

**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

**CURRICULUM REPORT**

**Curriculum Requests Associated with New/Altered Degree Programs**

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Fall 2009  
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**SUMMARY TABLE  
SHOWING MAGNITUDE OF REQUESTS  
FOR THE ADDITION, DELETION, AND CHANGES IN COURSES**

| DEPARTMENT                                       | COURSE<br>ADDITIONS | COURSE<br>DELETIONS | COURSE<br>CHANGES:<br>PREFIX,<br>NUMBER,<br>AND/OR<br>TITLE | NET<br>ADDITIONS/<br>DELETIONS |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES</b>              |                     |                     |   |                                |
| Geology and Geography                            | 13                  | 0                   | 0   | +13                            |
| <b>COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION</b>        |                     |                     |   |                                |
| None   | 0                   | 0                   | 0   | 0                              |
| <b>COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b>               |                     |                     |   |                                |
| None   | 0                   | 0                   | 0   | 0                              |
| <b>COLLEGE OF EDUCATION</b>                      |                     |                     |   |                                |
| None   | 0                   | 0                   | 0   | 0                              |
| <b>COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES</b> |                     |                     |   |                                |
| None   | 0                   | 0                   | 0   | 0                              |
| <b>SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY RECAP</b>        |                     |                     |   |                                |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                    | <b>13</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>  | <b>+13</b>                     |

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
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| <u>COMMITTEE</u><br><u>RECOMMENDATION</u> | <u>AAC</u><br><u>RECOMMENDATION</u> | <u>VPAA</u><br><u>RECOMMENDATION</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
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**A. COURSES TO BE ADDED**

|         |   |   |   |
|---------|---|---|---|
| GEO 531 | A | A | A |
| GEO 532 | A | A | A |
| GEO 533 | A | A | A |
| GEO 534 | A | A | A |
| GEO 535 | A | A | A |
| GEO 536 | A | A | A |
| GEO 537 | A | A | A |
| GEO 538 | A | A | A |
| GEO 539 | A | A | A |
| GEO 611 | A | A | A |
| GEO 621 | A | A | A |
| GEO 698 | A | A | A |
| GEO 699 | A | A | A |

**B. COURSES TO BE DELETED**

None

**C. CHANGES IN COURSE TITLE**

None

**D. CHANGES IN COURSE NUMBER**

None

**E. CHANGES IN COURSE TITLE AND COURSE NUMBER**

None

**F. CHANGES IN COURSE PREFIX**

None

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
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**A. COURSES TO BE ADDED**

None

**B. COURSES TO BE DELETED**

None

**C. CHANGES IN COURSE TITLE**

None

**D. CHANGES IN COURSE NUMBER**

None

**E. CHANGES IN COURSE TITLE AND COURSE NUMBER**

None

**F. CHANGES IN COURSE PREFIX**

None

**COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
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None

**B. COURSES TO BE DELETED**

None

**C. CHANGES IN COURSE TITLE**

None

**D. CHANGES IN COURSE NUMBER**

None

**E. CHANGES IN COURSE TITLE AND COURSE NUMBER**

None

**F. CHANGE IN COURSE PREFIX**

None

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
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**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
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None



**College of Arts and Sciences  
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**Department of Geology and Geography**

**Courses to be Added**

GEO 531      Geographic Information

This course will be a required course in the department's proposed Masters Degree in Applied GIS. All students in the program must take this course concurrently with the introductory sequence of courses because it serves as the foundation for later courses. Sources of information, compatibility issues, and limitations regarding the accuracy of the geospatial data will be discussed. This information is vitally important when dealing with geographical analyses because it prepares the student to make more accurate analyses.

GEO 532      GIS Principles and Applications

This course will be one of the required courses in the proposed Masters degree. It covers core principles in the use of GIS and serves as a foundation for subsequent coursework.

GEO 533      Internet GIS

This course will be one of the required courses in the proposed Masters degree. An increasing amount of GIS work is done via the Internet; therefore, students need to be versed in this technology to be competitive in the geospatial job market.

GEO 534      Spatial Analysis

Geographic Information Systems (and geography in general) deals with the analysis of spatial relationships. In this course students will acquire the quantitative skills required for the development of expertise in applied GIS. This course will be an essential element in the proposed Master of Science in Applied GIS.

GEO 535      Digital Image Processing

This course will be one of the required courses in the proposed Masters degree. Digital image processing is a fundamental tool in the geospatial field used to analyze digital imagery acquired by land-based, air-based and space-based imaging systems. For this reason, it is needed by students planning to enter the geospatial technology field.

GEO 536      Cartography and Visualization

This course will be one of the required courses in the proposed Masters degree. The ability to produce maps and to create 3-D imagery to better visualize certain types of phenomena is an important skill for individuals working in the geospatial field.

GEO 537      GIS Programming

This course will be one of the required courses in the proposed Masters degree. The ability to perform basic programming for GIS purposes is a strong asset for practitioners in the applied GIS field.

GEO 538 GIS Program Use and Applications

This course will be one of the optional courses in the proposed Masters degree. This course allows students to take modules through ESRI's "Virtual Campus" to enhance their knowledge of particular software application programs used in the GIS field. Accordingly, it enables students to gain a higher level of specialization in the use of programs that are of particular relevance to their career requirements.

GEO 539 Internship in GIS

This course will be one of the optional courses in the proposed Masters degree. It affords students the opportunity to gain real-world experience in the use of GIS.

GEO 611 Seminar in GIS Applications

This course will be one of the required courses in the proposed Masters degree. It will cover applied areas of GIS and entail a combination of presentations by guest speakers or faculty members to enhance student understanding of current research in GIS. In addition, graduate students will present their independent research for critique by fellow students.

GEO 621 Seminar in Applied GIS Research Methods

This course is necessary because it provides students the preparation needed to conduct independent research. Students will be required to collect information from the library and relevant online sources and use this data to complete assignments. They will learn appropriate methodologies for conducting geographic research.

GEO 698 Thesis I

This first phase of the thesis includes a review of the literature, research design, collection of pilot data, and related steps. Students are required to complete their thesis proposal. This course is essential for students pursuing the thesis option in the proposed Masters degree.

GEO 699 Thesis II

This course is essential for students pursuing the thesis option of the proposed Masters degree. The second phase includes data collection, manuscript preparation and a final defense of the thesis.

**College of Business Administration  
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There are no curriculum changes for the College of Business Administration for this cycle.

**College of Criminal Justice  
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There are no curriculum changes for the College of Criminal Justice for this cycle.

**College of Education  
Curriculum Report 2009-2010**

There are no curriculum changes for the College of Education for this cycle.

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
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There are no curriculum changes for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences for this cycle.

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|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Add a Degree Program Leading to the Master of Science Degree with a Major in Applied GIS within the College of Arts and Sciences                                    | A                                   | A                             | A                              |
| Change the name of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Academic Studies to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies within the College of Education  | A                                   | A                             | A                              |
| Change the name of the Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication to a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences | A                                   | A                             | A                              |
| Add a Degree Program Leading to the Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Communication Studies within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences           | A                                   | A                             | A                              |

Please reference the full-text proposals for more details.

**Proposed Change to the Core Curriculum  
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| <b>Change to Core Curriculum</b><br>FCS 160<br>Art in Design, Education and Fashion | A                                   | A                             | A                              |

**Request:** Add FCS 160 Art in Design, Education and Fashion to Component Area IV - Visual and Performing Arts

Please reference the full-text proposal for more details.