

Name of existing program: Applied Biological Sciences (Urban Horticulture)

Proposed new name: Applied Biological Sciences (Sustainable Horticulture)

Program type: Undergraduate concentration

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

Plan code(s) for the program:

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

Requested effective date: 2014-15

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:

Changing the concentration name is in line with the emphasis at ASU on sustainability, current trends in horticulture science, the academic interest of our current and future students and the academic expertise of the faculty associated with teaching courses in the concentration. Faculty associated with this concentration are Senior Sustainability Scientists with one serving as a technical advisor to The Sustainable Sites Initiative which has established national certification guidelines and performance benchmarks for sustainable land design, construction and maintenance practices.

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

Impact on current students is positive. Current students will be notified of the change through an email from the Faculty Head, Sciences and Mathematics, School of Letters and Sciences. Any questions will be answered by the academic advisors, faculty head, or school director, as appropriate. Every effort will be made to ensure students experience no negative impact by this change. Courses are already taught with an emphasis on sustainable practices. Most current students are interested in local food production and other areas of sustainable horticulture and would view the name change as an enhancement to their career opportunities. Because of ASU's emphasis on sustainability, the name change should attract more undergraduate students into this concentration.