Proposed Revision to the Certificate in Public Planning

Rationale for the Revision

We are updating the course offerings to reflect curriculum changes.

- New GEO/GIS courses are available, replacing former courses. We are changing the GEO/GIS requirements, to include one required course (GEO 5810/Introduction to Geographic Information Science), and two courses from a list of GEO/GIS electives.
- We are adding PLS courses to the list of electives: PLS 4763/Environmental Politics & Policy and PLS 5163/State Governments and Policy in the U.S. Federal System.

Effective Date: Fall 2018

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GEO 5810 - Introduction to Geographic Information Science Credits: 3

GEO 5860 - Geographic Information Systems II Credits: 3

GEO 5820 - Remote Sensing I Credits: 3

Choose nine semester hours from the following:

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Choose six semester hours from the following:

GEO 4910 – GIS Programming Credits: 3

GEO 5820 - Remote Sensing I Credits: 3

GEO 5830 – GIS: Building Geodatabases Credits: 3

GEO 5870 – Remote Sensing II Credits: 3

GEO 5880 – Geospatial Data Models Credits: 3

GIS 5970 – Special Topics in Geographic Information Systems Credits: 3

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