The Graduate School – College of Charleston
Faculty Committee on Graduate and Continuing Education
Proposal to Change a Graduate Program

1. Department: Master of Science in Environmental Studies & Master of Public Administration

2. Graduate Program: Master of Science in Environmental Studies & Master of Public Administration

3. Program Change(s) will go into effect: Fall 2010

4. Change(s) Desired:
   Present Requirement: MES Degree – 41 hours
   Requirement Change: Joint MES/MPA Degree – 56 hours
   MPA Degree – 39 hours (See Attachment)

5. Justification for change: A joint MES/MPA program will allow a student to attain two Master’s degrees in three years rather than four without compromising any of the academic content in either program. There are very few joint MES/MPA programs in the country and a growing demand for such a degree. This change will make both programs more competitive nationally.

6. Signature of Program Director: Date: 8/13/09

7. Date approved by the Department: MES Part Reports directly to Dean, School of Sci. 8/13/09

8. Signature of Department Chair: Date: 8/13/09

9. Signature of School Dean: Date: 8/17/2009

10. Signature of Provost: Date: 8/17/2009

RETURN FORM TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR FURTHER PROCESSING

11. Signature of Chair of the Faculty Committee on Graduate and Continuing Education: Date: 9/23/09

12. Signature of Chair of Graduate Council: Date: 11/16/09

13. Signature of the Faculty Secretary: Date: 

IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, USE EXTRA SHEET AND ATTACH
(Form approved by FCGCE on April, 2001 and replaces all others)
Joint MES/MPA Proposal

A joint MES/MPA program will allow a student to attain two Master’s degrees in three years rather than four without compromising any of the academic content in either program. This program is aimed at preparing students for professional level positions in public organizations that address environmental issues.

Admissions
Admission to the joint program requires a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution. Students of any major are encouraged to apply. Minimum requirements include:

- Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0)
- Combined GRE of 1100 and a 4 (out of 6) on the writing assessment
- Must have undergraduate coursework in biology (two courses with labs), chemistry (two courses with labs), statistics (one course) and American government (one course). One year of another physical or natural science may be substituted for either biology or chemistry
- Three letters of recommendation
- A statement of goals

Admission decisions will be made by the admissions committees in both programs. When decisions are mixed or an applicant appeals, both program directors must agree to admit the applicant to the joint program. Students currently enrolled in either the MES or MPA program are eligible to apply to the joint program.

Degree Requirements
The Joint MES/MPA requires a minimum of 56 hours. Each student is required to complete a set of core courses, a series of approved electives and an internship or thesis.

Core Courses

| EVSS   | 601 | Economic Theory for Policy Analysis (3) |
| EVSS/PUBA | 602 | Public Policy (3) |
| EVSS   | 646 | Core Seminar (1) |
| EVSS   | 659 | Environmental Statistics (3) |
| EVSS   | 680 | Case Studies in Environmental Issues (4) |
| EVSS   | 610 | Environmental Biology (3) or |
| EVSS   | 640 | Earth Systems Science (3) or |
| EVSS   | 641 | Aqueous Geochemistry (4) or |
| EVSS   | 650 | Energy Production Management (3) |
| PUBA   | 600 | Perspectives on Public Administration (3) |
| PUBA   | 601 | Research and Quantitative Methods for Public Administration (3) |
| PUBA   | 603 | Administrative Ethics and Accountability (3) |
| PUBA   | 604 | Personnel Administration (3) |
| PUBA   | 605 | Financial Administration (3) |
| PUBA   | 701 | Capstone Seminar (3) |
| EVSS/PUBA |  | Internship/Thesis (6) |
Total core – minimum 41 hours

Student then selects a minimum of 5 elective courses from either program and approved by advisor.

Advising
Students will be assigned an advisor from one of the programs based on the student’s interest.

Students are expected to meet the standards of both programs as addressed in the Student Handbooks.