



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
PROPOSAL TO DISESTABLISH AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM
(Degree, concentration, minor or certificate)

This proposal template should be completed and submitted to the University Provost's Academic Council [[mailto: curriculumplanning@asu.edu](mailto:curriculumplanning@asu.edu)]. The disestablishment **may not** be implemented until the Provost's Office notifies the academic unit that the disestablishment proposal has completed the approval process.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of program to be disestablished:
Biological Sciences – Concentration in Plant Biology

PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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DEAN APPROVAL

This proposal has been approved by all necessary unit and College/School levels of review. I recommend implementation of the proposed program disestablishment. *(Note: An electronic signature, an email from the dean or dean's designee, or a PDF of the signed signature page is acceptable.)*

College/School Dean name:

College/School Dean signature _____ **Date:** _____



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Plan code(s) for the program (If a degree program is being disestablished that has multiple concentrations, list all plan codes impacted): LA BSC-P BS

Projected effective term: Fall and year: 2011

Check type of program to be disestablished:

Program Type (Please mark one; submit a separate form for each program to be disestablished)	Degree Type (Please mark one; submit a separate form for each program to be disestablished)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Degree/major Please indicate degree type (e.g., BA, BA/BS, PhD):	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concentration for an existing degree program Please indicate degree/major: BS/Biological Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate
<input type="checkbox"/> Minor		
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate program	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate

Briefly describe the rationale for disestablishment:

As of Fall 2010, only 19 of the 2650 students in SoLS are enrolled in the concentration. The required courses were only offered sporadically, and we cannot afford to devote additional faculty and TA resources to maintain the concentration.

Impact on other existing programs: Could include availability of course content for students in other majors who may need it; other.

This is a highly specialized concentration, so the upper division coursework is not required in other majors at ASU. Some potential students might want to consider the Horticulture program on the Polytechnic campus. Will still offer as many plant biology courses as we can.

Impact on current students: Estimate number of students still enrolled; anticipated date of last graduates; arrangements for continuing students and students in articulated transfer pathways (ex. MAPP, TAG).

19 students enrolled as of Fall 2010. Anticipated date of last graduates: Spring 2014. Will still offer coursework in this concentration, and will also allow for comparable substitutions.



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Additional information: Provide any relevant information not required above that will assist in evaluating the proposal.

Plant courses will still be taught on a regular basis. Did not provide enough required courses to constitute an approved concentration. Students can still take a range of plant courses under Biological Sciences