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Department/Discipline and Course Number: GISC 591

Course Title: Capstone Project

Type of change (check all applicable):
Course Number* __ Title____ Credits _ Description x Prerequisites _x Deletion_____  
*This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.

Effective Date: FALL Semester, Year

Current Catalog Entry | Proposed Catalog Entry
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GISC 591 - Capstone project. An intensive independent research project that must be undertaken by each student at the end of the 2nd semester. A report and final presentation are required (6 Credits). | MSGA 595 – Capstone project. Prerequisites: Completion of MSGA 510 and MSGA 520, a minimum GPA 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. A proposal, report and final presentation are required (1-6 credits).

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

Changing the prefix of each course number clarifies that these courses comprise the curriculum of the masters of science in geospatial analysis (MSGA) program and that they are not a part of the existing GISC curriculum. The program proposal being considered by SCHEV uses the MSGA course numbers. Change in number from 591 to 595 because x91 is used for independent studies at UMW. New course description addresses concerns raised by SCHEV staff during their review. Specifically, while students must still complete 6 credit hours (as written in curriculum proposal approved by UCC and BOV), part time students may now divide the work across more than one semester. A part time student would use up to 3 credits to complete literature review and proposed methodology. Completion of MSGA 510 and 520 are necessary to be able to do this, therefore, they are now 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)

This change has no impact on current students since the program has not yet been launched.

Approvals

Department Chair __Stephen P. Hanna________ Date: ___10/16/13____

College Curriculum Chair _____ Tim ODonnell__________ Date: ___10-23-13________

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 2013)