

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

UNIT AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

College/School/Institute: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Department/Division/School: School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning

Proposing Faculty Group
(if applicable):

Proposal Contact

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Existing Program Information

Program Type: Concentration **Academic Level:** Undergraduate

Degree Type: BS-Bachelor of Science *If other specify*

Name: Geography **Concentration (if applicable)** (Urban Studies)

Plan code(s) for the program:

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

Implementation information: Degree Search is our official record of the academic catalog. Therefore, all academic programs which are active and have students enrolled are required to be listed on Degree Search. Upon request by the Dean's Office, an academic program can be removed from the undergraduate or graduate application; however, the program will remain in degree search with the notation "This program is no longer accepting applications," until the approved effective date of the disestablishment.

Requested effective date: 2019-20

Briefly describe the rationale for disestablishment:

The Urban Studies concentration of the Bachelor of Science in Geography program has seen continued decline in enrollment over the past three years. Full-time enrollment in Spring 2017 is down 50 percent as compared to Spring 2016 and down 66 percent as compared to Fall 2014. Students interested in focusing on the topic of urban geography can still do so under the Geography BS degree program with the help of academic advisors with course selection. Such students will also be encouraged to expand their course of study with the Urban Planning minor, a highly related subject, to promote interdisciplinary study within the school.

The disestablishment Urban Studies concentration of the Geography BS program is in-line with the vision and mission of the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning to promote interdisciplinary study across the SGSUP disciplines. The Urban Studies concentration was established prior to the 2009-10 merger of the Geography BS and the Urban Planning BSP programs. It therefore creates artificial separation between the SGSUP disciplines instead of promoting interdisciplinary study. The disestablishment of the Urban Studies concentration will promote interdisciplinary study across SGSUP disciplines by encouraging Geography BS students who want a deeper understanding of the urban environment to minor in Urban Planning.

Impact on other existing programs:

May include availability of course content for students in other majors who may need it; other.

It is expected that the disestablishment of the Urban Studies concentration will have no significant impact on existing programs. The coursework that constitutes the Urban Studies concentration will still be offered by the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning under the general Geography BA and BS programs.

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 (e.g., MAPP, TAG).

There are currently five (5) Geography (Urban Studies) BS majors enrolled in the current Spring 2018 semester. Two of these students will be graduating in May 2018. The three remaining students will be entering their second Junior semester in Fall 2018. It is expected that they should graduate with the existing urban studies concentration by Spring 2020. Six students have applied to the Geography (Urban Studies) BS program for the Fall 2018 semester. These students will be advised regarding the disestablishment of the program and it will be recommended they change majors to the Geography BS program.

Applications:

What term should applications close? If this change should be made immediately upon approval, please indicate this. Please note that the program will remain on Degree Search until such a time that no students remain enrolled in the program.

Applications to the Urban Studies concentration for the Geography BS degree should be closed immediately upon approval.

Current applicants:

Describe actions that will be taken regarding admitted students or students who have applied to this program? If current applicants should be moved to a new program, please indicate the plan code of that program.

Student admitted or applied to the program for the 2018-19 academic year will be advised regarding the cancelation of the concentration. Students will be encouraged to change their major to the Geography BS (LAGCUBS) program. Students who want to remain in the Urban Studies concentration will be allowed to do so and the coursework required for the concentration will continue to be offered by SGSUP. In addition, the school's academic advisors will discuss with students the option of adding a minor in urban planning (ARPUPMIN).

Additional information:

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


Curriculum Changer request has been reviewed and approved by Unit, College, and Provost.

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:

Paul LePore

Signature  Date: 5/29/2018

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.