

**Approval Form**

Please email the completed form to the [IGC Coordinator](#), Bri Wills ([bmwills@vt.edu](mailto:bmwills@vt.edu)). Forms are approved by the IGC IGEP Director. You will receive a confirmation of receipt, and a prompt notification of elective course approval or further consultation needed. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the IGC, courses are decided on a case-by-case basis (e.g., just because a course was approved for one student does not mean it will add breadth to **your** field of study and be approved for you.) *We recommend that you submit this form prior to taking the class to ensure it will be approved as your Global Change Breadth Elective.*

**Date submitted to IGC Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fellow name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chair of PhD committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dissertation topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Disciplinary focus:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed course (dept., course #, title, & date taken):** \_\_\_\_\_

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- i. **Courses to fulfill your Global Change Breadth Elective must add breadth to your field of study and should be outside of your disciplinary topic area.** *Please explain your main research focus, how this course is different from other courses you are required to take, and how it provides breadth to your research and/or future career goals.*
  
- ii. **Briefly explain how this course meets at least two of the following three criteria (just a few sentences each):**
  - a. **Is it relevant to global change?** *(What topics does this course cover regarding global change issues.)*
  
  - b. **Examines the intersection of science and society.** *(i.e., how does it link science to philosophy, history, policy, social context, implications, or other).*
  
  - c. **Helps build community among IGC Fellows** *(i.e., can/did you take it with someone else in the IGC?, is this a course that would be broadly relevant to IGC Fellows and if yes, why?, etc.)*