# GEOL 227: SEMINAR IN ADVANCED HYDROGEOLOGY

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# **Catalog Title:**

Seminar in Advanced Hydrogeology

# **Class Schedule Title:**

Seminar Advanced Hydrogeology

Academic Group: (College)

NSM - Natural Sciences & Mathematics

**Academic Organization: (Department)** 

Geology

Will this course be offered through the College of Continuing Education (CCE)?

No

#### **Catalog Year Effective:**

Fall 2022 (2022/2023 Catalog)

Subject Area: (prefix)
GEOL - Geology

Catalog Number: (course number)

227

Course ID: (For administrative use only.)

135461

Units:

3

In what term(s) will this course typically be offered?

Fall, Spring

Does this course require a room for its final exam?

Yes, final exam requires a room

Does this course replace an existing experimental course?

No

This course complies with the credit hour policy:

Yes

#### Justification for course proposal:

Justification for all Geology graduate course proposals:

The Geology department has a small graduate program (approximately 12 students admitted per year) that tends to be split between a 'rock' and 'water' focus. Students take 9 units of core courses that are scheduled to be taken over two years. The department offers two graduate electives each semester, one with more of a rock focus and another with more of a water focus so students have graduate electives that are relevant to their primary area of research.

The Geology department has a robust undergraduate program, teaches a number of general education mega-sections, and has faculty with active research programs (and, thus, course release and buyout). Therefore, having tenured and tenured track faculty with available WTU to teach the graduate courses has been challenging. Additionally, the graduate courses are not listed as being repeatable for credit, further limiting the options that can be offered each semester.

In an effort to provide more flexibility for our graduate students to be taught by our own Geology faculty and maintain a level of continuity, we are proposing to move towards more general course descriptions and offer many of the courses as 'Seminar in ...' and change all the courses to be repeatable for credit. (See attached email from OGS regarding this and financial aid). It is likely that graduate students will not end up repeating any courses because more broad course descriptions will provide the flexibility for more faculty to teach each course. Offering our graduate courses in this way will benefit the graduate students in our department by ensuring 1) a variety of elective topics are offered each semester, 2) tenured and tenure-track faculty are teaching the courses, and 3) the ability to repeat a course for credit without having to petition for an exception with OGS.

GEOL 227 course specific justification:

Broadens course title, course description, and learning objectives to reflect greater range of content; specific course content to be determined by the instructor and specifically outlined in the course syllabus.

# Course Description: (Not to exceed 80 words and language should conform to catalog copy.)

Advanced study of hydrogeology. Topics may include: water budgets, groundwater flow to wells, aquifer testing, fracture flow, dewatering, salt water intrusion, groundwater chemistry and dating, tracers, and contaminant transport and remediation.

Are one or more field trips required with this course?

No

Fee Course?

Nο

Is this course designated as Service Learning?

No

Does this course require safety training?

Nο

Does this course require personal protective equipment (PPE)?

No

# Course Note: (Note must be a single sentence; do not include field trip or fee course notations.)

May be taken for credit multiple times if covering different topics.

#### Does this course have prerequisites?

Yes

#### Prerequisite:

GEOL 127, graduate-level status in geology, or instructor permission.

### Prerequisites Enforced at Registration?

No

# Does this course have corequisites?

Nο

#### **Graded:**

Letter

#### Approval required for enrollment?

No Approval Required

#### Course Component(s) and Classification(s):

Seminar

#### **Seminar Classification**

CS#05 - Seminar (K-factor=1 WTU per unit)

#### **Seminar Units**

3

## Is this a paired course?

No

# Is this course crosslisted?

Νo

# Can this course be repeated for credit?

Yes

## How many times can the course be taken (not including first time passed)?

4

# Total credits allowed (including first time passed)

12

# Can the course be taken for credit more than once during the same term?

No

# Description of the Expected Learning Outcomes: Describe outcomes using the following format: 'Students will be able to: 1), 2), etc.'

Students will be able to:

- 1) Analyze and interpret real data relating to hydrogeology
- 2) Critically evaluate literature relating to hydrogeology
- 3) Evaluate multiple hypotheses relating to hydrogeology and determine which hypotheses are supported by evidence
- 4) Create innovative solutions to hydrogeologic problems

# Attach a list of the required/recommended course readings and activities:

G227 Proposed readings:activities.docx

Assessment Strategies: A description of the assessment strategies (e.g., portfolios, examinations, performances, pre-and post-tests, conferences with students, student papers) which will be used by the instructor to determine the extent to which students have achieved the learning outcomes noted above.

Examinations (ELO 1,3-4),

Homework assignments (ELO 1-2)

Presentations on scientific literature and final project(ELO 1-2,4)

Final project paper (ELO 1-4)

Is this course required in a degree program (major, minor, graduate degree, certificate?)

NIo

Does the proposed change or addition cause a significant increase in the use of College or University resources (lab room, computer)?

No

Will there be any departments affected by this proposed course?

Nc

I/we as the author(s) of this course proposal agree to provide a new or updated accessibility checklist to the Dean's office prior to the semester when this course is taught utilizing the changes proposed here.

I/we agree

# **University Learning Goals**

# **Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:**

Critical thinking/analysis Information literacy Disciplinary knowledge

Is this course required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?

No

Is this a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course?

NΙΔ

Please attach any additional files not requested above:

Course repeat OGS.pdf

#### **Reviewer Comments:**

Thomas Krabacher (tsk) (Thu, 04 Mar 2021 00:08:55 GMT): Rollback: Proposal being rolled back in order for dept. to check on (1) any issues with repeating a course with same number for grade; (2) Any financial aid implications for repeating a course with same number; (2) advisability of making the justification more student-oriented. Amy W. has the details, if needed.

Kevin Cornwell (cornwell) (Thu, 04 Mar 2021 15:11:45 GMT): Rollback: Amy, this is for you to look at again...

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