Course Approval Form

Action Requested:
- Create new course [X]
- Inactivate existing course
- Modify existing course [check all that apply]
  - Title
  - Prereq/coreq
  - Other:
  - Credits
  - Schedule Type
  - Repeat Status
  - Restrictions
  - Grade Type

Course Level:
- Undergraduate
- Graduate [X]

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Department: AOES

Subject Code: CLIM
Number: 700
(Do not list multiple codes or numbers. Each course proposal must have a separate form.)

Effective Term:
- Fall
- Spring [X]
- Year
- 2016
- Summer

Title: Climate Comprehensive Exam

Fulfills Mason Core Req? (undergrad only):
- Currently fulfills requirement
- Submission in progress

Credits:
- Fixed [X]
- 1 or more
- Variable to

Repeat Status:
- Not Repeatable (NR)
- Repeatable within degree (RD)
- Repeatable within term (RT)
- Maximum credits allowed:
- 2

Grade Mode:
- Regular (A, B, C, etc.) [X]
- Satisfactory/No Credit
- Special (A, B, C, etc. +IP)

Schedule Type:
- Lecture (LEC)
- Lab (LAB)
- Recitation (RCT)
- Internship (INT)
- Independent Study (IND) [X]
- Seminar (SEM)
- Studio (STU)

Prerequisite(s):
- At least 15 graduate credits, approved project proposal, and permission of major advisor or chair of the examination committee.

Corequisite(s):

Instructional Mode:
- 100% face-to-face
- Hybrid: ≤ 50% electronically delivered
- 100% electronically delivered

Catalog Copy for NEW Courses Only (Consult University Catalog for models)

Description (No more than 60 words, use verb phrases and present tense):
Preparation for and completion of written comprehensive exam, on a climate-related subject, within AOES department. The exam is part of the degree requirements in lieu of writing a master's thesis. Instructor should be the chair of the examination committee. The exam committee will specify exam content.

Notes (List additional information for the course):

Indicate number of contact hours:
- Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week:
- Hours of Lab or Studio:

When Offered: (check all that apply)
- Fall [X]
- Summer [X]
- Spring

Approval Signatures

Department Approval Date
College/School Approval Date

If this course includes subject matter currently dealt with by any other units, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Unit Name
Unit Approval Name
Unit Approver’s Signature Date

For Graduate Courses Only

Graduate Council Member
Provost Office
Graduate Council Approval Date

For Registrar Office’s Use Only: Banner __________________________ Catalog __________________________ revised 6/22/15
Course Proposal Submitted to the College of Science Curriculum Committee (COSCC)

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Course Number and Title: CLIM 700 Climate Comprehensive Exam

Date of Departmental Approval:

Reason for the New Course:

The course provides a formal process and structure for the comprehensive examination (see Course Relationship to Existing Programs) for students of Earth System Science who are interested in climate science. Specific purposes of the course:

1) Provide documentation at the beginning of the semester of which students expect to take the comprehensive exam, and to establish what professor is the committee chair.
2) Document quality of exam results on a student’s record.
3) Formalize the role of the exam chair and document the time involvement of the exam chair.

Relationship to Existing Programs:

CLIM 700 is meant to be an option for fulfilling the non-thesis project for the Earth Systems Science MS.

Relationship to Existing Courses:

CLIM 700 is analogous to exam courses GEOL 700 and GGS 700, and is meant to be taken by students whose primary interests within Earth Systems Science is on climate or related topics such as atmospheric science or physical oceanography.

Semester of Initial Offering: Spring 2016

Proposed Instructors: Any AOES faculty member whose research interests are in Climate Dynamics.
Syllabus, CLIM 700 Climate Comprehensive Exam

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Credits

1 credit