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## Cover page scroll over blue text to see further important [instructions](#instructions): [if not working select “COMMents on rollover” in your Word preferences under view] **please read these.**

**N.B. ALL numbered categories in section (A) must be completed. Please do not use highlight to select choices within a category but simply delete the options that do not apply to your proposal (e.g. in A.2 if this is a course revision proposal, just delete the creation and deletion options and the various program ones, so it reads “course revision”) Do not delete any of the numbered categories—if they do not apply leave them blank. If there are no resources impacted please put “none” in each A. 7 category.**

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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **PSCI 217 Introduction to Oceanography** |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable)  |  |
| A. 1b. Academic unit | **Faculty of Arts and Sciences |**  |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Course: revision**  |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Andrea Del Vecchio** | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Physical Sciences** |
| A.4. [Context and Rationale](#Rationale) Note: Must include additional information in smart tip for all [new programs](#type) | **PSCI 217 Introduction to Oceanography.****The Physical Sciences department has unanimously voted to change the prerequisite for PSCI 217 to remove “**Completed college mathematics competency or appropriate score on the math placement exam.”**The course provides the math background necessary for success, and the change will reduce enrollment barriers for students.** |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact)Must include to explain why this change is being made? | **Students will be able to register for PSCI 217 concurrently with MATH 010 if they do not have the appropriate score on the math placement exam. Thus, it further reduces barriers to enrollment in the course.** |
| A.6. [Impact on other programs](#impact)  | **None** |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | [*Faculty PT & FT*](#faculty):  | **None** |
| [*Library*:](#library) | **None** |
| [*Technology*](#technology) | **None** |
| [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **None** |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2023** | A.9. [Rationale if sooner than next Fall](#Semester_effective) |  |
| A.10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG COPY: Use the Word copy versions of the catalog sections found on the UCC Forms and Information page. Cut and paste into a single file **ALL the relevant pages from the college catalog that need to be changed.** Use tracked changes feature to show how the catalog will be revised as you type in the revisions. If totally new copy, indicate where it should go in the catalog. If making related proposals a single catalog copy that includes all changes is preferred. Send catalog copy as a separate single Word file along with this form. |
| A.11. List here (with the relevant urls), any RIC website pages that will need to be updated (to which your department does not have access) if this proposal is approved, with an explanation as to what needs to be revised: |
| A. 12 **Check to see if your proposal will impact any of our** [**transfer** **agreements,**](file:///Users/sarah/Downloads/transfer%20agreements) **and if it does explain in what way. Please indicate clearly what will need to be updated.** |
| A. 13 Check the section that lists “Possible NECHE considerations” on the UCC Forms and Information page and if any apply, indicate what that might be here and contact Institutional Research for further guidance. |

B. [NEW OR REVISED COURSES](#delete_if)  **Delete section B if the proposal does not include a new or revised course. As in section A. do not highlight but simply delete suggested options not being used. Always fill in b. 1 and B. 3 for context. NOTE: course learning outcomes and topical outlines only needed for new or substantially revised courses.**

|  | Old ([for revisions only](#Revisions))ONLY include information that is being revised, otherwise leave blank.  | NewExamples are provided within some of the boxes for guidance, delete just the examples that do not apply. |
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| B.1. [Course prefix and number](#cours_title)  | **PSCI 211** |  |
| B.2. Cross listing number if any |  |  |
| B.3. [Course title](#title)  | **Introduction to Astronomy** |  |
| B.4. [Course description](#description)  |  |  |
| B.5. [Prerequisite(s)](#prereqs) | Completed college mathematics competency or appropriate score on the math placement exam | **None** |
| B.6. [Offered](#Offered) |  |  |
| B.7. [Contact hours](#contacthours)  |  |  |
| B.8. [Credit hours](#credits) |  |  |
| B.9. [Justify differences if any](#differences) |  |
| B.10. [Grading system](#grading)  |  |  |
| B.11. [Instructional methods](#instr_methods) |  |  |
| B.11.a [Delivery Method](#instr_methods) |  |  |
| B.12. CATEGORIES 12. a. [How](#required) to be used |  |  |
|  12 b. Is this an Honors  course? | **| NO** |  |
|  12. c. [General Education](#ge) N.B. Connections must include at  least 50% Standard Classroom instruction. | **YES | category: NS** |  |
|  12. d. Writing in the  Discipline (WID) | **| NO** |  |
| B.13. [How will student performance be evaluated?](#performance) |  |  |
| B.14 [Recommended class-size](#class_size" \o "Check appendix XVIII in the UCC Manual for Best Practices) |  |  |
| B.15. [Redundancy statement](#competing) |  |  |
| B. 16. Other changes, if any |  |

## D. Signatures

* **Changes that affect General Education in any way MUST be approved by ALL Deans and COGE Chair**.
* Changes that directly impact more than one department/program MUST have the signatures of all relevant department chairs, program directors, and their relevant dean (e.g. when creating/revising a program using courses from other departments/programs). Check UCC manual 4.2 for further guidelines on whether the signatures need to be approval or acknowledgement.
* Proposals that do not have appropriate approval signatures will not be considered.
* Type in name of person signing and their position/affiliation.
* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to curriculum@ric.edu to the current Chair of UCC. Check UCC website for due dates. Do NOT convert to a .pdf.

##### D.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. THESE may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary proposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Andrea Del Vecchio | Chair of Physical Sciences |  | 2/22/23 |
| Earl Simson | Dean of Arts and Sciences | Earl Simson | 2/22/23 |
| Joe Zornado | Chair of COGE | \*approved by e-mail | 3/3/23 |
| Marianne Raimondo | Dean of the School of Business | \*approved by e-mail | 3/3/23 |
| Jeannine Dingus-Eason | Dean of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development | \*approved by e-mail | 3/3/23 |
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##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge): REQUIRED from OTHER PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS (and their relevant deans if not already included above) that are IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSAL. SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE APPROVAL, ONLY AWARENESS THAT THE PROPOSAL IS BEING SUBMITTED. CONCERNS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE UCC COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION; all faculty are welcome to attend.