Submit originals and one copy and electronic copy to Governance/Faculty Senate Office
See http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/cd for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

CHANGE COURSE (MAJOR) and DROP COURSE PROPOSAL

SUBMITTED BY:

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1. COURSE IDENTIFICATION:

Dept: GEOS  Course # 378  No. of Credits: 3

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Geoinformatics

2. ACTION DESIRED:

Change Course  If Change, indicate below what change.  Drop X

3. COURSE FORMAT

NOTE: Course hours may not be compressed into fewer than three days per credit. Any course compressed into fewer than six weeks must be approved by the college or school's curriculum council. Furthermore, any core course compressed to less than six weeks must be approved by the core review committee.

COURSE FORMAT: (check one)
1  2  3  4  5  X  6 weeks to Full semester
OTHER FORMAT
(specify)
Mode of delivery
(specify lecture, field trips, labs, etc)

4. COURSE CLASSIFICATIONS: (undergraduate courses only. Use approved criteria found on Page 10 & 17 of the manual. If justification is needed, attach on separate sheet.)

H = Humanities  N = Natural Science  X  S = Social Sciences

Will this course be used to fulfill a requirement for the baccalaureate core?  YES □  NO □

IF YES, check which core requirements it could be used to fulfill:
O = Oral Intensive, Format □  W = Writing Intensive, 6  □  Natural Science, Format □

5. COURSE REPEATABILITY:

Is this course repeatable for credit?  YES □  X  NO □

Justification: Indicate why the course can be repeated (for example, the course follows a different theme each time).

How many times may the course be repeated for credit? □ TIMES

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Yes-No Projector: □
If the course can be repeated with variable credit, what is the maximum number of credit hours that may be earned for this course? 

6. CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG: including dept., number, title and credits

GEOS 378
3 Credits
Introduction to Geoinformatics
A multidisciplinary course providing theoretical understanding and hands-on experience with acquiring field data using paintops and hand-held GPS; processing of remote sensing data acquired from airplanes and satellites; concept of data integration in GIS mode; database management; cartographic visualization of final product. Special fees apply. Prerequisites: PHYS F103X or PHYS F211X; or permission of instructor. (Cross-listed with GE F378.) (2+3)

7. COMPLETE CATALOG DESCRIPTION AS IT WILL APPEAR WITH THESE CHANGES: (Underline new wording strike-through old wording and use complete catalog format including dept., number, title, credits and cross-listed and stacked.) PLEASE SUBMIT NEW COURSE SYLLABUS. For stacked courses the syllabus must clearly indicate differences in required work and evaluation for students at different levels.

N/A

8. IS THIS COURSE CURRENTLY CROSS-LISTED?

YES/NO  Y  If Yes, DEPT  GE  NUMBER  F378

(Requires written notification of each department and dean involved. Attach a copy of written notification.)

9. GRADING SYSTEM:

LETTER  X  PASS/FAIL:  

10. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

None, because course has been rolled into GEOS 458/658.

11. LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Have you contacted the library collection development officer (ffkij@uaf.edu, 474-6695) with regard to the adequacy of library/media collections, equipment, and services available for the proposed course? If so, give date of contact and resolution. If not, explain why not.

| No  X  Yes  | n/a |

12. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action? Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

Improve program offerings

13. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS
Please specify positive and negative impacts on other courses, programs and departments resulting from the proposed action.

Efficiency

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize course change and new course applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you ask for a change in # of credits, explain why; are you increasing the amount of material covered in the class? If you drop a prerequisite, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? If course is changing to stacked (400/600), explain higher level of effort and performance required on part of students earning graduate credit. Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the course is not compromised as a result.

By combining GEOS 425 and GEOS 378 into a new course, we eliminated overlap and were able to cover additional, important material. Now we must drop GEOS 378.

APPROVALS:

Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: Geology & Geophysics Date 10/03/08

Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: CNSM Date 10/14/08

Signature, Dean, College/School of: CNSM Date 10/15/08

Signature of Provost (if applicable)

Offerings above the level of approved programs must be approved in advance by the Provost.

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE.

Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee Date
**ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES:** (If required)

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