

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: New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

Department/Division/School: School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences

Proposing Faculty Group
(if applicable)

Program type: Undergraduate Degree

Name of existing program: BA in Life Sciences

Proposed new name: BA in Biology

Proposal Contact

Name: Roger Berger **Title:** Director

Phone number: (602) 543-8545 **Email:** roger.berger@asu.edu

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:

Marlene Tromp



Signature _____ **Date:** 7/31/2014

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)

Vice Provost for Graduate Education

Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** / /20

Executive Vice President and Provost of the University

Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** / /20

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Program type: Undergraduate Degree

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

Plan code(s) for the program:

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

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 School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences requests that their Life Sciences degrees (BS and BA, with and without concentrations) be renamed to Biology. Despite the usage of the term Life Sciences in academia, we find that this term is not clearly understood by prospective students, just coming from high school for example. Our faculty, advisers, and recruiters are often asked, "What is Life Sciences?" or "How is Life Sciences different from Biology?" In fact, our Life Sciences degrees are standard, rigorous Biology degrees with appropriate coursework in cognate fields such as Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, and Statistics. Biology is the term familiar to prospective students. This name change will make the degrees more appealing and recognizable to prospective students, parents, and employers. A second source of confusion is that students sometimes assume that the degrees with the name "Life Sciences" are offered by the School of Life Sciences at the Tempe campus. These students sometimes go to Tempe to get advising about our Life Sciences degrees. This source of confusion should be eliminated by the proposed name change.

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

The requirements of the program will not change. Current students will graduate with a degree with a more recognizable name.

From: Duane Roen
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 2:46 PM
To: Roger Berger
Cc: Marlene Tromp
Subject: RE: New College Life Sciences/Biology

Roger,

I agree that your proposed name changes will help make the degrees more appealing and recognizable.

I support the changes.

Please let me know if there is anything else that I can do to help.

Best,
Duane

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From: Roger Berger
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 9:17 AM
To: Duane Roen
Cc: Marlene Tromp; Roger Berger
Subject: New College Life Sciences/Biology
Importance: High

Dear Dean Roen

We in the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences are proposing to change the names of our four "Life Sciences" degrees to "Biology." For example, the BS in Life Sciences would become the BS in Biology. The request forms are attached. I request an Impact Statement from you or your designee to accompany these forms. These are scheduled for consideration by CAPC on December 4, so I request your reply within one week.

As you can see on the forms, the Justifications for all four are the same.

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Thank you for your input. Please contact me if you have any questions.
Roger

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From: Ferran Garcia-Pichel
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 7:47 PM
To: Roger Berger
Cc: Patrick Kenney; Marlene Tromp; David Young (Senior VP)
Subject: Re: New College Life Sciences/Biology

Folks,
There are no objections from CLAS to the degree name change.
We are in fact pleasantly surprised that our ASU students out West and far West prefer the greek etymology over plain English for the same subject.
Ferran

From: Michael Angilletta <Michael.Angilletta@asu.edu>
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2014 4:34 PM
To: Bertram Jacobs <bjacobs@asu.edu>, Ferran <ferran@asu.edu>, Paul LePore <Paul.Lepore@asu.edu>
Subject: RE: New College Life Sciences/Biology

No objections from me either.

From: Bertram Jacobs
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 4:33 PM
To: Ferran Garcia-Pichel; Michael Angilletta; Paul LePore
Subject: Re: New College Life Sciences/Biology

I have no objections.

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From: Ferran Garcia-Pichel <ferran@asu.edu>
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2014 10:23 AM
To: Michael Angilletta <Michael.Angilletta@asu.edu>, Bert Jacobs <bjacobs@asu.edu>, Paul LePore <Paul.Lepore@asu.edu>
Subject: FW: New College Life Sciences/Biology

Comments?
Ferran

From: Patrick Kenney <pkenney@asu.edu>
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2014 10:20 AM
To: Roger Berger <Roger.Berger@asu.edu>, Ferran <ferran@asu.edu>
Cc: Marlene Tromp <Marlene.Tromp@asu.edu>
Subject: RE: New College Life Sciences/Biology

Hi Roger, thanks for your note. I'm copying Dean Garcia-Pichel and he'll reply.

Thanks, Pat

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From: Roger Berger
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 9:13 AM
To: Patrick Kenney
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