GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

1. Change the following course

**Geol 290 Field Geology I Methods** (3 cr)
Introduction to field mapping and field techniques; interpretation of introduction to measuring and interpreting sedimentary sequences; introduction to tectonic structures; preparation of reports based on field observations, data collection, background reading, and interpretation analysis of multiple datasets. Accident and health insurance required. Three week, off-campus field course. One 4-hr course meeting per week; two 1-day field trips; one 5-day field trip. (Summer Spring only)

**Prereq:** Geol 101/101L or Geol 111/111L, and Geol 102/102L

**Available via distance:** No

**Geographical Area Availability:** Moscow

**Rationale:** With recent changes in faculty at UI and WSU (retirements, new hirings), it is necessary to re-staff the field camps for both geology programs. Instead of running two overlapping summer courses, which are difficult to organize, staff, and run at the same time, we would like to offer the first course, GEOL 290, as a Spring class, taught at UI and run as a cooperative course. 1 faculty member from UI will take over the teaching duties for this course, and 1 faculty member from WSU will take over the teaching duties for GEOL 490, the second field course. This will strengthen the academic program by providing new field experiences with new UI and WSU faculty, as well as provide course stability by designating a single faculty members to be responsible for each course. This will also provide greater efficiency by splitting the courses between UI and WSU, which is critical as Geological Sciences has a small number of faculty and a large number of majors. Moving 290 into the Spring semester (instead of Summer) will ease scheduling burdens (summer jobs, field work, etc) on students, faculty, and TAs.

GEOL 290 (WSU’s GEOL 307) will become a Spring semester class, taught at UI by Elizabeth Cassel, and will be run as a co-op course. WSU students will register for the course through UI; they will pay tuition to WSU and pay the special course fee to UI.

GEOL 490 (WSU GEOL 408) will stay as a 3-week Summer class, taught at WSU by Sean Long. UI students would sign up as a non-degree seeking students at WSU, and they would pay tuition and fees to WSU, and request a transcript from WSU to be sent to UI. This is the preferred solution because UI does not offer co-op classes in the summer.