Program Change Request

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Viewing: **SC-CERG-DJNL : Data Journalism Graduate Certificate**

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Changes proposed by: jbazaz

Catalog Pages Using this Program	[Data Journalism Graduate Certificate](#)

No Longer Accepting Students Anticipated closure date (i.e., calendar date students are 2022-2023

Rationale for

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?
No

Requestor:

Effective Catalog:	2022-2023
Program Level:	Graduate
Program Type:	Certificate
Degree Type:	Graduate Certificate
Title:	Data Journalism Graduate Certificate
Banner Title:	Data Journalism Grad Cert

Is this a retitling of an existing program?

Existing Program

Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SCHEV Status	Approved

Registrar's Office Use Only – Program Start Term

In Workflow

1. **GGS Chair**
2. **SC Curriculum Committee**
3. SC Associate Dean
4. Assoc Provost-Graduate
5. Registrar-Programs

Approval Path

1. 02/08/22 2:53 pm Dieter Pfoser (dpfoser): Approved for GGS Chair

History

1. Nov 8, 2017 by clmig-jwehrheim
2. Feb 15, 2018 by rzachari
3. Feb 23, 2021 by Johanna Riemen (jriemen)
4. Jan 29, 2022 by nburtch

Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SCHEV Letter

Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SACSCOC Status

Concentration(s):

INTO Major(s):

Registrar/IRR Use Only – Concentration CIP Code

College/School: College of Science

Department / Academic Unit: Geography & Geoinformation Science

Jointly Owned Program? No

Participating

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Justification What: Inactivating the certificate.

Why: In addition to low enrollment, this internally-approved certificate program was not located on SCHEV's inventory.

Catalog Published Information

Total Credits Required: Total credits: 15

Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:

SC-CERG-DJNL

Registrar/IRR Use Only – Program CIP Code

Admission Requirements:

Admissions

University-wide admissions policies can be found in the Graduate Admissions Policies section of this catalog.

Applicants to this certificate program must submit a current résumé. GRE scores and letters of recommendation are not required but will strengthen an application, if available.

To apply for this program, please complete the George Mason University Admissions Application.

Program-Specific Policies:

Policies

For policies governing all graduate programs, see [AP.6 Graduate Policies](#).

Degree Requirements:

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Students should refer to the [Admissions & Policies](#) tab for specific policies related to this program.

Core Courses

GGS 590	Selected Topics in Geography 1	3
GGS 692	Web-based Geographic Information Systems	3
COMM 642	Science and the Public	3
Total Credits		9

1   Only when the subject is GeoSocial Analysis.

Electives

Select two courses from the following list or others in consultation with an advisor.		6
CDS 501	Scientific Information and Data Visualization	
CSI 672	Statistical Inference	
or STAT 652	Statistical Inference	
COMM 637	Risk Communication	
COMM 640	Controversies in Science Communication	
COMM 641	Advanced Communication Skills for STEM	
COMM 644	Analysis and Criticism of Science Journalism	
COMM 660	Climate Change and Sustainability Communication Campaigns	
COMM 735	Crisis Communication	
STAT 554	Applied Statistics I	
Total Credits		6

Retroactive Requirements Updates:

Plan of Study:

Honors Information:

Accelerated Description/Dual Degree Description:

INTO-Mason Requirements:

College Requirements & Policies:

Department / Academic Unit Requirements & Policies:

Program Outcomes

Additional Program Information

This information is required by the Office of Accreditation and Program Integrity.

Courses offered via distance (if applicable):

Indicate whether students are able to pursue on a: Both Full and Part-time basis

What is the primary delivery format for the program?   Both Face-to-Face and Distance

Does any portion of this program occur off-campus?

No

Off-campus details:

Are you working with a vendor / other collaborators to offer your program?

No

Please explain:

Related Departments

Could this program prepare students for any type of professional licensure, in Virginia or elsewhere?

No

Please explain:

Are you adding or removing a licensure component?

No

Please explain:

Additional SCHEV & SACSCOC Information

Is the content of the new program closely related to that of an existing approved program at the same instructional level (i.e., baccalaureate, master's, doctoral)?

Which existing approved program(s)?

Is this new program considered to be "advancing the degree level of a currently approved program" (i.e. existing content is at lower degree level, new content is at the higher degree

Which existing approved program(s)?

Is this new program considered to be "lowering the degree level of a currently approved program"
(i.e. existing content is at higher degree level, new content is at the lower degree level)?

Which existing approved program(s)?

Is this a re-opening of a program that was closed to admission within the last five years?

Date of Program Closure

What are the methods of delivery for the program?

Does this program include a course/credit-based competency-based education delivery option?

Is this change a simple retitling of an existing program, with no other changes, to any existing program content,
curriculum requirements, etc?

No

Does this change represent a repackaging of content in an existing approved degree/certificate program at the same
instructional level (i.e., baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral)?

No

Which existing approved program(s)?

Percentage of total credits containing new course content. ("New course content" is defined by SACSCOC as content that
is not currently included in an existing approved degree/certificate program at the same instructional level. Do not
exclude gen ed credits in calculations for undergraduate programs.)

0%-24%

Does this change include the addition of a distance education or face-to-face method of delivery for this program?

No

What is the new method of delivery?

Does this change include the addition of a course/credit-based competency-based education delivery option?

No

Will any additional equipment/facilities be needed?

No

Description of institutional impact:

Will any additional faculty be required?

No

Description of institutional impact:

Will any additional financial resources be needed?

No

Description of institutional impact:

Additional library/learning resources needed?

No

Description of institutional impact:

OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

Comments or Notes

Green Leaf Program Designation

Is this a Green Leaf program?   No

Green Leaf Designation

Sustainability-focused academic programs require at least one green leaf course. Either that course is itself sustainability-focused or else the program requires a set of sustainability-related courses with aggregated

Relationship to Existing Courses

Relationship to Existing Programs

List sustainability-focused courses currently required in the degree

Sustainability-related academic programs either require at least one sustainability-related course or else offer any green leaf course as an option or elective. *

List sustainability-related courses currently required in the degree

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Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

                              No

Impacted Departments

Additional Attachments

SCHEV Proposal

Executive Summary

Reviewer Comments

Additional Comments

Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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Attached Document

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