



P13952 Earth System Science Minor

Drop

The queue for this request is:

- Curriculum Committee
- Faculty Senate
- Dean (LAS)
- Provost

Requestor: Rob Winningham
 Submitted: 2021-03-06 09:20:01
 Submitting as: Administrator or Staff (non-APA)
 Request for a: Program
 Level Undergraduate
 Type of Request: Drop Existing
 Type of program Minor
 Deans that should review this request College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
 Is this curricular change driven by assessment data you have collected? No
 Summary/Rationale for proposal

At a time of shrinking enrollments and changing student demographics, the Article 15 Task Force reviewed current offerings with respect to their current and future role at the university. FSEC and WOUFT had the opportunity to comment on the program elimination proposal. This minor is being phased out because of low enrollments.

	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019
Earth System Science Minor	16	25	20	20	17	11	12	10	12	11

The final Article 15 Plan can be seen here: <https://wou.edu/provost/article-15-final-plan-february-24-2021/>

The Article 15 Task Force utilized qualitative and quantitative criteria to reach its recommendations and conclusions. The work considered the original reports from the deans, the recommendations from WOUFT (Article 15 Appendix C), the recommendations from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Article 15 Appendix D), PowerPoint for panel discussion (Article 15 Appendix E), feedback from three faculty panel discussions (Article 15 Appendix F), the report from the faculty Sustainability Task Force (Appendix G), Article 15 of the CBA (Article 15 Appendix H), WOUFT November 23, 2020 Response (Article 15 Appendix I), FSEC Response November 23, 2020 (Article 15 Appendix J), WOUFT February 5, 2021 Response (Article 15 Appendix K), and FSEC Response February 5, 2021 (Article 15 Appendix L).

Program or Requirement Title Earth System Science Minor
 Description

Core Courses

- [ES 104 Exploring the Physical Earth](#) (4 credits)
- [ES 105 Discoveries in Earth Science](#) (4 credits)
- or [ES 106 Exploring the Oceans and Atmosphere](#) (4 credits)

Choose Two

- [ES 331 Introduction to Oceanography](#) (3 credits)
- [ES 390 Basic Meteorology](#) (3 credits)
- [GS 351 Elements of Astronomy](#) (3 credits)

Choose One

- [ES 341 Geographic Information Systems I](#) (4 credits)

- [ES 473 Environmental Geology](#) (4 credits)
- [ES 476 Hydrology](#) (4 credits)
- [ES 492 Advanced GIS Applications in Earth Science](#) (4 credits)

Choose One

- [ES 354 Geology of Earthquakes](#) (4 credits)
- [ES 454 Volcanology](#) (4 credits)
- [ES 460 Energy and Mineral Resources](#) (3 credits)

Choose One

- [ES 304 Survey of the Fossil Record](#) (3 credits)
- [ES 431 Paleobiology](#) (4 credits)
- [ES 453 Geology of the Pacific Northwest](#) (4 credits)
- [ES 491 Stratigraphy and Depositional Systems](#) (4 credits)

Total Credits: 24-26

Catalog ID:

Programs affected/consulted

No other program requires this minor.

Supporting Documents

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Related Courses:

No related courses found

Curriculum Committee Decision:

X No by Laurie Burton (2021-03-18 09:29:52)

Comments: On 3.1621 the Curriculum Committee voted no for this proposal. See CC 03.16.21 5.10.1_5.10.9.pdf https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SFHqm_WvIUyEHb-jTyRRrDG-JXRn0tj5/view?usp=sharing This is item 5.10.4 in the referenced materials.

Senate Decision: Pending:

Sent to Leigh Graziano (graziano1@wou.edu), on: 2021-03-18 09:29:52

LAS Dean Decision: Pending: Kathy Cassity (cassityk@wou.edu),

Provost/VPAA Decision: Pending: Rob Winningham (winninr@wou.edu),

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Entered into catalog: Pending: Susan Hays (hayss@wou.edu),