

CHANGE IN CURRICULUM

**COLLEGE OF GEOSCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY
BS IN ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCES
AND MS IN OCEANOGRAPHY 3+2**

Texas A&M University
Request for a Change in Curriculum
Undergraduate ♦ Graduate ♦ Professional

1. Program request type: Undergraduate Graduate First Professional (ex., DVM, JD, MD, etc.)
2. Request change for: Degree Program Minor Certificate
3. Request submitted by (Department or Program Name): Oceanography
4. Program Designation and Name
 (e.g., B.A. in History, Minor in History, Certificate in European Union): Environmental Geosciences - 5-Year Bachelor of Science/Master of Science

5. **Brief description of change:**
 Adjust the catalog program requirements to match the degree evaluation and clarify options for students

Includes change to GR program (attached). sw

6. **Rationale for change:**
 There were errors associated with the entering of the program requirements into the new electronic catalog. These need to be corrected. A few corrections were also made to the degree evaluation.

Use the checkboxes below to make sure that all information is included.

7. a. Proposed curriculum attached. Yes No
 b. Current catalog curriculum with handwritten edits attached. Yes No
 c. Current Howdy degree evaluation with handwritten edits attached. Yes No
Please make sure the attached proposed curriculum, catalog and Howdy degree evaluation match.
8. a. Will degree program hours change (increase/decrease) due to the proposed curriculum changes? Yes No
 b. If yes, degree program hours will change from: _____ to: _____
 c. If yes, is the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board form attached? Yes No
<http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=A0F9F7FA-9A92-4F11-2756AD3BBFF01D60>
9. If proposed changes affect other unit(s), are letters of support attached? Yes No

IMPORTANT NOTE: Curriculum changes submitted through the approval process and **fully approved** by February (December-UCC/GC, January-Faculty Senate, February-President) will be effective in the next academic year. Changes requiring approval beyond the University should complete the internal approval process early in the fall semester whenever possible in order to ensure timely implementation.

Approval recommended by:

Christina 11/2/2015
 Department Head or Program Chair (Type Name & Sign) Date

[Signature] 10/30/2015
 Dean of College Date

[Signature] 10/30/2015
 Chair, College Review Committee Date

[Signature]
 Chair, GC or UCC Date





23 November 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Chris Houser, Associate Dean, Undergraduate and Faculty Affairs, College of Geosciences

To: Dr. Eric Riggs, Assistant Dean, Graduate Affairs and Diversity, College of Geosciences

From: Dr. Debbie Thomas, Department Head, Oceanography
Dr. Ping Yang, Department Head, Atmospheric Sciences P.Y.
Dr. Michael Pope, Department Head, Geology and Geophysics MCP
Dr. Christian Brannstrom, Director Environmental Programs, College of Geosciences Clonitz-

Replacing graduate program (ms in oceanography) with master of ocean science and technology (all 3+2 programs)

RE: Revisions to the BS-METR-GOC, BS-GEOL-GOC, BA-GEOL-GOC and BS-ENGS-GOC programs.

We are requesting revisions to the 3+2 programs combining the non-thesis MS in Oceanography with the undergraduate METR, GEOL and ENGS degrees. They have been modified to swap out the non-thesis MS in Oceanography with the newly approved non-thesis Master of Ocean Science and Technology. This is simply a swap in the designation of the non thesis Master's degree.

The degree plans remain as modified in the by the corrections recently submitted for approval.

If you have any questions, please contact the assistant department head, Dr. Shari Yvon-Lewis (979-458-1816; syvon-lewis@tamu.edu).

Environmental Geosciences - 5-Year Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Oceanography

The Fast Track Program offers motivated and exceptional students the opportunity to achieve aspirations in an efficient program at Texas A&M, completing the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in the Environmental Geosciences program and the Oceanography non-thesis M.S. degree in 5 years. There will be only two courses used for dual credit in this program. There is a total of 150 hours of coursework. The concurrent degree program will enable these motivated students to coordinate the required B.S. coursework (144 undergraduate credit hours ¹⁴² plus 6 dual credit graduate ^{hours} ~~courses~~) and non-thesis M.S. coursework (36 credit hours including the 6 dual credit graduate ^{hours} ~~courses~~) to complete the required credit hours for each degree without diminishing scope or quality of work and within 5 years.

Application and Eligibility:

- Applications to the Fast Track program will be submitted by July 1 after the completion of the student's junior year. Applications submitted after that time will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate GPR of 3.0. Applicants ~~must~~ ^{should} also earn a C or better in all Chemistry, Calculus and Physics courses. Once admitted to the program, students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPR.
- A faculty advisor will be assigned to each student. Students may seek additional mentors, but a formal committee is not required.
- Students admitted into the Fast Track program must finish the entire 150 credit hours to obtain both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees. These students will be conferred with two degrees once they complete the 5th year of the concurrent program.
- Students admitted to the program will change from U4 to G7 status when they are admitted having completed at least 96 hours (end of spring semester, year 3).
- Students not accepted or not allowed to continue with the Fast Track Program will complete the 120 hour Bachelor's degree under the standard 4 year curriculum. These students may still apply to the traditional graduate program.
- Students will graduate at the completion of the 5th year in the Fast Track Program coursework (150 credit hours) with both Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Students will complete the coursework in May of the 5th year.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall

		Semester Credit Hours
GEOS 106	Introduction to Environmental Geoscience	3
BIOL 111	Introductory Biology I	4
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I	4
EN 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
GEOS 101	Introduction to the Geosciences ¹	1
Term Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

POLS 206	American National Government	3
BIOL 112	Introductory Biology II	4
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II	4
American history		3
Language, philosophy and culture ²		3
Term Semester Credit Hours		17

Second Year

Fall

Select one of the following:

ATMO 201	Weather and Climate	4
& ATMO 202	and Weather and Climate Laboratory	
GEOG 203	Planet Earth	4
& GEOG 213	and Planet Earth Lab	
GEOL 101	Principles of Geology	4
OCNG 251	Oceanography	
& OCNG 252	and Oceanography Laboratory	
CHEM 101	Fundamentals of Chemistry I	4
& CHEM 111	and Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory I	
GEOG 201	Introduction to Human Geography	3
American history		3
Environmental Policy Elective		3

Select one of the following:

in consultation with advisor

AGEC 350	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	
BESC 307	U.S. Environmental Regulations	
ECON 202	Principles of Economics	
ECON 203	Principles of Economics	
ECON 323	Microeconomic Theory	
ECON 435	Economics of Resource Scarcity	
GEOG 304	Economic Geography	
GEOG 308	Introduction to Urban Geography	
GEOG 309	Geography of Energy	
GEOG 401	Political Geography	
GEOG 408	Geographic Perspectives on Contemporary Urban Issues	
GEOG 430	Environmental Justice	
PHIL 314	Environmental Ethics	
POLS 347	Politics of Energy and the Environment	
REN 470	Environmental Impact Assessment	
SOCI 328	Environmental Sociology	
URPN 202	Building Better Cities	
URPN 360	Issues in Environmental Quality	
URPN 371	Environmental Health, Planning and Policy	
URPN 460	Sustainable Communities	

Term Semester Credit Hours

17

Spring

Select one of the following:

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ATMO 201 Weather and Climate
& ATMO 202 and Weather and Climate Laboratory
GEOG 203 Planet Earth
& GEOG 213 and Planet Earth Lab
GEOL 101 Principles of Geology
OCNG 251 Oceanography
& OCNG 252 and Oceanography Laboratory
CHEM 102 Fundamentals of Chemistry II
& CHEM 112 and Fundamentals of Chemistry Laboratory II

POLS 207 State and Local Government 3
Communication elective

coastal and marine environments theme elective
Select one of the following:

~~ATMO 321 Computer Applications in the Atmospheric Sciences
ATMO 441 Satellite Meteorology and Remote Sensing
ATMO 464 Laboratory Methods in Atmospheric Sciences
GEOG 312 Data Analysis in Geography
GEOG 361 Remote Sensing in Geosciences
GEOG 380 Workshop in Environmental Studies
GEOG 450 Field Geography
GEOG 492/ Advanced GIS Analysis for Natural Resources Management
ESSM 462
GEOG 467 Dynamic Modeling of Earth and Environmental Systems
GEOG 475 Advanced Topics in GIS (Geographic Information Systems)
GEOG 476 GIS Practicum
GEOL 309 Introduction to Geological Field Methods
GEOL 330 Geologic Field Trips
GEOL 362/ GNSS in the Geosciences
GEOG 362
GEOG 413 Near-surface Geophysics
OCNG 454 Mathematical Modeling of Ocean Climate~~

Term Semester Credit Hours

Third Year

Fall 211

STAT 205 Statistical Methods I
PHYS 218 Mechanics
GEOG 330 Resources and the Environment

Coastal and Marine Environments theme elective 3

Term Semester Credit Hours

Spring

GEOL 420 Environmental Geology
PHYS 208 Electricity and Optics

EOS 470 Data Methods Analysis Methods in Geosciences
~~Coastal and Marine Environments theme elective~~

Environmental Policy elective

Select one of the following: in consultation with advisor

~~AGEU 360 Environmental and Natural Resources Economics
BESC 367 U.S. Environmental Regulations
ECON 202 Principles of Economics~~

~~ECON 203 Principles of Economics
ECON 323 Microeconomic Theory
ECON 436 Economics of Resource Scarcity
GEOG 304 Economic Geography
GEOG 306 Introduction to Urban Geography
GEOG 309 Geography of Energy
GEOG 401 Political Geography
GEOG 406 Geographic Perspectives on Contemporary Urban Issues
GEOG 430 Environmental Justice
PHIL 314 Environmental Ethics
POLS 347 Politics of Energy and the Environment
RENR 470 Environmental Impact Assessment
SOC 328 Environmental Sociology
URPN 202 Building Better Cities
URPN 360 Issues in Environmental Quality
URPN 371 Environmental Health Planning and Policy
URPN 400 Sustainable Communities~~

Creative Arts 2 elective

Term Semester Credit Hours

Fourth Year

Fall

GEOS 406 Environmental Geosciences 3
GEOG 390 Principles of Geographic Information Systems (fulfills a technical elective) 4
OCNG 604 Ocean Observing Systems 5 3
OCNG 608 Physical Oceanography 3
Fundamentals of Ocean Science Course 3

Select one of the following: 4,5

OCNG 620 Biological Oceanography
OCNG 630 Geological Oceanography
OCNG 640 Chemical Oceanography

Term Semester Credit Hours

Spring

OCNG 603 Communicating Ocean Science 3
OCNG 657 Data Methods and Graphical Representation in Oceanography 5 3
Fundamentals of Ocean Science Course 3

Select one of the following: 4,5

OCNG 620 Biological Oceanography
OCNG 630 Geological Oceanography
OCNG 640 Chemical Oceanography

Technical elective

Select two of the following: in consultation with advisor 6

~~ATMO 321 Computer Applications in the Atmospheric Sciences
ATMO 441 Satellite Meteorology and Remote Sensing
ATMO 464 Laboratory Methods in Atmospheric Sciences
GEOG 312 Data Analysis in Geography
GEOG 361 Remote Sensing in Geosciences
GEOG 380 Workshop in Environmental Studies~~

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GEOG 450	Field Geography	
GEOG 462/	Advanced GIS Analysis for Natural	
ESSM 462	Resources Management	
GEOG 467	Dynamic Modeling of Earth and	
	Environmental Systems	
GEOG 475	Advanced Topics in GIS (Geographic	
	Information Systems)	
GEOG 476	GIS Practicum	
GEOL 309	Introduction to Geological Field Methods	
GEOL 330	Geologic Field Trips	
GEOL 352/	GNSS in the Geosciences	
GEOG 352		
GEOG 413	Near-surface Geophysics	
OCNG 451	Mathematical Modeling of Ocean Climate	
Term Semester Credit Hours		18
Total Semester Credit Hours:		120

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in consultation with advisor

Select the remaining courses from the following:

GEOG 331	Geomorphology	3
GEOG 360	Natural Hazards	3
GEOL 308	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
GEOL 440	Engineering Geology	3
GEOS 444	The Science and Politics of Global Climate Change	3
GEOS 484	Internship	0-6
OCNG 350	Marine Pollution	3
OCNG 410	Introduction to Physical Oceanography	3
OCNG 420	Introduction to Biological Oceanography	3
OCNG 425	Microbial Oceanography	3
OCNG 430	Introduction to Geological Oceanography	3
OCNG 440	Introduction to Chemical Oceanography	3
WFSC 418	Ecology of the Coastal Zone	3
WFSC 425	Marine Fisheries	3
WFSC 428	Wetland Ecosystem Management	4

Two courses in the degree plan must be writing intensive courses designated by the Environmental Programs in the schedule of classes. Also, international and cultural diversity electives (6 hours) must be incorporated into the degree.

Any of the required courses may be taken during the summer sessions to diminish the heavy semester loads during Years 2 and 3.

Fifth Year
Fall

Semester Credit Hours

Advanced specialized OCNG graduate course	3
Advanced specialized OCNG graduate course	3
Advanced specialized OCNG graduate course	3
Term Semester Credit Hours	9

Spring

Advanced specialized OCNG graduate course	3
Advanced specialized OCNG graduate course	3
Capstone Experience	3
Term Semester Credit Hours	9
Total Semester Credit Hours:	18

OCNG 661 Advanced Oceanographic Data Analysis and Communication

- 1 Freshmen entering the program take a first year seminar, GEOS 101. The choice is not restricted. Students transferring or changing majors into the program, who have not taken GEOS 101, are required to take GEOS 481 in their junior or senior year.
- 2 It is recommended to select a course that also fulfills an International and Cultural Diversity requirement.
- 3 Select from course list below. If students use nine credits of allowed OCNG courses (e.g. OCNG 401, OCNG 350, OCNG 451, OCNG 485) as Coastal and Marine Environments theme electives, they will receive an OCNG minor with their BS in ENGS degree. If one of the Introductory Geoscience course and associated labs listed in Year Two is OCNG 251 with OCNG 252, then only two (six credits) of the theme electives needs to be from OCNG to still get the minor.
- 4 Students will not be permitted to receive credit for both the 400- and 600-level versions of certain courses because the content and learning outcomes are too similar (e.g. OCNG 440/OCNG 640; GEOS 470/OCNG 657).
- 5 ~~These two graduate courses will be taken for dual undergraduate/graduate credit and will contribute to the minor.~~

may contribute to a minor of technical elective

Coastal and Marine Environments Theme List

GEOG 370/	Coastal Processes	3
MARS 370		
OCNG 401	Interdisciplinary Oceanography	3

Detail Requirements

Roxanna R. Russell
Oct 16, 2015 10:53 am

Viewing: Degree Evaluation (DEGEVAL, , Email)
Change Student

Shopper for this is for the degree program

Information for Degree Evaluation
 This is NOT an official evaluation.

Program Evaluation

Limitation Correspondence: No more than 12 hours of correspondence earned through an accredited institution may be used for an undergraduate degree.

Limitation Combination: Maximum combination of 481, 482, 485 and/or 491 courses may be used for an undergraduate degree.

Limitation No more than 6 hours of 484 credit may be used in this degree program.

Program : BS ENGS - COE program
Campus : College Station
College : Geosciences
Degree : Bachelor of Science
Level : Undergraduate
Majors : Environmental Geoscience
Departments : College of Geosciences

Catalog Term : Fall 2015 - College Station
Evaluation Term : Fall 2015 - College Station
Expected Graduation Date : 5
Request Number : Oct 16, 2015
Results as of :
Minors :
Concentrations :

	Met	Credits	Courses		
	Required	Used	Required	Used	Used
Total Required :	No	120.000	0.000		0
Program GPA :	No	3.00	.00		
Overall GPA :	No	2.00	.00		
Other Course Information					
Transfer :			0.000		0

This is NOT an official evaluation.

Area : Major Coursework (16.000 credits) - Not Met

Met Condition Rule	Subject Attribute	Low High	Required Credits	Required Courses	Term	Subject	Course Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
No	:	A.	GEOS 105								
No	AND	B.	GEOS 405								
No	AND	C.	GEOS 470								
No	AND	D.	GEOS 330								
No	AND	E.	GEOL 420								

No AND F. Seminar 1hr
Select from GEOS 101 or GEOS 481.

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area Supporting Coursework (20,000 credits) - Not Met

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Credits Required Courses Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Grade Source

- No AND A. PHYS 208
- No AND B. Technical Electives 3 hrs
Select from ~~PHYS 321, 441, 464, GEOS 312, 364, 368, 390, 350, 462, 467, 475, 476, GEOL 306, 389, 390, 392, GEOP 419, GENG 451.~~
Must make a grade of C- or better.
Select in consultation with advisor
Remain here to required
- No AND C. Environment Policy Elect 6hrs
Select in consultation with advisor
Select from ~~AGEG 260, BESC 367, ECON 202, 203, 322, 435, GEOG 304, 306, 307, 309, 401, 406, 430, GEOS 430, PHIL 314, POLS 347, RENR 420, 470, SOCI 328, UREN 301, 360, 371, 480, add UREN 361.~~

AND D. ~~6-GEOG 390~~

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area Environmental Theme Electives (18,000 credits) - Not Met

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Credits Required Courses Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Grade Source

- No ~~A. GEOS 370/MARS 370~~
- No ~~B. ~~GENG 404~~~~
- No ~~C. ~~GENG 007~~~~
- No ~~D. ~~GENG 000~~~~
- No AND E. Environmental Electives 15 hrs
Select remaining 15 hrs from: ~~GENG 324, 360, GEOL 306, 440, GEOS 401, 444, 484, GENG 390, 427, WISC 433, 435, 428.~~
consultation with advisor
GENG 300-499
6 hrs will come from two dual credit GENG 600-699 courses

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area : Communication (6,000 credits) - Not Met

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Credits Required Courses Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Grade Source

- No A. ENGL 104
- No B. Communication Rqmt: 3hrs

Select 3 hours from any courses with the Communication attribute [KCOM].

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area : Mathematics (11.000 credits) - Not Met

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Credits Required Courses Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Grade Source

- No A. MATH 151 ~~Must make a grade of C- or better.~~
- No B. MATH 152 ~~Must make a grade of C- or better.~~
- No C. STAT 302 ~~Must make a grade of C- or better.~~ **241**

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area : Life and Physical Sciences (28.000 credits) - Not Met

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Credits Required Courses Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Grade Source

- No A. Intro Geosciences Course 4hrs
Select from ATMO 261/202; GEOG 203/213; GEOL 101 or OCNG 251/252
- No B. Intro Geosciences Course 4hrs
Select from ATMO 201/202; GEOG 203/213; GEOL 101 or OCNG 251/252 not used in Rule A.
- No C. BIOL 111
- No D. BIOL 112
- No E. CHEM 101/111 ~~Must make a grade of B- or better.~~
- No F. CHEM 102/112 ~~Must make a grade of C- or better.~~
- No G. PHYS 218 ~~Must make a grade of C- or better.~~

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area : Language, Philosophy & Culture (3.000 credits) - Not Met

Met	Condition	Rule Subject Attribute	Low High	Required Credits	Required Courses	Term	Subject Course Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
No	A.	Lang, Phil, Culture	Rqmt	3hrs							

Select any course with the Language, Philosophy and Culture attribute [KLPC].

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area : Creative Arts (3.000 credits) - Not Met

Met	Condition	Rule Subject Attribute	Low High	Required Credits	Required Courses	Term	Subject Course Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
No	A.	Creative Arts	Requirement								

Select three hours from any course with the Creative Arts attribute [KCRA].

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area : Social and Behavioral Science (3.000 credits) - Not Met

Met	Condition	Rule Subject Attribute	Low High	Required Credits	Required Courses	Term	Subject Course Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
No	A.	GEOG	201								

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area : Citizenship (12.000 credits) - Not Met

Description : Completion of 4 semesters of Upper-Level ROTC may be substituted for 3 hours of American History and 3 hours of Political Science.

Met	Condition	Rule Subject Attribute	Low High	Required Credits	Required Courses	Term	Subject Course Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
No	A.	American History	Rqmt	6hrs							

Select from any course with the [KHIS] attribute.

No AND B. Political Science Rqmt 6hrs

Take POLS 206 and POLS 207.

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area : **Work Not Applied - Met**

Description : See advisor for acceptable substitutions.

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Credits Required Courses Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Grade Source

No A. Courses not applied

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area **University Writing Requirement - Not Met**

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Credits Required Courses Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Grade Source

No A. Writing Requirement

Two courses required.
Only sections of ATMO 456, 459, 463, 491; GEOG 309, 324, 360, 404, 430, 435, 476, 491; GEOL 301, 311-312, 410 420, 440, 491; GEOP 491; GEOS 405, 491; UGST 491 with the Writing attribute [UWRT] may be used to satisfy this requirement.

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area **Int'l & Cult Diversity - Not Met**

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Credits Required Courses Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Grade Source

No A. Int'l & Cultural Diversity 6hr

Select from courses with the International and Cultural Diversity attribute [UICD] (except sections of BUSN 289 with the UWRT attribute).

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area : **Foreign Language - Not Met**

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Credits Required Courses Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Grade Source

No A. Foreign Language Rqmt

Complete one of the following:
1. Two years of the same foreign language in High School.
2. A two semester sequence of the same foreign language for University credit.

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 .00

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Area : Residence Requirement - Not Met

Description A minimum of 36 hours of 300-400 level coursework must be completed at Texas A&M University. 12 hours must be in the major field.

Met	Condition	Rule	Subject	Attribute	Low	High	Required Credits	Required Courses	Term	Subject	Course Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
No	A.		Residence	Major	12	hrs									
No	B.	AND	Residence	300-499	24	hrs		Select from AGEC 350; BESC 367; ECON 323, 435; GEOG 304, 309, 330, 360, 401, 406, 430; GEOL 420; GEOS 401, 405, 470, 481; POLS 347; RENR 470; SOCI 328; URPN 360, 371, 460.							
								Select any 300 or 400 level courses.							

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 0.00

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Area GPR-Major - Not Met

Met	Condition	Rule	Subject	Attribute	Low	High	Required Credits	Required Courses	Term	Subject	Course Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
No	A.		Major	GPR	27	+hrs									
								Includes ATMO 201, 202; GEOG 201, 203, 213, 330; GEOL 101, 104, 420; GEOS 101, 105, 405, 470, 481; OCNG 251, 252, 657.							

Total Credits and GPA 0.000 0.00

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23 October 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Chris Houser, Associate Dean, Undergraduate and Faculty Affairs, College of Geosciences 

To: Dr. Eric Riggs, Assistant Dean, Graduate Affairs and Diversity, College of Geosciences 

From: Dr. Debbie Thomas, Department Head, Oceanography
Dr. Christian Brannstrom, Director, Environmental Programs 

RE: Revisions to catalog degree requirements for the Joint degree program between Oceanography and Environmental Geosciences program

I have attached a revision to the Fast Track 3+2 program for ENGS and the non-thesis MS in Oceanography. It has been modified to fix the errors in the catalog degree requirements and degree evaluation.

Catalog changes include:

Second Year Spring

- Add the communications elective increasing the semester credit hours from 14 to 17
- Replace the technical elective with a Theme Elective

Third Year Fall

- Replace STAT 303 Statistical Methods with STAT 211 Statistical Methods I.

Third Year Spring

- Replace the theme elective with GEOS 470 Data Analysis Methods in Geosciences. This is normally required for ENGS majors.

Fourth Year Spring

- Add theme elective increasing the semester credit hours from 15 to 18

Total Four year hours

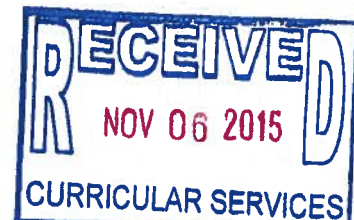
- Correcting the total credits for four years to 132. There 12 graduate only credit hours in the fourth year along with 6 hours of dual graduate/undergraduate credit. Any 600 level OCNG course can be used for the dual credit.

Fifth Year Spring

- Correct the Capstone Experience to the actual course ONG 661 Advanced Oceanographic Data Analysis and Communication

Degree Evaluation edits include:

- Program: BS ENGS GOC Program. I think this is supposed to be a GOC program like the other 3 3+2 programs Oceanography has with undergraduate majors in the College of Geosciences.



Supporting Coursework

- Technical Electives are reduced to 7 hours to reflect the move of GEOG 390 to required.
- Add URPN 361 as a policy elective option.

Environmental Theme Electives

- Remove OCNG 401, OCNG 604 and OCNG 608 as required.
- Change electives to 15 hours
- Include any 300 or 400 level OCNG course.
- Add statement for dual credit graduate courses. "6 hours will come from two dual credit OCNG 600-679 courses.

Mathematics

- Change STAT 303 to STAT211
- Remove the must make a grade of 'C' or better requirements from the degree evaluation

Life and Physical Sciences

- Remove the must make a grade of 'C' or better requirements from the degree evaluation

If you have any questions, please contact the assistant department head, Dr. Shari Yvon-Lewis (979-458-1816; syvon-lewis@tamu.edu).