### Program Modification Form

#### I. Summary of Proposed Changes
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<th>Department/program</th>
<th>Geography/Undergraduate Majors (B.A. and B.S.)</th>
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<td><strong>Summary</strong></td>
<td>Add a one-credit “Geography Undergraduate Capstone” course as a program requirement for both the B.A. and B.S. degrees.</td>
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#### II. Endorsements and Approvals

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Other affected Programs: (Use additional sheet if needed)

- None.

Are other departments/programs affected by this modification because of:
- (a) required courses incl. prerequisites or corequisites,
- (b) perceived overlap in content areas,
- (c) cross-listing of coursework

- Please obtain signature(s) from the Chair/Director of any such department/program (above) before submission.

#### III. Type of Program Modification

(e.g. adding a writing course required of all majors.) Please X check the appropriate box.

- Major
- Minor
- Option
- Teaching major/minor
- Other

Please describe

- Adds a one credit capstone course to major (B.A. and B.S.) requirements.

#### IV. Catalog Language

If you are proposing a change to an existing program or major, please cut and paste the requirements as they appear in the current catalog below.

www.umt.edu/catalog

Please provide the proposed copy as you wish it to appear in the catalog. ↓

#### Requirements for a Major in Geography

A major in geography requires a minimum of 36 (maximum of 60) credits. All geography majors take a 25-credit core consisting of the following courses: GPHY 111N (GEOG 102N), GPHY 112 (GEOG 105), GPHY 121S (GEOG 101S), GPHY 284 (GPHY 381 and 382), GPHY 385 (GEOG 385), GPHY 141S (GEOG 103S) or other regional course, three 300- or 400-level courses, one each from the systematic emphases of physical geography, human-environment interaction, and geography and society.

Students who pursue a B.S. degree or an option in physical geography, or in community and environmental planning, also must meet the course requirements of the option (see below).

#### Requirements for a Major in Geography

A major in geography requires a minimum of 37 (maximum of 60) credits. All geography majors take a 26-credit core consisting of the following courses: GPHY 111N (GEOG 102N), GPHY 112 (GEOG 105), GPHY 121S (GEOG 101S), GPHY 284 (GPHY 381 and 382), GPHY 385 (GEOG 385), GPHY 400, GPHY 141S (GEOG 103S) or other regional course, three 300- or 400-level courses, one each from the systematic emphases of physical geography, human-environment interaction, and geography and society.

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Please explain/justify the new proposal or change. ↓

This new Geography Undergraduate Capstone course will provide for focused faculty mentoring and advising of graduating seniors who will be pursuing post-graduate professional and academic careers. It
will also help the Department of Geography to implement its Assessment Plan. The Assessment Plan centers on the review of undergraduate portfolios that will be prepared by seniors prior to graduation using learning outcomes and appropriate rubrics to evaluate students' knowledge and skills at graduation. Without including this new Capstone course as a required core course in the Geography BA and BS degree programs, it is very difficult to obtain an adequate number of portfolios for assessment purposes.

V Copies and Electronic Submission
Once approved, the original, a paper copy and an electronic file are submitted to the Faculty Senate Office, LH 221 (campus fax @ mscu.indiana.edu).

VI Department Summary Required if several proposals are submitted. In a separate document list program title and proposed change of all proposals.

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