Background

The WSU Registrar received a Major Curricular Change for an existing course in the *Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture Program* on January 26, 2015. The requested change is to increase the credit hours from 1 to 3 credits, a course title change, prerequisite change and change to the catalog description. The special course fee of $2,500 (for the week-long study tour) was already approved and on file.

Reviewer Comments

**Rationale**

* The reason for the change in credit hours from 1 to 3 is to better immerse students in global encounters, landscape, climate, industry and culture of proposed locations (city, region, country). The 3-credit course will provide greater opportunities for faculty to travel to sites, and it will make clearer to students why particular sites are selected. The course will be an elective (not a required course) so that students who are unable to travel internationally will not be expected and required to do so. International study tours will take place around Spring Break

**Syllabus**

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| Logistics |  |  |
|  | Instructor contact information | 🗹 |
|  | Course Prefix and number, title, number of credits, pre-requisites | 🗹 |
|  | Meeting schedules and times and building/rooms | 🗹 |
|  | List of required and recommended reading materials | 🗹 |
| Content |  |  |
|  | Student learning outcomes and method for assessing | 🗹 |
|  | Week to week course outline | 🗹 |
|  | Descriptions of required assignments | 🗹 |
| Grading |  |  |
|  | Relative weighting of required assignments | 🗹 |
|  | Penalties for late assignments | 🗹 |
|  | Grading criteria | 🗹 |
|  | Composition of midterm and final grades | 🗹 |
|  | Attendance or participation policies | 🗹 |
| Policy |  |  |
|  | Accommodating students with disabilities | 🗹 |
|  | Campus safety plan statement | 🗹 |
|  | Academic integrity | 🗹 |

* All syllabus components are present, and the course requirements match those of a 3-credit course.

**Reviewer’s Final Assessment**

* Changes to the course to reflect the increased credit hours (from 1-3) are evident in the rigour of the assignments, which are aligned to the course objectives and main course activity (the tour of a site). The requested changes are more descriptive of the course and better reflect the goals and objectives of the class.
* This course will contribute positively to the graduate student experience at WSU.

The Motions

* We move to approve SDC 555 as presented.