

2012-2013 SHORT SIGNATURE SHEET



UNC CHARLOTTE

Date: July 15, 2013

Subject: Revision of INES 8999 and creation of INES 8990

Originating Department: Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Infrastructure and Environmental Systems

TYPE OF PROPOSAL: UNDERGRADUATE _____ GRADUATE X UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE _____
 (Separate proposals sent to UCCC and Grad. Council)

DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	COMMENTS: APPROVED, APPROVED WITH REVISIONS, ETC.	SIGNATURES
	6/28/2013		<u>PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSAL</u> Dr. Jy S. Wu <i>Jy Wu</i>
	6/28/2013	Approved	<u>DEPARTMENT CHAIR/Program Director</u> Dr. Jy S. Wu <i>Jy Wu</i>
	7/11/2013	Approved	<u>COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR</u> Dr. John Diemer (INES Program Committee) <i>John Diemer</i> Dr. Asis Naspuri (CEGC)
		Approved	<u>COLLEGE DEAN</u> Dr. Robert Johnson
		Approved	<u>GENERAL EDUCATION</u> (if applicable; for General Education courses only)
		Approved	<u>UNDERGRADUATE COURSE & CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR</u> (for undergraduate courses only)
		Approved	<u>GRADUATE COUNCIL CHAIR</u> (for graduate courses only)
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SHORT FORM COURSE AND CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

*To: Dr. Allan Freitag, Chair of Graduate Council

From: Dr. Jy S. Wu, INES Program Director

Date: June 28, 2013, July 15, 2013

Re: a) Set a maximum allowable limit of 18 hours for INES 8999 – Doctoral
Dissertation Research (effective Fall 2013)

b) Provide a new section of INES 8999 for additional credit hours beyond 18
on a Pass/Unsatisfactory or IP basis (effective Fall 2013)

The Short Form is used for minor curriculum changes. Minor changes may include:

- Changes to course numbering (note: must follow Course Numbering Policy)
- Editorial changes to current catalog copy
- Individual new courses (undergraduate only)
- Other small changes that have limited to no impact on other departments or units

Submission of this Short Form indicates review and assessment of the proposed curriculum changes at the department and collegiate level either separately or as part of ongoing assessment efforts.

*Proposals for undergraduate courses should be sent to the Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee Chair. Proposals related to both undergraduate and graduate courses, (e.g., courses co-listed at both levels) must be sent to both the Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council.

SUMMARY: State clearly and concisely the proposed changes. Please give a brief statement as to why the change is being proposed.

The INES program proposes to limit INES 8999 Doctoral Dissertation Research to a maximum of 18 hours earned by each INES student. This revision will not affect the INES curriculum requirement which, in fact, calls for 18 hours to be counted toward the overall 72-hr requirement. Often, students have registered for more than 18 hours of doctoral dissertation research in order to meet minimum course load requirement while completing the research. This obviously creates variability in “dissertation hours for grades” earned by each student and ultimately affects each student’s overall GPA. By setting a maximum limit of 18 hours, we can ensure every INES students will receive the same dissertation hours for GPA calculations. Ph.D. in Public Policy has set a limit of 18 hours (for grades) in their dissertation class (PPOL 8801).

To accommodate credit hours needed for INES Ph.D. students to remain active upon completing all program course requirements, we will allow students to register an equivalent Dissertation Research class on a Pass/Unsatisfactory basis. Ph.D. in Biology designates Pass/Unsatisfactory to all dissertation hours of BIOL 8999.

(a) We will need to revise the course description for INES 8999 (editorial changes in **RED**) as follows:

INES 8999. Doctoral Dissertation Research. (1-9) Each student will initiate and conduct an individual investigation culminating in the preparation and presentation of a doctoral dissertation. **Maximum of 18 hours allowed under this course designation. (Fall, Spring, Summer)**

(b) We will need to replicate an equivalent class of INES 8999 (editorial changes in **RED**) to allow additional dissertation research hours beyond 18 but are “not for grades”:

INES 8990. Doctoral Dissertation Research. (1-9) Each student will ~~initiate and conduct~~ **continue** an individual investigation culminating in the preparation and presentation of a doctoral dissertation, **upon meeting the 18-credit hours requirement of INES 8999. Graded on a Pass/Unsatisfactory or IP basis. May be repeated for credits. (Fall, Spring, Summer)**

FOR CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS:

1. Does the proposed change affect other departments (including additions and/or changes to degree requirements or prerequisites offered in other departments)?
_____Yes No

2. If Yes, please list the other departments affected by the proposed change: NA

3. Have you consulted with each department listed in item 2 regarding the proposed change?
_____Yes No

Result(s) of Consultation(s) (please attach documentation): NA

For a new course or for major modification of an existing course, include [Consultation on Library Holdings](#). NA

RESOURCES:

1. For a new course or revisions to an existing course, check all the statements that apply:
 - ___ This course will be cross listed with another course.
 - ___ There are prerequisites for this course.
 - ___ There are co-requisites for this course.
 - ___ This course is repeatable for credit.
 - ___ This course will affect the number of credits hours for its program.
 - ___ This proposal results in the deletion of an existing course(s) from the degree program and/or catalog.
 - ___ This proposal will alter an agreement with a North Carolina community college.

For all items checked above, applicable statements and content must be reflected in the proposed catalog copy. NA

2. Indicate the additional resources required, if any, to implement and maintain the proposed change. NA

CREDIT HOUR (Mandatory if new and/or revised course in proposal):

Review statement and check box once completed.

The appropriate faculty committee has reviewed the course outline/syllabus and has determined that the assignments are sufficient to meet the University definition of a [credit hour](#). (Reviewed and Approved by INES Program Committee)

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY:

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ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY (UNDERGRADUATE ONLY): If the proposed change will impact an existing Academic Plan of Study, provide updated [Academic Plan of Study](#) in template format.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: If applicable, please indicate what SLOs are supported by this course or whether this curricular change requires a change in SLOs or assessment for the degree program. NA

TEXTBOOK COSTS: It is the policy of the Board of Governors to reduce textbook costs for students whenever possible. Have electronic textbooks, textbook rentals, or the buyback program been considered and adopted? NA

IMPORTANT NOTE: A Microsoft Word version of the final course and curriculum proposal should be sent to facultygovernance@uncc.edu upon approval by the Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee and/or Graduate Council chair.