Proposal Date: 2/6/13

**Ogden College of Science and Engineering**

**Department of Geography and Geology**

**Proposal to Revise Course Prerequisites**

**(Consent Item)**

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**1. Identification of course:**

* 1. Course prefix (subject area) and number: GEOL 311
	2. Course title: General Oceanography
	3. Credit hours: 3

**2. Current prerequisites:**

GEOL 102 or GEOL 111 or permission of instructor

**3. Proposed prerequisites:**

GEOL 111 and GEOL 113, or permission of instructor

**4. Rationale for the revision of prerequisites:**

GEOL 102 is being phased out in the Department of Geography and Geology. The new prerequisites better represent the prior knowledge students need to succeed in GEOL 311. In particular, the addition of the requirement of the 113 laboratory experience gives students a good foundation in mapping, contouring, and mineralogy that better prepares them for course topics such as bathymetry, solubility, and marine sediment production and distribution.

**5. Effect on completion of major/minor sequence:**

The proposed change should have no effect on completion of a major/minor sequence, as GEOL 111 and GEOL 113 are the required introductory courses for both the major and minor.

**6. Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2013

**7. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

Geography and Geology Department \_\_\_\_\_\_2/22/2013\_\_\_\_

 Ogden College Curriculum Committee \_\_\_\_\_3/7/2013\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Professional Education Council (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_4/10/2013\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 University Senate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment: Course Inventory Form**