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Petition Appealing Effective Date for GE Status of ARCH/LARCH 2300/2300E

To: Council on Academic Affairs

ARCH/LARCH 2300 Outlines of the Built Environment is an ongoing course for which we have applied previously for GE status. The Autumn 2014 offering will meet the approved GE criteria; we would like to petition that the GE status be effective then to assist students as follows:

An Autumn 2014 effective date is important for two populations of students: 1) those that will take the course and decide to pursue architecture or landscape architecture as a major, and 2) those who are taking the course as a prerequisite to one or the other major but are either not admitted or choose not to pursue it.

For the first group of students, we acknowledge that their motivation for taking the course may come from its new GE status. If they then decide to pursue architecture or landscape architecture as a major, having taken 2300 in the autumn sets them up to continue with the major in Spring. This is the ideal curricular sequence and allows them to prepare for admittance to the program come the following autumn semester.

For the second group, the clear advantage is the benefit of being able to count the course toward their GE requirements. A Spring effective date would mean they may be less likely to be able to count those credits toward degree requirements, potentially adding time to degree within their eventual major of choice

Best regards,

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