



SACRAMENTO
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Program Proposal Form B



Academic Group (College): Natural Sciences and Mathematics	Date of Submission to College Dean: 9-18-07
Academic Organization (Department): Geography	Requested Effective: Fall <u>X</u>, Spring __, 2008 _.
Department Chair: Thomas Krabacher	Contact if not Department Chair:
Title of the Program: Geography Bachelor of Arts Degree (B.A.)	
Type of Program Proposal:	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Modification in Existing Program:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantive Change</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Substantive Change</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Deletion of Existing Program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Programs</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> New Degree Programs</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Regular Process</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Fast Track Process</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pilot Process</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> New Certificate Program</p>	
<p>PLEASE NOTE: Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at http://www.csus.edu/acad/univmanual/index.htm</p>	

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.

Four changes are proposed to the Geography B.A. degree requirements:

1. Allow transferred lower-division courses in World Regional Geography (CAN 14) to satisfy the GEOG 002 requirement in the major. Catalog copy to read:
2. Add GEOG 003: *Introduction to Maps and Geographic Technologies* (3 units) to major requirements
3. Delete GEOG 103: *Map and Air Photo Interpretation* (2 units) from major requirements
4. Add GEOG 148: *Urban and Regional Planning* to the list of courses acceptable for the *Cartography, Geographic Information Systems, and Planning* concentration

Approvals:

Department Chair: _____

Date: _____

College Dean: _____

Date: _____

University Committee: _____

Date: _____

Associate Vice President and Dean
for Academic Affairs: _____

Date: _____

8/27/07

**Program Change Proposal
Department of Geography**

Changes to the Geography B.A. Degree

Proposed Changes:

The Geography Department proposes four changes to its B.A. degree requirements:

1. Allow transferred lower-division courses in World Regional Geography (CAN 14) to satisfy the GEOG 002 requirement in the major. Catalog copy to read:

(3) *GEOG 002 Cultural Geography* **OR**
course in World Regional Geography (CAN 14)
2. Add GEOG 003: *Introduction to Maps and Geographic Technologies* (3 units) to major requirements
3. Delete GEOG 103: *Map and Air Photo Interpretation* (2 units) from major requirements
4. Add GEOG 148: *Urban and Regional Planning* to the list of courses acceptable for the *Cartography, Geographic Information Systems, and Planning* concentration

Justifications:

- A. The elimination of GEOG 103 from the major and its replacement with GEOG 003 reflects the following:
 1. Faculty Retirements: The faculty member who has had sole responsibility for teaching GEOG 103 retires at the end of the Spring 2008 semester, leaving nobody among the full-time faculty available to teach the course.
 2. New Faculty Interests: A recently hired member of the faculty has expressed an interest in developing and teaching a course in current geographic and mapping technologies and has proposed GEOG 003 as a new course.
 3. Transfer: Offering the replacement course (GEOG 003) at the lower-division level will allow students to transfer in credit for similar courses taken elsewhere (esp. at the CCCs).
- B. The change to allow lower-division courses in World Regional Geography transferred in from elsewhere (the course is not offered on our campus) to substitute for GEOG 002 in the major's lower-division requirements reflects the fact that, although the two courses are by no means identical, the world regional courses nonetheless provide a satisfactory introduction to human geography. It also seeks to accommodate occasional frustration voiced by transfer students over the fact that units from such courses do not count toward the major.
- C. GEOG 148: *Urban and Regional Planning* was designed specifically to strengthen the planning component of the major. A faculty member has been hired to teach the course since the last catalog cycle and it is now a regular offering in the Department's course schedule.

Impacts:

The proposed changes carry no supplemental funding request and have no identified fiscal or programmatic impact on another academic unit's offerings.

With the addition of GEOG 003 (3 units) to the major and the deletion of GEOG 103 (2 units) from the major, the unit requirement for the major is increased from 45 to 46.

NEW PROGRAM

OLD PROGRAM

A. Required Lower Division Core Courses (10 units)

- (3) GEOG 001: Physical Geography: The Distribution of Natural Phenomena
- (3) GEOG 002: Cultural Geography, OR course in world regional geography (CAN 14)
- (3) GEOG 003: Introduction to Maps and Geographic Technologies
- (1) GEOG 011: Laboratory in Physical Geography (GEOG 001 may be taken concurrently)

A. Required Lower Division Core Courses (7 units)

- (3) GEOG 001: Physical Geography: The Distribution of Natural Phenomena
- (3) GEOG 002: Cultural Geography
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- (1) GEOG 011: Laboratory in Physical Geography (GEOG 001 may be taken concurrently)

B. Required Upper Division Core Courses (21 units)

- (3) GEOG 102: Ideas and Skills in Geography (One or more of the following: GEOG 001, GEOG 002, GEOG 003, GEOG 011)
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- (3) GEOG 118: The Changing Earth's Ecosystems
- (3) GEOG 190 Research Seminar in Geography (Senior standing plus the following: GEOG 001, GEOG 002, GEOG 003, GEOG 102. Passing score on WPE)

B. Required Upper Division Core Courses (23 units)

- (3) GEOG 102: Ideas and Skills in Geography (GEOG 001, GEOG 002, GEOG 011)
- (2) GEOG 103: Map and Air Photo Interpretation
- (3) GEOG 118: The Changing Earth's Ecosystems
- (3) GEOG 190 Seminar in Geographic Thought (12 units of GEOG, including GEOG 001, GEOG 002, GEOG 102. Passing score on WPE)

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Additional Requirements for Concentrations

Cartography, Geographic Information Systems, and Planning Concentration

Students must take five of the following—GEOG 105, GEOG 107, GEOG 109, GEOG 110, GEOG 148, GEOG 163, GEOG 181, GEOG 182, and the GEOG 193 series. Only one of these may be a field course (GEOG 193 series).

Additional Requirements for Concentrations

Cartography, Geographic Information Systems, and Planning Concentration

Students must take five of the following—GEOG 105, GEOG 107, GEOG 109, GEOG 110, +++++, GEOG 163, GEOG 181, GEOG 182, and the GEOG 193 series. Only one of these may be a field course (GEOG 193 series).