



# Course Approval Form

For approval of new courses and deletions or modifications to an existing course.

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### Action Requested:

Create new course       Inactivate existing course

Modify existing course (check all that apply)

Title       Credits       Repeat Status       Grade Type

Prereq/coreq       Schedule Type       Restrictions

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Course Level:

Undergraduate

Graduate

College/School:  Department:

Submitted by:  Ext:  Email:

Subject Code:  Number:  Effective Term:  Fall  
 Spring      Year   
 Summer

(Do not list multiple codes or numbers. Each course proposal must have a separate form.)

Title: Current

Banner (30 characters max including spaces)

New

Credits: (check one)  Fixed  or   Variable  to

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

Grade Mode: (check one)  Regular (A, B, C, etc.)  Satisfactory/No Credit  Special (A, B, C, etc. +IP)

Schedule Type: (check one)  Lecture (LEC)  Lab (LAB)  Recitation (RCT)  Internship (INT)

Independent Study (IND)  Seminar (SEM)  Studio (STU)

Prerequisite(s):

Corequisite(s):

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

Restrictions Enforced by System: Major, College, Degree, Program, etc. Include Code.

Are there equivalent course(s)?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description (No more than 60 words, use verb phrases and present tense)	Notes (List additional information for the course)
Work on research proposal that forms basis for a master's thesis.	
Indicate number of contact hours: When Offered: (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring	Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: <input type="text" value="0"/> Hours of Lab or Studio: <input type="text" value="0"/>

### Approval Signatures

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ College/School Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If this course includes subject \_\_\_\_\_ 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 11/8/11

**Course Proposal Submitted to the Curriculum Committee of the College of Science**

**1. COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE:**

**EVPP 797 Master's Thesis Proposal**

**Course Prerequisites:**

12 credits and permission of major professor

**Catalog Description:**

Work on research proposal that forms basis for a master's thesis.

**2. COURSE JUSTIFICATION:**

**Course Objectives:**

The objective of this course is for students to prepare their research proposals that are required to be approved by their committee before they may begin their thesis research.

**Course Necessity:**

The Department of Environmental Science & Policy does not offer an opportunity for students pursuing the MS in Environmental Science to prepare a thesis proposal for academic credit, as they do for PhD students (in EVPP 998). Students need time to prepare their thesis proposal.

**Course Relationship to Existing Programs:**

This course may serve as a prerequisite, but is not required, to prepare a thesis proposal that must be approved by the student's committee before beginning thesis research credits (EVPP 799).

**Course Relationship to Existing Courses:**

No course like this one exists.

**3. APPROVAL HISTORY:**

This course has not been proposed before for this degree.

**4. SCHEDULING AND PROPOSED INSTRUCTORS:**

**Semester of Initial Offering:**

Spring semester of 2016

**Proposed Instructors:**

Any faculty member in the Department of Environmental Science and Policy who is the student's major professor can potentially serve as instructor for this course. The instructor will meet with the student, approve the work performed, and grade the final thesis proposal before it is submitted to the other committee members.

**5. TENTATIVE SYLLABUS: N/A**