

Course Change Request

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Viewing: **GGS 399 : Special Select Topics in Geography GGS**

Transfer Course(s): GGS L399

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Changes proposed by: nburtsch

Catalog Pages referencing this course

[Anthropology, BA](#)

[Art History, BA](#)

Select modification type:

Substantial

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

No

Effective Term: Fall 2026

Subject Code: GGS - Geography & Geoinformation Science Course Number: 399

Bundled Courses:

Is this course replacing another course? No

Equivalent Courses:

Catalog Title: Special Select Topics in Geography GGS

Banner Title: Special Select Topics in Geography GGS

Will section titles vary by semester? Yes

Credits: 3

In Workflow

1. GGS Chair
2. SC Curriculum Committee
3. SC Assistant Dean
4. Assoc Provost- Undergraduate
5. Registrar-Courses
6. Banner

Approval Path

1. 02/05/26 10:50 am Nathan Burtch (nburtsch): Approved for GGS Chair

Schedule Type: Lecture -Repeatable within the Term

Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: 3

Repeatable: May be repeated within term (RT) **Max Allowable Credits:** 12

Default Grade Mode: Undergraduate Regular

Recommended Prerequisite(s):
30 credits credits

Recommended Corequisite(s):

Required Prerequisite(s) / Corequisite(s) (Updates only):

Registrar's Office Use Only - Required Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):

And/Or	(Course/Test Code	Min Grade/Score	Academic Level)	Concurrency?

Registration Restrictions (Updates only):

Registrar's Office Use Only - Registration Restrictions:

Field(s) of Study:

Class(es):

Level(s):

Degree(s):

School(s):

Catalog Description:

Geographical study of systematic topics or issues. May be repeated for credit when topics vary (up to 12 credits). Content varies; determined by instructor.

Justification:

What: Changing title

Why: Currently 3 of our 'topics' courses have different names (special, select, and selected). This will put them all as "Special Topics" courses. As well, it is more apt that this is Geography, not GGS (as we are not putting classes here for geoinformation; those are for GGS 470)

What: Changing description

Why: Was vague; wanted to add a bit more detail to help students

What: Adding "May be repeated for credit when topics vary." to description.

Why: Saw a new CHEM special topics course use this in the description. We believe it will help students understand that they can take a course like this when content varies. Adding the credits clause to let students know how many credits are allowed overall in this course.

Does this course cover material which crosses into another department? No

Learning Outcomes:

Will this course be scheduled as a cross-level cross listed section? Yes

Please use the Additional Attachments button to attach two syllabi for review, one undergraduate and one graduate, preferably as separate documents. These should be provided in order to demonstrate the difference in expectations and assessments for undergraduates and graduates taking the course.

Attach Syllabus

GGS399_SYLLABUS_Fall_2025.pdf

GGS590_SYLLABUS_Fall_2025.pdf

Additional Attachments**Specialized Course****Categories:**

Non-Western Culture

Have you reached out to the Libraries to determine whether there are adequate resources to support your course? If not, please email Meg Meiman, Associate University Librarian for Learning, Research, and Engagement at mmeiman2@gmu.edu.

No

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