Appendix 2: GEOC Program Plan For Information Literacy

- For instructions, see "GEOC competency requirements; Information Literacy Instruction Sheet" at: http://www.sp.uconn.edu/~wwwsenat/GEOC.htm
- To be completed by each Major Program. See the Undergraduate Catalog for a list of Major Programs.
- Plans must be approved by the School/College
- Plans are not approved by GEOC but are archived by GEOC for future oversight.
- Return the completed form by e-mail to GEOC at geoc@uconn.edu no later than Oct. 15, 2004 AFTER approval by the School/College)
- Submit revised catalog copy for major requirements to marianne.buck@uconn.edu by Nov. 1, 2004.

Major Program: Geography

Briefly describe how Information Literacy will be taught within your major program. List courses in which these skills will be embedded.

The department offers four W courses, all taught at least once a year. Over the course of writing a major term paper in each W course, a significant amount of class time is dedicated to familiarizing students with library resources, especially frequently used geography databases (e.g., Geobase, Ingenta, Infotrac, Science Direct, etc.) that provide information on the relevant literature, along with sources of raw data for analysis (e.g. Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis, USGS, NOAA, etc.) (ACRL Standard II). Students are also instructed on the appropriate styles used by geographers for citing data sources in scholarly papers (ACRL Standard V).

Are all these courses required of your students? If not, how will you assure that all students attain the exit expectations for Information Literacy.

Yes, all majors must take at least one W course in the department.

Date of Approval by Faculty or Appropriate Faculty Committee: 9/8/04

Date of Approval by School/College C&C Committee 10/12/04

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