REQUEST FOR ADDING, CHANGING, SUSPENDING OR DROPPING UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

Department: Oceanography & Coastal Science College: Coast & Environment
Name of Minor: Oceanography & Coastal Sciences Minor

Date: 11/1/17

Has this change been discussed with and approved by all departments/colleges affected? Yes (X) No ( ) N/A ( )

ATTACH JUSTIFICATION for all actions: Use separate sheet.
ATTACH RESPONSE from any departments affected (i.e. any department whose course(s) are to be added).

ACTION (check appropriate box):
( ) ADDING: Show the entire new minor using catalog format. Use plain sheets and attach.
( ) CHANGING: List present catalog description which is to be changed (left column) and the changes proposed (right column). In proposed column use strikeout and bold to indicate deletions and additions. Explain all changes adequately on attachment.
( ) SUSPENDING:
( ) DROPPING: Provide an adequate explanation for suspending the minor on plain sheets and attach.

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APPROVALS:
Department Faculty Approval Date: 10/6/2017
College Faculty Approval Date: 3/6/18
Department Chair's Signature: John B. Hopkins (Date): 11/9/17
College Dean's Signature: (Date): 1/3/18
Chair, FS C & C Committee: (Date): 1/25/18
Academic Affairs Approval: (Date): 1/3/18

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Justification for Changes to Minor in Oceanography and Coastal Sciences

Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences

Changes made:

1) OCS 2007 and OCS 2008 were originally 4 credits each with a lab included. Now, the courses are 3 credits with the laboratory removed and consequently, only account for 6 credits, down from the original 8.

2) In order to keep the total credit hours the same, we have added 2 credits to the total of additional credits needed past OCS 2007 and OCS 2008 from 10 credits to 12 credits. The extra two credits are needed due to the subtraction of the two credits listed in item 1.

3) Originally, the department kept a list of approved electives which were basically all the DOCS courses. However, as courses have been dropped or added over the years, it became onerous to keep updating the list, which had fallen by the wayside. Therefore, listing all DOCS courses as approved electives eliminates constant updating of the approved courses list.

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DOCS Curriculum Committee Chair

*We have also provided a copy of the new checkoff sheet and description of the minor we provide to interested students.
Minor in Oceanography and Coastal Sciences

Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences

This document outlines proposed guidelines and requirements for an undergraduate minor in Oceanography and Coastal Sciences, offered by the Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences (DOCS) at Louisiana State University. This minor provides a structured educational environment in which LSU undergraduates may achieve greater understanding of the ocean and coastal zone's influence on the natural world and on human activities.

Requirements for the Minor
The following requirements have been agreed upon by the DOCS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, and are in accordance with guidelines for minors published in the LSU General Catalog.

Requirements for the minor are:
- Completion of OCS 2007 and OCS 2008, with grade of “C” or better (6 hours)
- Completion of at least twelve (12) additional hours of approved electives with grade of "C" or better, at least six (6) hours of which must be at the 3000 level or higher.

Approved electives include all DOCS undergraduate courses.

Description of OCS Required Courses Sequence

OCS 2007 Introduction to Marine Sciences: Physical Processes (3 hr credit), 3 hours lecture,
OCS 2008 Introduction to Marine Sciences: Life Processes (3 hr credit), 3 hours lecture,

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CHECK OFF SHEET FOR MINOR IN DOCS

NAME:__________________________________________

Required courses: Grade of "C" or better.

OCS 2007 ___  OCS 2008 ___

Twelve (12) hours of approved electives with at least six (6) hours being at 3000 or above.

(List of courses taken)

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