GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Program Approval Form

For approval of new programs and deletions or modifications to an existing program.

Action Requested:

- [ ] Create New (SCHEV approval required except for minors and certificates)
- [X] Delete Existing
- [ ] Modify Existing (check all that apply)
  - [ ] Title (SCHEV approval required except for minors, certificates)
  - [ ] Concentration (Choose one): [ ] Add [ ] Delete [ ] Modify
  - [ ] Degree Requirements
  - [ ] Admission Standards
  - [ ] Application Requirements
  - [ ] Other Changes: _____

Type (Check one):

- [ ] B.A.   [X] B.S.   [ ] Minor
- [ ] Undergraduate Certificate
- [ ] M.A.   [ ] M.S.   [ ] M.Ed.
- [ ] Ph.D.   [ ] Graduate Certificate
- [ ] Other: _____

College/School:	College of Science	**Department:**	Geography and Geoinformation Science
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Effective Term: Fall 2016

Please note: For students to be admitted to a new degree, minor, certificate or concentration, the program must be fully approved, entered into Banner, and published in the University Catalog.

Justification: (attach separate document if necessary)

See Attached

	Existing	New/Modified
Program Title: (Required) Title must identify subject matter. Do not include name of college/school/dept. **Concentration(s):**	Global and Environmental Change	
Admissions Standards / Application Requirements: (Required only if different from those listed in the University Catalog)		
Degree Requirements: Consult University Catalog for models, attach separate document if necessary using track changes for modifications		
Courses offered via distance: (if applicable)		
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:		

Approval Signatures

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ollege/School   Date

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Provost's Office   Date
Interdisciplinary Council Use Only

If this program may impact another unit or is in collaboration with another unit at Mason, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Unit Name	Unit Approval Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

For Graduate Programs Only

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Graduate Council Member   Provost Office   Graduate Council Approval Date

For Registrar Office's Use Only: Received_____ Banner_____ Catalog_____   *revised 5/5/10*

Proposed Program Removal BS in Global and Environmental Change
Fall 2016

This degree was an attempt to build an interdisciplinary bridge between the department of Earth Systems and Geoinformation Science and the department of the Environmental Science and Policy. It was initially successful, but for a number of reasons, it has not grown like predicted.

The degree has been completed by 5 (13-14), 5 (12-13), 5 (11-12), 4 (10-11), 0 (09-10), and 1 (08-09) students. Degree population has consistently shrunk, with a degree population of 36 (Fall 2010), 28 (Fall 2011), 20 (Fall 2012), 7 (Fall 2013), and 8 (Fall 2014). In that time, the BS in Environmental Science has had constant growth, moving from 4 in Fall 2010 to 119 in Fall 2014.

Efforts to revitalize the degree have been weakly supported by the department. The intellectual space where the degree existed has been encroached upon by degrees from a number of other departments. The degree has several required courses that are continually poorly enrolled, but we are forced to offer to fulfill the degree's requirements. The will to continue this degree does not exist, and our energies will be better spent elsewhere.

Approved by the GGS Curriculum Committee on Sept 8, 2015.
Approved by GGS Departmental Vote on Sept 23, 2015.