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Course: Add: Delete: Delivery:
(check all that apply) Change: Number Title SCH Description X Prerequisite

Response Required: New course will be part of major minor as a required
or elective course

Response Required: New course will introduce , reinforce , or apply concepts

Response Required: Grade Type: Normal (A-F) CR/NC P/F

Shortened Course Format: Equivalent Student Learning outcomes verified:

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, **Measurable** Student Learning Outcomes, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red and provide a brief justification.

Program: Delete: Add: Change: X Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs): Add: Change: Attach listing of PLOs.

Minor: Add: Delete: Change: X Attach new/changed minor. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

College Introductory Pages: Add information: Change information:
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MINOR IN GEOGRAPHY

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MINOR CURRICULUM – GEOGRAPHY

Required courses:

GEOG	1301	Physical Geography
GEOG	1303	General World Geography

Three courses chosen from:

GEOG	3314	Geography of Texas
GEOG/ HIST	3350	U.S. Historical Geography
GEOG/ HIST	3352	Latin American Historical Geography
GEOG/PSCI	3353	Political Geography
GEOG	3451	GIS for the Social Sciences
GEOG	4340	Special Topics in Geography
GEOG/HIST/URBS	4395	Urban Historical Geography
PSCI/URBS	4345	Urban Politics
SOCI/URBS	3316	Urban Sociology

One course chosen from:

ANTH	4301	Special Topics in Anthropology
CRIJ/SOCI	3305	Research Methods in Social Sciences
CRIJ	3320	Organized Crime
ENSC	3310	Environmental/Natural Resource Conservation
ENSC	3401	Environmental Sciences
HIST	3351	World History and Geography
SOCI	3304	Sociological Theory

Note: Courses taken for this minor may not also count for course requirements in the major.

Course descriptions needing to be changed:

GEOG 3350

U.S. Historical Geography

Three semester hours. (FL)

A survey of the changing geography of the United States including initial exploration, European perceptions of North America, diffusion and geographical expansion of the United States to the Pacific, geographical factors underlying the urbanization and industrialization of the nation, and recent population shifts. Prerequisite: Six hours of history. ~~(Cross-listed with HIST 3350)~~

GEOG 3352

Latin American Historical Geography

Three semester hours. (FL-Even)

A survey of the changing cultural geography of Latin America including pre-Colombian landscapes, early European settlement, migration, and the evolving economic integration into the world economy. Geographical and environmental factors underlying twentieth-century agricultural and urban problems of Latin America are considered. Prerequisite: Six hours of history and/or geography, or consent of instructor. ~~(Cross-listed with HIST 3352)~~

Justification:

The above changes to the minor in Geography reflect the epistemological and methodological strengths of the new faculty hire, Dr. Andy Hilburn. The two course additions are part of a gradual process to make the Geography minor a more integral component of training in the social sciences and a broad liberal arts and sciences educational experience. The GEOG 3314 Geography of Texas class adds to the curriculum and to the Geography minor by providing a relevant and accessible topic, the peoples, environments, and landscapes of our own state, to expand collegiate geographic education here at TAMU. The GEOG 4430 Special Topics class allows the geography curriculum to flexibly accommodate needed training in geographic research methods and to address timely human-environmental issues. The remaining changes are additions and one subtraction to the electives options for this minor. Placing GEOG 2301 Human Geography as an approachable elective completes a basic introductory survey of the field after having taken the requisite GEOG 1301 Physical Geography and 1303 World Geography. The GEOG 3451 GIS for the

Social Sciences gives an introduction to training in GIS theory and methods, which is an attractive and essential skill for graduates wanting to work in field-related occupations. The final set of additions, ranging from anthropology, to sociology, and environmental studies provide relevant capstone elective educational experiences in allied social and environmental science fields. The omission of the HIST 3351 and cross-listing with HIST 3350/3352 reflects the removal of these courses from the history curriculum. The inclusion of HIST 3350/3352 as a cross-listed course in the description for GEOG 3350/3352 also need to be changed to reflect the deletion of HIST 3350/3352.