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# Memorandum

**To:** University Program Committee

**From:** Dale Gawlik, Director, Environmental Sciences Program

**Subject:** Support for new course Restoration Implementation and Management

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I am pleased to endorse the new proposed course Restoration Implementation and Management (EVR 6351) from the Geosciences department. This course is intended to round out the rich offerings from a variety of departments in support of a proposed new graduate Environmental Restoration Certificate. This course fills a gap in our curriculum in that it focuses on the legal aspects of government approval, creating communication plans for coalition building and collaboration with stakeholders, conflict resolution, and ethics in restoration. To cover this breadth of topics, the course relies on a combination of discussion of academic literature, lecture, case studies of various restoration project types and scales, and guest speakers that include representatives from state and federal agencies, consulting firms, and non-governmental organizations. It will provide our students with a good depth of knowledge on the practicalities of conducting environmental restoration. In December 2010 the Environmental Sciences Program Committee voted to support the proposed new course and it approved the related proposed graduate Environmental Restoration Certificate.