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Subject: 632165 Environment Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:22:16 AM
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Lisa Shipley has submitted a request for a major curricular change. His/her email address is: shipley@wsu.edu.

Requested change: Revise or Drop Graduate Plan

Degree: ~~Ph.D. in Geology~~ M.S. in Geology

Title: Thesis

Requested Effective Date: Fall 2021

Revise plan requirement: Yes

Dean: Zack, Rich - Assoc Dean - CAHNRS, Swindell, Samantha - Assoc Dean - CAS

Chair: Keller, Kent – Director – Environment ,

Catalog Subcommittee
Approval Date

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Faculty Senate
Approval Date

From: [Keller, Kent](#)
To: [curriculum.submit](#)
Cc: [Zack, Richard Stanly, Jr](#)
Subject: Re: 632165 Environment Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 4:16:27 PM

I approve. -Kent.

From: "curriculum.submit@wsu.edu" <curriculum.submit@wsu.edu>
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 9:22 AM
To: Kent Keller <ckkeller@wsu.edu>
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1. I approve this proposal in its current form.
2. I approve this proposal with revisions. Revisions are attached.
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Thank you for your assistance as we embark on this new process. If you have any

From: [Swindell, Samantha](mailto:Swindell.Samantha)
To: curriculum.submit
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Subject: RE: 632165 Environment Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
Date: Sunday, February 14, 2021 3:17:56 PM

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To: [curriculum.submit](#); [Keller, Kent](#)
Subject: Re: 632165 Environment Requirements Revise - Revise or Drop Graduate Plan
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:37:48 AM

I approve

Rich Zack

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M.S. in Geology thesis option Revise plan requirements

Rationale:

The School of the Environment (SoE) was created in 2013 as a merger of the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Natural Resources. Over the past 8 years the faculty and staff in SoE have worked to combine and leverage their wide-ranging disciplinary expertise toward building a single School, with a shared vision, mission, and goals. An early step in this process was to combine all of the pre-existing B.S. degrees into a single, interdisciplinary degree (B.S. Earth and Environmental Sciences), with multiple majors that reflect the disciplinary strengths within the School. The next step is now to revise the M.S. degrees within SoE to reflect these strengths.

We are making one revision that will be common to all M.S. degree programs and plans in SoE: We plan to add 1 credit hour of SOE 501 (Graduate Skills Seminar) to each of the M.S. degree programs/plans listed below, to be taken in the student's first year. The catalog description of SOE 501 is "*Seminar designed to introduce first year graduate students to the science graduate program; roles and responsibilities of graduate students, teaching assistants and researchers*". The course typically includes instruction and practice in developing a graduate proposal and a professional presentation, among other topics.

The other revisions to each individual degree/plan also result in the same number of total credits, graded credits, and ungraded credits being required for all M.S. degrees in SoE.

M.S. in Geology thesis option Degree requirements

- At least 30 hours minimum total credits, consisting of:
 - At least 21 hours graded course work, including:
 - At least 15 hours minimum graded course work at the 500-level
 - Up to 6 hours of non-graduate (300-400 level) graded course work is allowed
 - SOE 501 (Graduate Skills Seminar; 1 hour) must be taken during the first year of the student's program (not graded)
 - At least 2 hours (semesters) SOE 598 (Seminar, not graded)
 - 4 hours minimum of SOE 700 (MS research, thesis or examination), 2 hours of which must be taken during the semester of the final exam (not graded).
 - Courses taken for audit may not be used on the program of study
 - Thesis
 - Final oral exam - thesis defense