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COVER SHEET for GRADUATE INFORMATION ITEMS

Note: If the proposal involves only information items, please use this short "Cover Sheet for Graduate Information Items." However, if information items are an integral part of a larger proposal, please submit them in the package and use the "Cover Sheet for Graduate Curriculum Proposal."

Information items are as follow and do not require Graduate Council approval:

- Adding and/or deleting prerequisites (unless they affect other programs)
- Decreasing number of credit hours for a course
- Shifting a course to variable credit
- Renaming a course
- Renumbering courses within the same 100 sequence
- Shifting topics in a two-semester course
- Making editorial changes
- Cross-listing of courses
- Removing 400-level graduate courses from the approved list

After the appropriate college dean's signature has been obtained, submit the cover sheet and information item memorandum to the Dean of the Graduate School to be forwarded to the University Registrar and the Provost.

From: David A. Aborn Date: 7 October 2008

Title of Information: Change the wording for the Program Requirements for the
 Item: Master's Degree in Environmental Science

Proposed Effective Date: ~~1 January 2009~~ Fall 2009 srb

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MEMORANDUM

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The Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences is submitting the change in wording to the "Program Requirements" section for the Master's Degree in Environmental Science in the Graduate Catalog:

At present, the catalog lists the core classes and research classes our graduate students must take, followed by a list of designated elective classes (p. 67 of the 2008 Graduate Catalog). Having a list of designated classes implies that these are the only electives that our students can take to fulfill the required number of credit hours for the degree. However, Environmental Science is a very interdisciplinary field, and many new and appropriate graduate-level classes are offered from a variety of departments. Therefore, our students often take classes we deem acceptable but that are not on the list. Since this may lead to misunderstandings by anyone reviewing a student's candidacy form, especially external reviewers like SACS, we propose to eliminate the list and replace it with the following language:

Unrestricted Electives

Any courses taken for graduate credit as recommended by the student's graduate committee and approved by the Graduate Program Coordinator, totaling 18 hours minimum for thesis and internship options; 21 hours minimum for the literature review option.

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