



MEMORANDUM

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To: Lee Patterson, Chair, CGS
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RE: Executive Action Taken at the CLAS Curriculum Committee Meeting on Feb 3, 2021

The following request was approved by executive action at the CLAS Curriculum Committee meeting on Feb 3, 2021. The request would be effective Fall 2021. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

Requested change:

To allow all 4750+ level Geology and Geography Department courses to be offered in an online format as well as face-to-face. Additionally, as GEO 3870 is cross-listed with GEO 5870 to maximize faculty load, it also should be allowed to be offered online.

Rationale for change:

Concurrent with this Executive Action is a proposal to allow the Professional Science Master's – Geographic Information Science (PSM-GIS) to be offered completely online beginning Fall, 2021. As such, all classes offered as required or elective courses associated with the PSM-GIS need to be taught online. Currently, most of the courses are still only allowed to be run as face-to-face. If the ability to offer the PSM-GIS program online is approved, the rest of the courses used for required or elective classes need to be approved to be offered online as well. The complete list of courses that need to have online modality added is:

GEO 3870 – Remote Sensing II
GEO 4910 – GIS Programming
GEO 5830 – GIS: Building Geodatabases
GEO 5825 – Lidar
GEO 5880 – Modelling the Earth with GIS
GIS 5970 A B, D-F, H-M, O-Q & T-Y– Special Topics in GIS series

Effective Year/Term:

Fall 2021