**UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – PROGRAM CHANGE PROPOSAL**

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Note: for any program change entailing the addition any new courses, or revisions to existing courses, separate proposal for those course actions must also be submitted.

**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE EXISTING PROGRAM** (check no than one of the following)

| | Revise requirements for existing major | Revise requirements for a concentration within an existing major | Revise requirements for an existing degree program | Revise requirements for existing certificate program | Revise requirements for existing minor |
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| Implementation Date: | FALL semester, year: | Fall, 2014 |

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR CHANGES TO EXISTING PROGRAMS:**

1. **Rationale statement** (Why is this program change needed? What purposes will it serve?)
2. **Impact Statement** (Provide details about the Library, space, budget, technology, and impacts created by this program change. Supporting statements from the Library, IT Department, etc. evaluating the resource impact and feasibility of the program change are required.)
3. **Catalog Copy** (Provide the existing Catalog Description and the complete statement of the proposed new Catalog description that reflects the program changes)

**PROPOSAL TO CREATE NEW PROGRAM NOT REQUIRING STATE ACTION**

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*Use ONLY for interdisciplinary majors that will be grouped as part of the “Special Majors/General Liberal Arts and Sciences” degree (CIP Code 24.0101) or reported as a BLS degree (CIP Code 24.0199)

| Implementation Date (semester and year): | |

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR NEW PROGRAMS NOT REQUIRING STATE APPROVAL:**

1. **Rationale statement** (Why is this additional program needed? What purposes will it serve?)
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3. **Catalog Copy** (Provide the complete Catalog Description for the proposed new program)

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Department Chair Approval: ___________________________ Date: 11/8/13

CCC Chair Approval: Tim ODonnell Date: 11-12-13

Dean Approval: ___________________________ Date: __________

UCC Chair Approval: ___________________________ Date: __________

*Provost Approval: ___________________________ Date: __________

*Required only in cases of proposals for new concentrations, new minors, or new majors that do not involve a new degree
Proposal to Revise the Urban Studies Minor

Rationale: I am proposing three changes to the urban studies minor: changing the existing requirement that three electives be from 3 different disciplines to a requirement that the three electives be from at least two different disciplines; adding explicit language that would accept appropriate classes taken abroad; and adding several classes to the standing list of electives.

First, we have found that it is difficult for some students to complete the minor because of the requirement to take classes in three different disciplines. Some listed electives have prerequisites or are not offered regularly and the interdisciplinary nature of the minor make it difficult for us to predict when the elective classes will be taught. Changing the requirement to two disciplines will increase the ability of students who want the minor to be able to complete it. We believe that we will continue to provide a broad, interdisciplinary perspective will to students.

Second, one student has taken a class abroad that should have counted towards the minor and did, due to the flexibility and cooperation of the Registrar’s office. However, it will be easier in the future for students to do that if we make it explicit in the description of the minor.

Finally, we want to add several classes to the list of electives. These include: HIST 300U: US Urban History; HIST 471E6 Second World Urbanity; and ARTH 355 Modern Architecture. These classes all meet the standards for electives in the minor and will increase the options for our students. Faculty who teach upper level classes with prerequisites will have the choice (but not the obligation) to waive prereqs for students who want to take the class. Faculty who teach classes without prerequisites are under no obligation to offer more seats for students seeking the minor.

Impact Statement: These changes should not change the existing impacts of the minor on library or technology resources or other budget areas at all.

Catalog Copy:

Existing Catalog Copy:

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