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Department/Discipline(s) and Course Number(s): CPSC 391

Course Title: Special Projects in Computer Science

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 2015

Current Catalog Entry | Proposed Catalog Entry
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391 – Special Projects in Computer Science (1-4): Prerequisite: CPSC 230 or higher. Intensive individual investigation of significant research problem under the direction of a faculty member. GPA and course prerequisites apply. | 391 – Special Projects in Computer Science (1-4): Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Intensive individual investigation of significant research problem under the direction of a faculty member. GPA and course prerequisites apply.

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)

We want to open this course up to students who have the independence and programing skills required to be successful in this type of project experience. As the project topics naturally vary, there is no single course that best prepares students for enrollment in this course.

The Computer Science department requires students to file an application with the supervising instructor prior to enrolling in CPSC 391. This application allows the instructor to determine if the student has the necessary background and maturity to undertake the proposed project. We feel the “permission of the instructor” to be sufficient for the course without mandating additional course 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)
The new prerequisite is actually less restrictive than the current prerequisites. The change will not preclude any prepared student from taking the course.

### Approvals

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 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).