

This template is to be used for proposed name changes included on the Academic Plan and for which the unit has received specific written approval from the Provost's office to proceed with internal proposal development and review. A separate proposal must be submitted for each individual name change. The proposal template should be completed and submitted by the Dean's Office to the University Provost's Office [[mailto: curriculumplanning@asu.edu](mailto:curriculumplanning@asu.edu)]. The name change **may not** be implemented until the Provost's Office notifies the academic unit that the name change proposal has completed the approval process.

**College/School/Institute:** School of Letters and Sciences  
**Department/Division/School:** Interdisciplinary and Liberal Studies  
**Proposing Faculty Group**  
*(if applicable)* Interdisciplinary and Liberal Studies  
**Program type:** Undergraduate Degree  
**Name of existing program:** Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS)  
**Proposed new name:** Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

**Proposal Contact**


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**DEAN APPROVAL(S)**

This proposal has been approved by all necessary unit and College/School levels of review. I recommend implementation of the proposed name change.

**College/School/Division Dean name:**

Duane Roen

**Signature** 

**Date:** 6/24/2014

**College/School/Division Dean name:**  
*(if more than one college involved)*

**Signature**

**Date:** / /20

*Note: An electronic signature, an email from the dean or dean's designee, or a PDF of the signed signature page is acceptable.*

**University Approval(s)**

**Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Graduate College Dean Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** / /20

**Executive Vice President and Provost of the University Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** / /20

**Name of existing program:** Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

**Proposed new name:** **Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies**

**Program type:** Undergraduate Degree

If graduate/undergraduate degree or concentration is selected, indicate degree type and major (e.g., BA, MBA, PhD)  
BA in Interdisciplinary Studies

**Plan code(s) for the program:**

If this is a degree program that has multiple concentrations, list all plan codes impacted.  
LSBISBIS, LSORGBIS

**Requested effective date: 2015-16**

Select the catalog year for which students can begin applying into this program with the new name.

Note:

1. Name changes can only be implemented so as to be effective for a fall semester.
2. All existing and continuing students will be moved to the new name.
3. Students who complete the degree requirements prior to the fall effective date graduate under the old name.

**Briefly describe the proposed change and rationale for the change:**

The "BIS" nomenclature is sometimes confusing to our incoming students and often unfamiliar to the prospective employers of our graduates. The BA will be less confusing and more universally understood. The name change is expected to boost enrollments and be a positive change for continuing students

**Discuss the impact of this change on current students and/or enrollment:**

There will be no change in the degree requirements or the plan code in order to maintain the continuity of historical records for the degree program. Only the name of the degree will change effective for student who graduate beginning fall 2015. Continuing students will be notified of the impending name change beginning fall 2014.

**From:** Kristin Lacroix  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 11:12 PM  
**To:** Duane Roen  
**Subject:** Re: Program name changes

Good evening, Duane!

I have heard back from all but one committee member, and we have unanimously voted to approve the name changes for the three degrees (Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies will become BA in Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Liberal Studies will become BA in Liberal Studies, Bachelor of General Studies will become BA in General Studies). We agree that the name changes will benefit students and the degree programs; we do not foresee any negative consequences in changing the name. Please let us know if you have any other questions.

Best,  
~K

Sent from my iPhone

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On Jun 20, 2014, at 4:47 PM, "Duane Roen" <[Duane.Roen@asu.edu](mailto:Duane.Roen@asu.edu)> wrote:

Wonderful! Thank you, Kristin.

Best,  
Duane

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**From:** Kristin Lacroix  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 4:47 PM

**To:** Duane Roen  
**Subject:** RE: Program name changes

Okay, Duane--I will set this up for a vote this evening and will hope that we can get a majority vote in by Monday or Tuesday. I don't foresee any problems other than members not checking their e-mail over the weekend.

Best,  
~K

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**From:** Duane Roen  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 4:31 PM  
**To:** Kristin Lacroix  
**Cc:** Kelli Haren; Barbara Lafford; Kevin Ellsworth  
**Subject:** FW: Program name changes

Kristin,

You may find the attached files helpful.

Thanks again for helping with this process.

Best,  
Duane

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**From:** Kevin Ellsworth  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2014 6:33 PM  
**To:** Duane Roen  
**Cc:** Barbara Lafford; Elaine Sweet; Vicki Asato; Sandra Chavez-Lopez; Shari Gustafson  
**Subject:** Re: Program name changes

Duane, thanks for the great news! The BIS/BLS Faculty have approved the changes.

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On Jun 16, 2014, at 5:03 PM, "Duane Roen" <[Duane.Roen@asu.edu](mailto:Duane.Roen@asu.edu)> wrote:

Kevin and Bobbie,

We have permission to change the degree names for the three degrees.

Please confirm that your faculty groups are okay with this. Then I will ask the SLS Curriculum Committee to approve the changes. Thanks.

Best,  
Duane

**From:** Julie Ramsden  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2014 4:04 PM  
**To:** Duane Roen  
**Subject:** Program name changes

Hi Duane,

We received approval today from ABOR President Klein to proceed with renaming the BGS, BIS and BLS. You may proceed with completing and submitting for each name change the [Proposal to Change the Name of an Academic Program](#) available from the [Provost's Office – University Curriculum Support Services](#) web pages – [Academic Programs link](#). The proposals should complete the appropriate internal school review. Following approval by your office, the proposals may be forwarded to [curriculumplanning@asu.edu](mailto:curriculumplanning@asu.edu) for university level review.

Please use the same language in the proposals that we used in our request to ABOR (BGS example):

The "BGS" degree nomenclature is sometimes confusing to our incoming students and often unfamiliar to the prospective employers of our graduates. The BA will be less confusing and more universally understood. The name change is expected to boost enrollments and be a positive change for continuing students.

There will be no changes in the degree requirements or the plan code in order to maintain the continuity of historical records for this degree program. Only the name of the degree will change effective for students who graduate beginning in fall 2015. Continuing students will be notified of the impending name change beginning fall 2014.

Let me know if you have questions.

Julie