Please attach/submit additional documents as needed to fully complete each section of the form.

I. DEPARTMENT / PROGRAM

International Development Studies

II. SUMMARY

The International Development Studies (IDS) program at University of Montana is seeking a UM-campus only International Development Studies rubric. The current IDS minor and the graduate certificate program we are proposing this fall require their own rubric to allow IDS students to register for, and engage in IDS-focused internships and independent study opportunities as well as the occasional international development studies special topics course. Furthermore, we need the IDS rubric for the new IDS Program Evaluation and Monitoring course that just received funding from the Provost’s Office and will be offered in Spring 2016.

There is currently no existing International Development Studies or related rubric in the UM system that fits our program needs. The IDS program, home to UM’s nationally recognized Peace Corps Prep Program, offers UM students a unique opportunity to add an international development focus to either their undergraduate major or, if our graduate certificate proposal is approved, their graduate program. The IDS minor has been a UM program since 2006 when it was developed by faculty from three UM colleges and nine disciplines to create an opportunity for students to prepare for careers in international development in a focused and coherent manner.

III. ENDORSEMENTS AND APPROVALS

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*Other Affected Programs: Not applicable

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Dean: Reed Humphrey
Date 9/23/15

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Date 9/23/15

Dean: Roberta Evans
Date 9/23/15

* Are affected because: (a) required courses incl. prerequisites or corequisites, (b) perceived overlap in content areas, or (c) cross-listing of coursework

IV. TYPE OF PROGRAM MODIFICATION

☐ Major ☐ Minor ☐ Option ☐ Teaching major/minor

☐ X Other, Please describe: IDS Rubric
V. CATALOG LANGUAGE

Attach the current catalog language with the proposed changes clearly identified. Not applicable

VI. JUSTIFICATION

Each year, many IDS students request credit for IDS internships run through the IE3 program or other international programs, as well as for independent studies they are completing for their IDS minor. Because IDS does not have a rubric, it has been extremely difficult to arrange these. Since the current IDS director is in the Sociology Department, IDS students must register for their IDS internship or independent study under the Sociology (SOCL) rubric, even though the independent study or internship typically has nothing to do with Sociology. It has also placed stress on the faculty members in the Sociology Department who manage the Sociology Internships to help arrange, oversee, and evaluate student performance in IDS internships. Because the faculty members who manage the Sociology Internships are all criminologists, international development studies is not their area of expertise or interest, thus their feedback is not as pertinent to the students as feedback from the IDS director or other IDS faculty might be. The new International Program Evaluation and Monitoring course, which will be a core course for the current undergraduate IDS minor and for the IDS graduate certificate being proposed this fall, will also need the IDS rubric. In addition, from time to time IDS professors or international development practitioners may be able to offer a special topics course for the IDS program; having a rubric will facilitate such course offerings.

VII. SUBMISSION

After all signatures have been obtained, submit original, and an electronic file to the Faculty Senate Office, UH 221. An electronic copy of the original signed form is acceptable.