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**ALL numbers in section (A) need to be completed, including the impact ones.**

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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **HIST 258 Environmental History**  |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable)  | **HIST 358 Environmental History**  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Course: revision**  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **April Kiser**  | [Home department](#home_dept) | **History**  |
| A.4. [Context and Rationale](#Rationale)  | **Converting HIST 358 to HIST 258 will help bridge the large existing gap between our history department general education offerings and our 300 level courses. HIST 358 is required for Environmental Studies students, attracts history students and non-history majors interested in the topic. Given the interdisciplinary nature of the subject and variety of backgrounds and preparedness of the typical group of students, moving this course to the new level makes sense. This will facilitate introducing students to the practices of history and to the specialized discipline of Environmental History. It is essential for the history department’s future growth to be able to attract more non-traditional students to consider the option of becoming a history major or minor, and to achieve this goal a strong and diverse cohort of 200 level history courses are needed, something that is currently completely lacking in our curriculum. Our current sophomore, 200 level course offerings in the major are limited to HIST 201 (US History Colonial-1877) and HIST 202 (US History 1877-Present); these courses were designed to satisfy the program needs of our History/Secondary Education Majors. The new 200 level courses are designed to attract both history and non-history majors interested in African, Asian, Latin American, European, Environmental, or US History. The department possesses 300 level offerings in these fields, but it is pedagogically unsound to have students to make the leap from freshman-level general education history with its writing and critical reading and thinking expectations to the writing and critical reading and thinking expectations demanded of students in the 300 level courses. The History Department has concluded that the lack of bridge 200 level courses has made it challenging in recruiting students to explore the option of becoming History majors or minors. These former 300 level courses will have the writing, examination, and student evaluation expectations appropriate for 200-level courses. HIST 258 will also assist the history department in its efforts to make its offerings more attractive to the diverse interests of the student body. Notably, it will appeal to students that are concerned about the impact of humans on their environment and want to study the past in hopes of navigating the difficult path of improving our relationship with the environment now. Environmental History makes an important contribution to Global Studies, especially given the global nature of our environmental issues today. Moving 200 and 300 level history courses from 4 to 3 credits allows the History Department to reduce the size of major thereby assisting History B.A. majors in completing minors in other disciplines; moving from 4 to 3 credits also allows the History/Social Studies-Secondary Education program stay within 128 credit hours for the major. The main rationale used by the History Department to move from 3 to 4 credits was that instructors would engage in WID instruction to reinforce the instruction received in HIST 200; the new History 281-History 282-History 389 model better supports WID instruction on the specific writing assignments that are assigned in our individual courses.** **Renumbered, reduce one credit, and updated prerequisite.** |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact) | **The student impact will be positive. This course will help bridge an existing gap between our history department general education offerings and our 300 level courses. HIST 258 will create an option for students in other disciplines, especially the sciences, to take a history course that is accessible and complementary to their skills and interests. HIST 258 is also intended to assist in the history department’s effort to fortify its Global Studies offerings and to diversify its traditional history major student population to better mirror Rhode Island College’s increasingly diverse student body.** |
| A.6. [Impact on other programs](#impact)  | **It is anticipated that this revision will have a positive impact on the Environmental Studies, Global Studies, and History-Social Studies/Secondary Education programs by increasing the number of intellectually rigorous 200 level courses.** |
| 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 2019** | A.9. [Rationale if sooner than next Fall](#Semester_effective) |  |
| A.10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG COPY: This single file copy must include ALL relevant pages from the college catalog, and show how the catalog will be revised. (1) Go to the “Forms and Information” page on the UCC website. Scroll down until you see the Word files for the current catalog. (2) Download ALL catalog sections relevant for this proposal, including course descriptions and/or other affected programs. (3) Place ALL relevant catalog copy into a single file. Put page breaks between sections and delete any catalog pages not relevant for this proposal. (4) Using the track changes function, revise the catalog pages to demonstrate what the information should look like in next year’s catalog. (5) Check the revised catalog pages against the proposal form, especially making sure that program totals are correct if adding/deleting course credits. If new copy, indicate where it should go in the catalog. If making related proposals a single catalog copy that includes all is acceptable. Send as a separate file along with this form. |

B. [NEW OR REVISED COURSES](#delete_if)  **DO NOT use highlight. Delete this whole page if the proposal does not include a new or revised course.**

|  | Old ([for revisions only](#Revisions))Only include information that is being revised, otherwise leave blank (delete provided examples that do not apply) | NewExamples are provided for guidance, delete the ones that do not apply |
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| B.1. [Course prefix and number](#cours_title)  | **HIST 358** | **HIST 258** |
| B.2. Cross listing number if any |  |  |
| B.3. [Course title](#title)  | **Environmental History** |  |
| B.4. [Course description](#description)  |  |  |
| B.5. [Prerequisite(s)](#prereqs) | **Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 161; or consent of department chair.** | **Completion of one of the following: HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 103, HIST 104, HIST 105, HIST 106, HIST 107, or HIST 108, or consent of department chair** |
| B.6. [Offered](#Offered) |  |  |
| B.7. [Contact hours](#contacthours)  | **4.0** | **3.0** |
| B.8. [Credit hours](#credits) | **4.0** | **3.0** |
| B.9. [Justify differences if any](#differences) |  |
| B.10. [Grading system](#grading)  |  |  |
| B.11. [Instructional methods](#instr_methods) |  |  |
| B.12.[Categories](#required) |  |  |
| B.13. Is this an Honors course? |  |  |
| B.14. [General Education](#ge)N.B. Connections must include at least 50% Standard Classroom instruction. |  |  |
| B.15. [How will student performance be evaluated?](#performance) |  |  |
| B.16. [Redundancy statement](#competing) |  |  |
| B. 17. Other changes, if any |  |

| B.18**.** [**Course learning outcomes**](#outcomes)**: List each one in a separate row** | [**Professional Org.Standard(s)**](#standards)**, if relevant** | [**How will each outcome be measured**](#measured)**?** |
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| No changes |  | No changes |
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| B.19. [**Topical outline**](#outline)**: Do NOT insert whole syllabus, we just need a two-tier outline** |
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| 1. Topic 1
	1. Subtopic 1a
	2. Subtopic 1b etc.

2) Topic 2 etc. |

## 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 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.
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* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to curriculum@ric.edu and a printed or electronic signature copy of this form to the current Chair of UCC. Check UCC website for due dates.

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

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##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge): REQUIRED from OTHER PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS 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

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#Signature_2) | Date |
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