

Proposal to Revise the Minor in Community Planning

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EXISTING DESCRIPTION:

The Minor in Community Planning has been available to the undergraduate students at the University of Rhode Island (URI) for several years. Students who declare this minor must complete 18 credits including CPL 210, 410 and 498 (for 9 credits). In addition, students select three elective courses for 9 additional credits from the following: AAF/PSC 410, 466; CPL 391, 392, 397; CPL/MAF 434; CVE 446; ECN 402, 404; GEG 103; HDF 418, 424, 434, 440; MAF 484; PHL 318; PSC 221, 402; and SOC 214, 240.

RATIONAL FOR CHANGE

The University recently discontinued the Graduate Program in Community Planning. With the changes in the number of faculty and their teaching assignments, we are unable to continue to offer CPL 210 and CPL 498. Therefore, it is necessary to revise the minor to use the existing faculty resources and courses. As such, the Department of Landscape Architecture proposes to revise some of its course requirements. The revised undergraduate Minor in Community Planning is for those students in all allied fields who wish to expand their knowledge of the processes of community planning and development while completing their education at URI. The Minor is designed to encourage or improve the student's professional knowledge of community planning and development issues. .

PROPOSED DESCRIPTION:

The minor will require a total of 18 credit hours. Nine of the 18 credits are the required courses and the remaining will be elective courses.

Required Courses:

CPL 410 will be the required introductory core course for the minor and will be offered each year. Professor Farhad Atash will teach the course and no new personnel are necessary. We have already proposed to change the title of the course to "Introduction to Community Planning".

In addition, each student is required to complete six credit hours from the followings: CPL 434; CPL 530 [proposed to change to CPL 450], CPL 511 [proposed to change to CPL 485]; CPL 538 and CPL 391 (or 392). A maximum of 3 credits of CPL 391 or 392 can be applied toward the required courses of the minor. Alternatively, three credits of CPL 391/392 can be applied toward the elective courses in the minor. Professors William Gordon and Farhad Atash will teach these courses and no new personnel are necessary.

Electives:

The Minor recognizes that many courses offered within the University are suitable in expanding the knowledge base of the student enrolled in the Minor in Community

Planning. Therefore successful completion of nine credit hours from the following list of courses is required in consultation with the Community Planning advisor, Professor Farhad Atash: AAF/PSC 410, 466; CPL 391, 392, 397; CVE 346; ECN 402; GEG 101, 104, 200, 203; HDF 418, 424, 434, 440; LAR 201, 202; MAF 465, 475, 484; NRS/CPL 300; NRS 415, 450; PHL 318; PSC 221, 402 and SOC 214, 240. These elective courses cannot be simultaneously counted toward a major.

For newly added elective courses [CVE 346, MAF 465, 475; NRS/CPL 300; NRS 415, 450], we have obtained approvals from CVE, MAF and NRS departments. Letters are attached to the proposal.

The Department of Landscape Architecture, within the College of the Environment and Life Sciences, administers this minor. Interested students should contact Professor Farhad Atash in the West Tower Office of Rodman Hall (third floor), 401-874-2982 or atash@uri.edu.

The revisions proposed in this proposal have been approved by:

Department Chair **Date**

College Curriculum Committee Chair **Date**

College Dean **Date**