



**Lakehead University**  
**Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies**

**REQUEST REPORT**

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1.	New Version of a Course	International Field Study
2.	New Version of a Course	Landscapes
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**Request History**

Workflow Step	Workflow Action	User	Change Made	Comments	Date
Initiator	Approved	Jennifer McKee	Yes	Submitted to workflow	12/20/2013
Dean and Faculty Council Review Stage	Approved	Christina Maenpaa	Yes	Approved at the SES January 9th Faculty Council Meeting. Approved by Dr. Andrew Dean	01/20/2014

**Supporting Documents**

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1.	New Version of a Course	Geography 4291 - International Field Study
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### Course Details

CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Geography 4291 - International Field Study <b>Start Term:</b> Fall 2012 <b>End Term:</b> No Specified End Date	Geography 4291 - International Field Study <b>Start Term:</b> Fall <del>2012</del> 2014 <b>End Term:</b> No Specified End Date

<u>Course Details</u>	
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
<b>Code</b> Geography 4291	<b>Code</b> Geography 4291
<b>Title</b> International Field Study	<b>Title</b> International Field Study
<b>Description</b> An opportunity for students to conduct structured and supervised geographical fieldwork in an international setting. Interaction will be provided with local geographers and other experts. A specific destination will be arranged each time the course is offered.	<b>Description</b> An opportunity for students to conduct structured and supervised geographical fieldwork in an international setting. Interaction will be provided with local geographers and other experts. A specific destination will be arranged each time the course is offered.
<b>End Term</b> No Specified End Date	<b>End Term</b> No Specified End Date
<b>Institution</b> Lakehead University	<b>Institution</b> Lakehead University
<b>Faculty</b> Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies	<b>Faculty</b> Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies
<b>CreditWeight</b> 0.5	<b>CreditWeight</b> 0.5
<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Rationale</b> <i>Updating of prerequisites to standardize with other field methods courses offered by the Department (ie Geography 3255 and 4271) and to remove reference to courses no longer in existence (ie housekeeping). By permitting third or fourth year students into the course should increase enrolments. The course is not regularly offered but rather when a faculty member is interested to teach an international field methods course. Previously, this course has been run to China (twice) and the UK (once).</i>
<b>Requiredor Elective</b>	<b>Requiredor Elective</b>
<b>Cross List</b>	<b>Cross List</b>

<b>Offering</b>	<b>Offering</b>
<b>Prerequisites</b> Geography 2811, one of Geography 3231 or 3291, and permission of the instructor	<b>Prerequisites</b> <del>Geography 2811, one of Geography 3231 or 3291,</del> <i>Completion of the second year as a geography program</i> and permission of the instructor
<b>Corequisites</b>	<b>Corequisites</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<b>Notes</b> <i>A fee is assessed to cover the travel and accommodation costs.</i>
<b>SpecialTopicDropdown</b>	<b>SpecialTopicDropdown</b>
<b>GradeSchemePF</b>	<b>GradeSchemePF</b>
<b>EffectonEnrolmentINIT</b>	<b>EffectonEnrolmentINIT</b> <i>The opening of the course to third and fourth year students in any Geography program should increase this course, should a faculty elect to offer it.</i>
<b>EffectonEnrolmentOTHER</b>	<b>EffectonEnrolmentOTHER</b> <i>No effect on other units as it is a course primarily targeted Geography students.</i>
<b>AdditionalTeachingSpace</b>	<b>AdditionalTeachingSpace</b> <i>None anticipated. Although, in years previous, there are issues around supporting travel costs for instructors on international field study courses. Senate Budget Committee had intended to look into this kind of support for field courses in 2008-09.</i>
<b>EffectonTeachingLoads</b>	<b>EffectonTeachingLoads</b> <i>There are no implications for teaching load as the Department has a policy that the International (and domestic) field courses are not part load.</i>
<b>EffectonServices</b>	<b>EffectonServices</b> <i>None required.</i>
<b>DirectinkindSupport</b>	<b>DirectinkindSupport</b> <i>Nothing specific, though it might be interesting to look to support from Lakehead International initiatives to help fund international courses.</i>

2.	New Version of a Course	Geography 3691 - Landscapes
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### Course Details

CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Geography 3691 - Landscapes <b>Start Term:</b> Fall 2012 <b>End Term:</b> No Specified End Date	Geography 3691 - Landscapes <b>Start Term:</b> Fall <del>2012</del> 2014 <b>End Term:</b> No Specified End Date

<u>Course Details</u>	
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
<b>Code</b> Geography 3691	<b>Code</b> Geography 3691
<b>Title</b> Landscapes	<b>Title</b> Landscapes
<b>Description</b> A detailed overview of the bio-cultural regions of the world, focussing on their pre-industrial state, the impacts of globalization, and current and future efforts to foster long-term bio-cultural sustainability. The course includes a strong exposure to developing detailed proposals for fieldwork in remote areas.	<b>Description</b> A detailed overview of the bio-cultural regions of the world, focussing on their pre-industrial state, the impacts of globalization, and current and future efforts to foster long-term bio-cultural sustainability.- <del>The course includes a strong exposure to developing detailed proposals for fieldwork in remote areas.</del>
<b>End Term</b> No Specified End Date	<b>End Term</b> No Specified End Date
<b>Institution</b> Lakehead University	<b>Institution</b> Lakehead University
<b>Faculty</b> Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies	<b>Faculty</b> Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies
<b>CreditWeight</b> 0.5	<b>CreditWeight</b> 0.5
<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Rationale</b> <i>Last year the Department received approval for a new first year course (Geography 1140) – which added a laboratory component to the first year experience – that is offered to students in honours Geography and Natural Resources Management programs at the Thunder Bay campus only. At that time, there was no updating of prerequisites for courses beyond the first. This proposed Calendar change updates prerequisites for upper year Geography courses, reflecting the introduction of Geography 1140. This is an essential update, to make sure registration for 2014/15 goes smoothly. Course has been offered recently in the 3-0 format successfully by Orillia campus, and represents the standard offering format of our “regional</i>

	<i>Geography" course</i>
<b>Requiredor Elective</b>	<b>Requiredor Elective</b>
<b>Cross List</b> Environmental Studies 3691	<b>Cross List</b> Environmental Studies 3691
<b>Offering</b> 3-2; or 3-2	<b>Offering</b> 3- <del>2</del> 0; or 3- <del>2</del> 0
<b>Prerequisites</b> Geography 2251; or open to students in the third or fourth year of any program with permission of the instructor	<b>Prerequisites</b> Geography <del>2251</del> ; <del>or open to students in the third or fourth year of any program with</del> 1120 or 1140 or permission of the instructor
<b>Corequisites</b>	<b>Corequisites</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<b>Notes</b> <i>Open only to students in the third and fourth year of any program except with permission of the instructor.</i>
<b>SpecialTopicDropdown</b>	<b>SpecialTopicDropdown</b>
<b>GradeSchemePF</b>	<b>GradeSchemePF</b>
<b>EffectonEnrolmentINIT</b>	<b>EffectonEnrolmentINIT</b> <i>The proposed changes to prerequisites and offering at 3-0 (ie removal of lab) will make this a more accessible course to students, particularly when offered in Spring and Summer terms via CEDL. Enrolments should be healthier as a result when offered.</i>
<b>EffectonEnrolmentOTHER</b>	<b>EffectonEnrolmentOTHER</b> <i>No effect on other units - prerequisite update and entry clean up only</i>
<b>AdditionalTeachingSpace</b>	<b>AdditionalTeachingSpace</b> <i>No additional resources are needed - prerequisite update and entry clean up only</i>
<b>EffectonTeachingLoads</b>	<b>EffectonTeachingLoads</b> <i>Part of assigned load when offered. No effect on loads at either campus.</i>
<b>EffectonServices</b>	<b>EffectonServices</b> <i>None required - prerequisite and entry clean up only</i>
<b>DirectinkindSupport</b>	<b>DirectinkindSupport</b> <i>No - prerequisite and entry clean up only</i>

3.	New Version of a Course	Geography 4351 - Global Climate Change
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### Course Details

CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Geography 4351 - Climatology: Climate Change <b>Start Term:</b> Fall 2012 <b>End Term:</b> No Specified End Date	Geography 4351 - <del>Climatology:-</del> Global Climate Change <b>Start Term:</b> Fall <del>2012</del> 2014 <b>End Term:</b> No Specified End Date

<u>Course Details</u>	
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
<b>Code</b> Geography 4351	<b>Code</b> Geography 4351
<b>Title</b> Climatology: Climate Change	<b>Title</b> <del>Climatology:-</del> Global Climate Change
<b>Description</b> An examination of the types of evidence that indicate the existence of climate change, and the causes of that change. Past, present and future trends will be considered.	<b>Description</b> An <del>examination-interdisciplinary analysis</del> of the <del>types of evidence that indicate the existence of climate change, and the causes of that change. Past, present and future trends will be considered</del> complex issue of global climatic change. Course investigates the physics and causes of change, the likely environmental and socio-economic impacts, and the politics and technologies behind mitigation and adaption. A portion of the course will also be given over to student-led exploration of current research on a topic of their choice.
<b>End Term</b> No Specified End Date	<b>End Term</b> No Specified End Date
<b>Institution</b> Lakehead University	<b>Institution</b> Lakehead University
<b>Faculty</b> Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies	<b>Faculty</b> Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies
<b>CreditWeight</b> 0.5	<b>CreditWeight</b> 0.5
<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Rationale</b> <i>The proposed change to course title and description reflect how the current instructor has been teaching the course, and better informs students as to course content.</i>
<b>Requiredor Elective</b>	<b>Requiredor Elective</b>
<b>Cross List</b> Environmental Studies 4351	<b>Cross List</b> Environmental Studies 4351

<b>Offering</b> 3-0; or 3-0	<b>Offering</b> 3-0; or 3-0
<b>Prerequisites</b> Geography 2331 or permission of the instructor	<b>Prerequisites</b> Geography 2331 or permission of the instructor
<b>Corequisites</b>	<b>Corequisites</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<b>Notes</b> <i>Open only to students in the third and fourth year of any program except with permission of the instructor.</i>
<b>SpecialTopicDropdown</b>	<b>SpecialTopicDropdown</b>
<b>GradeSchemePF</b>	<b>GradeSchemePF</b>
<b>EffectonEnrolmentINIT</b>	<b>EffectonEnrolmentINIT</b> <i>This is a highly marketable course in topic, and an improved description could potentially increase enrolments. Geography views this as a course core for both Geography and non-Geography majors.</i>
<b>EffectonEnrolmentOTHER</b>	<b>EffectonEnrolmentOTHER</b> <i>Similar to previous point, this course could be marketable to non-majors as well.</i>
<b>AdditionalTeachingSpace</b>	<b>AdditionalTeachingSpace</b> <i>No - minor changes</i>
<b>EffectonTeachingLoads</b>	<b>EffectonTeachingLoads</b> <i>None. Part of regular load for existing faculty member.</i>
<b>EffectonServices</b>	<b>EffectonServices</b> <i>None - minor changes</i>
<b>DirectinkindSupport</b>	<b>DirectinkindSupport</b> <i>None - minor changes</i>