

# Course Change Request

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## Viewing: GGS 533 : Issues in Regional Geography

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Catalog Pages  
referencing this  
course

[Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science](#)  
[Earth Systems and Geoinformation Sciences, PhD](#)

Select modification type:

**Substantial**

**Simple**

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

No

**Effective Term:** Fall 2026

**Subject Code:** GGS - Geography & Geoinformation Science      **Course Number:** 533

**Bundled Courses:**

**Is this course replacing another course?** No

**Equivalent Courses:**

**Catalog Title:** Issues in Regional Geography

**Banner Title:** Issues in Regional Geography

**Will section titles  
vary by semester?** Yes

**Credits:** 3

**Schedule Type:** Lecture -Repeatable within the  
Term

## In Workflow

1. SC Academic Affairs
2. Registrar-Courses
3. Banner

## History

1. May 18, 2021 by Tory Sarro (vsarro)
2. Mar 17, 2022 by Tory Sarro (vsarro)
3. Apr 27, 2023 by Nathan Burtch (nburtch)

**Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week:**

3

**Repeatable:** May be repeated within term (RT)

**Max Allowable Credits:**

6 ~~12~~

**Default Grade Mode:** Graduate Regular

**Recommended Prerequisite(s):**

**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):**

Include

Limited to students with a class of Senior Plus (SCRRCLS\_ONLY\_SP)

Limited to students with a class of Non Degree (SCRRCLS\_ONLY\_ND)

Limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy. (SCRRCLS\_ONLY\_DC)

Limited to students with a class of Graduate. (SCRRCLS\_ONLY\_GR)

Limited to students with a class of Junior Plus (SCRRCLS\_ONLY\_JP)

**Level(s):**

Include

Enrollment limited to students with a level of Non-Degree (SCRRLVL\_ONLY\_ND)

Limited to undergraduate level students. (SCRRLVL\_ONLY\_UG)

Limited to graduate level students only. (SCRRLVL\_ONLY\_GR)

**Degree(s):**

Exclude

Non-Degree Undergraduate Degree students may not enroll. (SCRRDEG\_NO\_NDU)

**School(s):**

**Catalog**

**Description:**

Geographical study of particular region or relevant regional issue. May be repeated for credit when topics vary (up to 6 credits). ~~Geographical study of particular region or relevant regional issue. Notes: Content varies. May be repeated with permission of the department.~~

**Justification:**

What: Editing description to match undergraduate section

Why: Adding the "May be repeated for credit when topics vary" part; 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 to let students know how many credits are allowed overall in this course.

What: Reducing max credits to 6

Why: Matches undergraduate version. Particularly, there does not seem to be a need for graduate students to potentially take 3 or 4 regional special topics with their smaller programs.

**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?**

**Attach Syllabus**

**Additional Attachments**

**Specialized Course Categories:**

**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.**

**Additional  
Comments:**

**Reviewer  
Comments**

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