

Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Prefix Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Number and/or Title Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Deletion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catalog Description Change
SAFE 410: Environmental Safety and Health Regulations	
<u>Current Course prefix, number and full title</u>	<u>Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing</u>
2. Additional Course Designations: check if appropriate	
<input type="checkbox"/> This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g., Women's Studies, Pan-African)
<input type="checkbox"/> This course is also proposed as an Honors College Course.	
3. Program Proposals	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Degree Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Title Change
<input type="checkbox"/> New Minor Program	<input type="checkbox"/> New Track
<input type="checkbox"/> Catalog Description Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<u>Current program name</u>	<u>Proposed program name, if changing</u>
4. Approvals	
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	Date
<i>Jan K Wachter</i>	Nov 2, 2009
Department Chair(s)	
<i>La Feywa</i>	11/2/09
College Curriculum Committee Chair	
<i>Jeff Miller</i>	11-4-09
College Dean	
Director of Liberal Studies *	
Director of Honors College *	
Provost *	
Additional signatures as appropriate:	
(include title)	
<i>Gail Schust</i>	12/08/09

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Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

1. **A complete catalog description including the course name, class and lab hour designation, number of credits, the prerequisites, and the new course description**

New catalog description:

SAFE 410 Environmental Safety and Health Regulations **3c-01-3cr**

Prerequisites: CHEM 101 or instructor permission

Provides a working knowledge of federal environmental legislation and their practical application in the work environment. Environmental laws covered include the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and other related environmental laws. (Offered as SAFE 210 prior to 2005-06)

2. **A listing of the proposed change including the complete old catalog description**

Proposed change: Change the prerequisite for the SAFE 410 course from CHEM 102: College Chemistry II and SAFE 220: Hazardous Materials to CHEM 101: College Chemistry I.

Old catalog description:

SAFE 410 Environmental Safety and Health Regulations **3c-01-3cr**

Prerequisites: CHEM 102, SAFE 220

Provides a working knowledge of federal environmental legislation and their practical application in the work environment. Environmental laws covered include the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and other related environmental laws. (Offered as SAFE 210 prior to 2005-06)

3. **Justification/rationale for the change**

On September 20-22, 2009, the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology's (ABET) Applied Science Accreditation Commission (ASAC) visited IUP's Department of Safety Sciences to conduct its accreditation review of IUP's undergraduate safety sciences program. A weakness cited by this accreditation team in its evaluation report was that the safety sciences program must have and enforce procedures to assure that all students are meeting all program requirements since transcript evaluations indicated that some students have taken courses without fulfilling prerequisites or have taken prerequisites concurrently.

To deal with this weakness, the Safety Sciences' Department Curriculum Committee – in consultation with class instructors – was tasked by the Department Chairperson to critically examine the appropriateness of all SAFE current course prerequisites, especially those identified earlier as having a history of overrides. The Curriculum Committee has conducted its review of safety science courses and is recommending that the list of prerequisites be revised to include only those which are truly critical and appropriate for the successful completion of the course. As a part of this review, it is being recommended by the Safety Sciences Department's Curriculum Committee that CHEM 101: College Chemistry I becomes the only prerequisite for the SAFE 410: Environmental Safety and Health Regulations course, since CHEM 101 is deemed to be sufficient for the successful completion of the SAFE 410 course.

Part III. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement

This section is not applicable.