DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

PROPOSAL TO CREATE A GEOGRAPHY MINOR IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2018-2020

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following proposal to create a Geography minor in the College of Liberal Arts chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog*, 2018-2020. On March 22, 2017, faculty in the Department of Geography and the Environment approved the proposal; it was approved by the College Curriculum Design and Assessment Committee on April 19, 2017; and by the Dean and the College of Liberal Arts faculty, on June 5, 2017. The Secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the proposal on February 2, 2018, and forwarded it to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with the Provost on behalf of the President.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by March 13, 2018.

Alan W. Friedman, Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Council

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Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature

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TYPE OF PROPOSAL:	New Transcript-Recognized Minor		
	Change an Existing Transcript-Recognized Minor		
	Delete a Transcript-Recognized Minor		
	TYPE OF PROPOSAL:		

- 2. OFFICIAL NAME: Geography
- 3. FIELD OF STUDY, CIP CODE (administrative unit awarding the certificate): 45.0701
- 4. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE: The Department of Geography and the Environment (GRG) does not currently offer a transcript-recognized minor. By creating a transcriptable minor (TRM), we anticipate that enrollment in GRG courses will increase. The TRM will likely be a popular option for other social science majors in the College of Liberal Arts as well as biology majors in the College of Natural Sciences.
- 5. ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT (IF ANY): None
- 6. NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED MINOR EACH SEMESTER: Fifteen
- 7. ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENT CAPACITY? Fifty
- 8. NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION: Fifteen
- 9. COMPOSITION OF THE MINOR FACULTY COMMITTEE (INCLUDING THE COMMITTEE CHAIR):

Name of Faculty Member	College/Department	Title at UT Austin	Highest Degree and Awarding Institution	
Sheryl	Liberal	Professor and	Ph.D. University of	
Luzzadder-	Arts/Geography	Department Chair	Minnesota-Minneapolis	
Beach				
Molly H. Polk	Liberal	Lecturer and Associate	Ph.D. UT-Austin	
	Arts/Geography	Director of		
		Sustainability Studies		
Greg Knapp	Associate Professor	Geography and the	Ph.D U. of Wisconsin	
		Environment and	Madison	
		Director of		
		Sustainability Studies		
Caroline Faria	Assistant Professor	Geography and the	Ph.D U. of	
		Environment	Washington	
Ken Young	Professor	Geography and the	Ph.D University of	
		Environment	Colorado Boulder	

10. Academic Course Requirements: Use this table to identify the courses that qualify for this certificate program.

Course	Course Title	SCH
Abbreviation		
and Number		
GRG	The Natural Environment	
301C/401C		
GRG 301K	Weather and Climate	
GRG 305K	This Human World: An Introduction to Geography	

GRG 310C	Spatial Data and Analysis	
GRG 460G	Environmental Geographic Information Systems	
GRG 462K	Introductory Remote Sensing of the Environment	
GRG	Any six semester credit hours of upper-division geography	

11. OTHER MINOR REQUIREMENTS: A minimum of fifteen hours in Geography, of which at least six hours must be upper division and at least nine hours must be in residence. Students choose either GRG 301C/401C or GRG 301K. GRG 305 is required. Students choose either GRG 310C or GRG460G or GRG 462K. Plus students choose six additional semester credit hours of upper-division geography.

12. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:

Department approval date: March 22, 2017 Geography and the Environment Faculty

College approval date: April 19, 2017 College Curriculum Design and

Assessment Committee

Dean approval date: June 5, 2017 College of Liberal Arts Faculty

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

MINOR AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Geography Minor

A minimum of fifteen hours in Geography, of which at least 6 hours must be upper division and at least 9 hours must be in residence. Requirements include the following:

<u>Hours</u>		
GRG 301C/401C ¹	The Natural Environment	3/4
<u>Or</u>		
GRG 301K	Weather and Climate	3
GRG 305	This Human World: An Introduction to Geography 3	
GRG 310C	Spatial Data and Analysis	3
<u>Or</u>		
GRG 460G	Environmental Geographic Information Systems	4
<u>Or</u>		
GRG 462K	Introductory Remote Sensing of the Environment 4	
Six additional semester	r credit hours of upper-division geography 6	
	 	

¹ Course is GRG 301C now and becomes GRG 401C beginning Fall 2018.