



## University Senate TRANSMITTAL FORM

<b>Senate Document #:</b>	11-12-15
<b>PCC ID #:</b>	11022
<b>Title:</b>	Proposal to Change the Names of the Master of Arts and Doctoral Programs in Geography to Geographical Sciences
<b>Presenter:</b>	David Salness, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses (PCC) Committee
<b>Date of SEC Review:</b>	October 24, 2011
<b>Date of Senate Review:</b>	November 9, 2011
<b>Voting (highlight one):</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On resolutions or recommendations one by one, or</li> <li>2. In a single vote</li> <li>3. To endorse entire report</li> </ol>
<b>Statement of Issue:</b>	The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and the Department of Geography propose to change the name of the Master of Arts and Doctoral programs 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 11-12-14, have been submitted to rename the department and undergraduate degree program, respectively.
<b>Relevant Policy # &amp; URL:</b>	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve the name change.
<b>Committee Work:</b>	<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 Graduate PCC Committee approved the proposal on September 28, 2011, and the Graduate Council approved the proposal on October 10, 2011. The Senate PCC Committee voted and approved the proposal on October 7, 2011.</p>
<b>Alternatives:</b>	The Senate could decline to approve the new name for these programs.
<b>Risks:</b>	If the Senate does not approve this proposal, then the programs

	will retain their existing names, which do not accurately reflect the activities of the programs or the direction of the field.
<b>Financial Implications:</b>	There are no significant financial implications with this proposal.
<b>Further Approvals Required:</b> <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](mailto: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**

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**Department/Program: Geographical Sciences**

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

**Type of Action (choose one):**

Curriculum change (including informal specializations)

*New academic degree/award program*

*Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration*

New Professional Studies award iteration

*Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration*

New Minor

*Suspend/delete program*

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 graduate academic programs to M.A and PhD 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.

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

1. Department Committee Chair Daryl Hunt
2. Department Chair Martha E. Geores
3. College/School PCC Chair Martha E. Geores **Martha E. Geores**
4. Dean Katherine Pedro Beardsky Katherine Pedro Beardsky 9-27-11
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required) [Signature] 10/10/11
6. Chair, Senate PCC David Salness 10/7/11
7. University Senate Chair (if required) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost \_\_\_\_\_