy. This change will not adversely impact our majors because the remaining prerequisite, Geology 111, is already a required core class for students enrolled in any of our department’s majors (Environmental Science Natural Track and Social Track, Geology, Environmental Geology, or Interdisciplinary Science Studies). Mineralogy is not required for any other department’s majors. This change will not affect any minors or general education courses.

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)
No transition plan is needed because the remaining prerequisite course, Geology 111, is already a required core class for students enrolled in any of our department’s majors.

Approvals
Department Chair ________ Chuck Whipkey ___________ Date: __9/28/2015__________
College Curriculum Chair ___Dawn Bowen______ Date: ________10/21/15_____________

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).

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