

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]. 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:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
**Department/Division/School:** School of Life Sciences  
**Proposing Faculty Group (if applicable)**  
**Program type:** Graduate Degree  
**Name of existing program:** Plant Biology (MS)  
**Proposed new name:** Plant Biology and Conservation (MS)

**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:**

**Signature**



**Date:** 2/13/2014

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

**Signature**

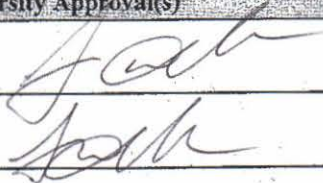
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*Note: An electronic signature, an email from the dean or dean's designee, or a PDF of the signed signature page is acceptable.*

**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:** Plant Biology  
**Proposed new name:** Plant Biology and Conservation  
**Program type:** MS

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

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

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

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**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:**

A new partnership with the Desert Botanical Garden and refocus of faculty in SOLS on conservation and biodiversity in plant biology on top of student, government and non-government agency demands for Botanists trained in Conservation biology make a MS degree in plant biology and conservation an attractive and viable program that will draw students not only locally but US wide. The change is also timely, given the recent expansion of research staff (potential mentors) at the nearby Desert Botanical Garden who have also adjunct Professor status in SOLS.

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

The program was discontinued in 2010 and has currently three students enrolled who will all finish spring 2014. The program is expected to have 10-15 students, with size growing as partnerships and interactions between SOLS and DBG increase in scope and frequency.