# Program Proposal

## Form B

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| Title of the Program: Geography Bachelor of Arts degree (B.A.) |

## Type of Program Proposal:

- **X** Modification in Existing Program:
  - _X_ Substantive Change
  - ___ Non-Substantive Change
  - ___ Deletion of Existing Program

- ___ New Programs
  - ___ Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan
  - ___ New Degree Programs
    - ___ Regular Process
    - ___ Fast Track Process
    - ___ Pilot Process
  - ___ New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis
  - ___ New Certificate Program

## 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/acaf/univmanual/index.htm](http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/index.htm)
Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.

Description:
The proposed change would add an additional concentration to those currently available to students pursuing the Geography B.A. degree.

As part of the major requirements Geography students must complete 15 units of course work in one of three existing concentrations within the major: General Geography, Physical Geography, or Cartography, Geographic Information Systems, and Planning. The proposed change would add a fourth concentration to those from which students could choose: Human Geography. Requirements for the concentration would be as follows:

"Students must take TWO additional courses from the Human Geography course listings (GEOG 141, GEOG 145, GEOG 147, GEOG 148, GEOG 149, and GEOG 163), TWO additional courses from the Regional course listings (GEOG 121, GEOG 122B, GEOG 125, GEOG 127, GEOG 128, GEOG 131), and ONE additional Techniques course from among the following: GEOG 105, GEOG 107, GEOG 109, GEOG 110, GEOG 163, GEOG 181, GEOG 182, and the GEOG 193 series. The technique cannot be a field course (GEOG 193 A,B,C) if a field course was taken for the core.

Justification:
The existing concentrations were introduced in the major in 2002 as a response to longstanding student requests for an opportunity to specialize within the major. At the time, the three currently existing concentrations were established. Since then, there have been numerous student requests for development of an additional concentration in Human Geography as a counterpart to the current Physical Geography concentration. Establishment of the new concentration is justified not only by the student requests, but also by the fact that Human Geography is one of the major subfields within the discipline of Geography.

Resources:
No additional courses or course sections will need to be offered to allow students to fulfill the new concentration requirements, since all of the courses necessary are currently offered in Geography Department's regular course rotation. Given the range of courses available in each category of the concentration, it is not expected that undue enrollment demand will be placed on any particular course. As a result, the new concentration will create no additional resource demands for the department, college, or university.

Approvals:

Department Chair: ____________________________ Date: 9-19-07
College Dean: _______________________________ Date: 9/20/07
University Committee: _________________________ Date: 
Associate Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs: ____________________________ Date: 

8/27/07
Addition of a Human Geography Concentration

1. **Complete Form B**

   See attached.

2. **Programmatic or Fiscal Impact on Other Programs**

   The addition of the Human Geography concentration will have no programmatic or fiscal impact on the programs of other academic units because all coursework required for the concentration will come solely from courses offered by the Geography Department. No other academic programs are involved.

3. **Fiscal Analysis of Proposed Changes**

   **How will the proposed changes be accommodated within existing fiscal resources?**

   Implementation of the proposed change (the establishment of the new concentration) should have no impact on existing department/college fiscal resources. The Human Geography concentration will be served by existing courses that are already a regular part of the Geography Department’s course rotation. No additional courses or course sections need be offered.

   **What additional space, equipment, etc. ... will be needed?**

   No additional space, equipment, or other resources will be needed to offer the concentration. As noted above, students will meet the concentration requirements by taking courses from already existing courses in the department’s schedule.

   Moreover, since the addition of the new concentration is **not** expected to significantly increase the number of majors (it would simply redistribute existing majors across four concentrations instead of three), it is not expected to lead to increased demand for resources due to increased enrollments.

4. **Comparison of Existing and Proposed Requirements**

   **a. Summary of Proposed Changes:**

      Add an additional concentration to the Geography major in the area of Human Geography.

   **b. Old and New Program Requirements**

      See grid below.
### NEW PROGRAM

**Additional Requirements for Concentrations**

*Note: Courses cannot double count for the core and the concentration*

**General Geography Concentration**
Students must take TWO of the following—GEOG 105, GEOG 107, GEOG 109, GEOG 110, GEOG 163, GEOG 181, GEOG 182—plus one additional course from each of the Physical, Human, and Regional course listings.

**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).

**Physical Geography Concentration**
Students must take four of the following—GEOG 111, GEOG 113, GEOG 115, GEOG 116, GEOG 117, GEOG 161—plus one additional technique course from the following: GEOG 105, GEOG 107, GEOG 109, GEOG 110, GEOG 163, GEOG 181, GEOG 182, and the GEOG 193 series. The technique cannot be a field course (GEOG 193A, B, C) if a field course was taken for the core.

**Human Geography Concentration**
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