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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or program proposal.

**1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)**

New Course       Course Prefix Change       Course Deletion  
 Course Revision       Course Number and/or Title Change       Catalog Description Change

Current course prefix, number and full title: **SAFE 488 Internship**

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing:

**2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate**  
This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)

Learning Skills     Knowledge Area     Global and Multicultural Awareness     Writing Across the Curriculum (W Course)  
 Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)  
 Global Citizenship     Information Literacy     Oral Communication  
 Quantitative Reasoning     Scientific Literacy     Technological Literacy

**3. Other Designations, as appropriate**

Honors College Course     Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)

**4. Program Proposals**

Catalog Description Change     Program Revision     Program Title Change     New Track  
 New Degree Program     New Minor Program     Liberal Studies Requirement Changes     Other

Current program name:

Proposed program name, if changing:

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>Jan K Wachter</i>	2/14/2014
Department Chairperson(s)	<i>Jan K Wachter</i>	2/14/14
College Curriculum Committee Chair		
College Dean	<i>M. J. E.</i>	1/24/15
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)		
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Carl Sedwint</i>	2/10/15

## Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

### 1. New Catalog Description

#### **SAFE 488 Internship**

**12cr**

**Prerequisites:** Senior standing, all required SAFE courses in major

Student conducts a practicum at an approved occupational setting. Student is required to complete four major projects that will be developed in collaboration between the faculty supervisor and the internship supervisor. Student is accountable to an on-site supervisor and required to remain in close contact with a Safety Sciences faculty coordinator.

### 2. Proposed Change

The prerequisites for the internship are being changed. Attaining a certain grade point average will no longer be a prerequisite for this course.

#### Old Catalog Description

#### **SAFE 488 Internship**

**12cr**

**Prerequisites:** Senior standing, all required courses in major, minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and 3.2 GPA in major, and departmental consent

Student conducts a practicum at an approved occupational setting. Student is required to complete four major projects that will be developed in collaboration between the faculty supervisor and the internship supervisor. Student is accountable to an on-site supervisor and required to remain in close contact with a Safety Sciences faculty coordinator.

### 3. Justification for Change

Students have been able to successfully arrange for internships at sites without having a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and 3.2 GPA in major. Internship sites have been quite willing to accept these students as interns. These sites vet our students through their own organizational protocols and processes – and these protocols and processes are not necessarily based on having a certain GPA. Thus, we are eliminating having a certain GPA as a prerequisite for this course. Note: students who have been permitted through exemption of prerequisites to take SAFE 488 in the past have typically performed well on their internship assignments.