



University Senate TRANSMITTAL FORM

Senate Document #:	11-12-14
PCC ID #:	11021
Title:	Proposal to Rename the Bachelor of Science in Geography as the Bachelor of Science in Geographical Sciences
Presenter:	David Salness, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee
Date of SEC Review:	October 24, 2011
Date of Senate Review:	November 9, 2011
Voting (highlight one):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On resolutions or recommendations one by one, or 2. In a single vote 3. To endorse entire report
Statement of Issue:	The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and the Department of Geography propose to change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Geography to the Bachelor of Science in Geographical Sciences. The proposed name reflects the direction of the field and better represents the teaching and research activities of the department. Two other proposals, Senate Docs 11-12-13 and 11-12-15, have been submitted to rename the department and graduate degree programs, respectively.
Relevant Policy # & URL:	
Recommendation:	The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate accept the name change.
Committee Work:	<p>The PCC Committee considered the proposal at its October 7, 2011, meeting. Chris Justice, Chair of Geography, and Kathy Beardsley, Associate Dean of Behavioral and Social Sciences, were present to discuss the proposal and answer questions.</p> <p>The Academic Planning Advisory Committee approved the proposal on September 19, 2011. The Senate PCC Committee voted and approved the proposal on October 7, 2011.</p>
Alternatives:	The Senate could decline to approve the new name for this program.
Risks:	If the Senate does not approve the new name, then the program will retain its existing name, which does not accurately reflect the activities of the program or the direction of the field.

Financial Implications:	There are no significant financial implications with this proposal.
Further Approvals Required: <i>(*Important for PCC Items)</i>	If the Senate approves this proposal, it would still require further approval by the President and the Chancellor, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission will need to be notified.

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PROGRAM/CURRICULUM/UNIT PROPOSAL**

• Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

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• Please submit the signed form to the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.

College/School:

BSOS

Please also add College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits: **01202800**

Unit Codes can be found at: https://hypprod.umd.edu/Html_Reports/units.htm

Department/Program: Geographical Sciences

Please also add Department/Program Unit Code-Last 7 digits: **1281501**

Type of Action (choose one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum change (including informal specializations) | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>New academic degree/award program</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> New Professional Studies award iteration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> New Minor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Suspend/delete program</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Italics indicate that the proposed program action must be presented to the full University Senate for consideration.

Summary of Proposed Action:

The Department of Geographical Sciences proposes to change its undergraduate academic program to B.S in Geographical Sciences to match the recent departmental name change. The justification includes that the name of the NRC oversight Committee is the Committee for Geographical Sciences and that the Department is in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

We are keeping the B.S. concentration the same; Geography and Geographic Information Systems.

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APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair *Denzel H. Williams*
2. Department Chair *Martha E. Geores*
3. College/School PCC Chair *Martha E. Geores* Martha E. Geores
4. Dean *Katherine Pedro Beardsley* Katherine Pedro Beardsley 9-27-11
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required) _____
6. Chair, Senate PCC *David Bolness* 10/7/11
7. University Senate Chair (if required) _____
8. Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost _____