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Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Minor
Currently Approved Title:
School or Division or Location: College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Applied Economics
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 03.0204
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs):
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/25/2014
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Regents' General Consent Calendar Items		
<i>R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar</i>		
SECTION NO.		ITEM
5.1.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Minor*
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emphasis*
5.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Proficiency*
5.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate Certificate*
5.4.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Administrative Unit
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Consolidation
5.4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Center
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Institute
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Bureau
5.5.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs
5.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Consolidation
5.5.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Programs
5.5.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Discontinuation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Suspension
5.5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Administrative Unit

*Requires "Section V: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Signature

Date: 02/20/14

Printed Name: Laurens H. Smith, Jr.

¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
Minor, Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Minor
10/23/2013

Section I: Request

The Applied Economics department (APEC) does not have an Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Minor at the present time. They are requesting to create a new Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Minor. All courses required for this new minor are presently being taught as part of the APEC Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Major curriculum.

Section II: Need

The present Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Major only has a few students that have declared that as a major. However, some of the courses that are required for that major have large enrollments indicating that there is an interest in those courses. Many of the students who are in those courses are in a major in the College of Natural Resources. It would appear that at least for many of them, they are satisfied with their major but they are also interested in some of the course offerings from APEC in environmental and natural resource economics. APEC thinks this new proposed minor would serve that segment of students well.

Section III: Institutional Impact

The proposed change should not impact enrollments in other departments as it is only a minor. There will be no changes to administrative structures. No changes to faculty or staff are needed to accommodate this change. Many non-APEC students are already enrolled in APEC courses. This change will simply facilitate many of them being able to obtain a minor from APEC.

Section IV: Finances

The proposed change will not impact the costs of APEC and will not require any new funds.

Section V: Program Curriculum

All Program Courses (with New Courses in Bold)

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses	Intro Microeconomics	
APEC 2010	Intro to Natural Resource & Regional	3
APEC 3012	Economics	3
APEC 5560	Natural Resource and Environmental Economics	3
	Sub-Total	9

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
Elective Courses	Regional & Community Economic	
APEC 5850	Development	3
ENVS 3010	Fundamentals of Nat. Res. and Enviro. Policy	3
ENVS 3500	Quant. Assessment of Enviro. & Nat. Res.	3
ENVS/SOC 5640	Prob.	3
SOC 3610	Conflict Management in Natural Resources	3
SOC 4620	Rural Sociology	3
WILD 4000	Sociology of the Environment & Nat. Res.	3
	Principles of Rangeland Management	
	Sub-Total	6
Track/Options (if applicable)		
	Sub-Total	
	Total Number of Credits	15

Program Schedule

The schedule for this minor is left open to when the students can best fit the courses in with their major requirements. However, APEC 2010 and APEC 3012 should be taken prior to enrolling in any other APEC courses for the minor.