## University of Hawai'i Code Request Form for Academic Programs

# **REPLACE PROGRAM CODE**

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## DTS 21841 Pres Ofc Recd 09/01/2021



Department of Geography and Environment 2424 Maile Way, Saunders Hall 445 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822-2223

June 25, 2021

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: David Lassner

President

VIA:

Michael Bruno Michael Bruno

**Provost** 

Laura E. Lyons Jam F. Lyng VIA:

Interim Vice Provost for Academic Excellence

VIA: Krystyna Aune (for Graduate Programs)

Dean, Graduate Division

VIA: Denise Konan

Dean, College of Social Sciences

Reece Jones FROM:

Chair and Professor, Department of Geography and Environment

REQUEST TO CHANGE THE BA, MA, PHD, AND MINOR (AND RELATED SUBJECT:

BANNER CODES) IN GEOGRAPHY TO THE BA, MA, PHD, AND MINOR

IN GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT (GEO)

## **SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:**

We would like to request that the BA, MA, PhD, and Minor (and related Banner codes) in Geography (GEOG) be renamed to the BA, MA, PhD, and Minor in Geography and Environment (GEO).

## **RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Fall 2021.

#### ADDITIONAL COST:

No additional costs are associated with this request.

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#### **PURPOSE**:

The purpose of this request is to change the BA, MA, PhD, and Minor in Geography, and the associated program/major names and program/major codes in Banner, to bring them into alignment with the 2017 department name change from Geography to Geography and Environment.

Already enrolled majors and graduate students would have the choice to keep the current degree name or switch to the new one. After currently enrolled students have all graduated, the old degree names would be stopped out.

### BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to EP 5.201, Approval of New Academic Programs and Review of Provisional Programs, program name changes are delegated by the Board of Regents to the President. In 2017, the Department of Geography changed its name to the Department of Geography and Environment and it's course code to GEO: Geography and Environment. The program would now like to make this same change to all academic programs and minors within the department. The department chair has consulted with the faculty and current undergraduate and graduate students regarding this potential name change, and the proposal has received overwhelming support. For this reason, as well as the justification delineated in the attached approval memo, the program would now like to request the following changes be approved:

BA in Geography change to BA in Geography and Environment MA in Geography change to MA in Geography and Environment PhD in Geography change to PhD in Geography and Environment Minor in Geography change to Minor in Geography and Environment Program/Major name changed from Geography to Geography and Environment Program/Major code changed from GEOG to GEO

### ACTION RECOMMENDED:

We would like to recommend that the BA, MA, PhD, and Minor (and related Banner codes) in Geography (GEOG) be renamed to the BA, MA, PhD, and Minor in Geography and Environment (GEO).

Approved with understanding that department will also align CIP with new program name, from CIP 45.0701 Geography to 30.4401 Geography and Environmental Studies.

Digitally signed 1- 7 PPROVED /

David Lassner President

Date





OFFICE

November 15, 2017

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

David Lassner

Interim Chancellor

VIA:

Michael Bruno

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academie Affairs, and Vice Chancellor for Research

OFFICE

FROM:

Denise Eby Konan

Dean, College of Social Sciences

SUBJECT:

REQUEST CHANGE IN DEPARTMENT TITLE FROM GEOGRAPHY TO

MANOA CHANCELLOR'S

**GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT** 

## SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the department title change from "Department of Geography" to "Department of Geography and Environment" be signed by Interim Chancellor Lassner.

## RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon Approval

### ADDITIONAL COST:

No additional cost associated with this request.

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this request is to improve the branding of the department and to rectify the poor public awareness of the program. The change in title from "Department of Geography" to "Department of Geography and Environment" will improve program promotion, faculty recruitment, course enrollment, and public awareness.

The discipline of geography is the study of human relationships with the environment. The Department of Geography engages in an integrative study of the environment through programs and scholarship in three related streams: human geography, environmental geography, and geospatial technology. The department offers a range of courses that address compelling issues of the contemporary environment. However, undergraduate students interested in environmental issues only become aware of the discipline after enrolling in geography courses, usually as electives late in their college careers. This is related to a wide-spread misconception of the discipline of geography. Starting in the 1950's, as universities split physical and social sciences,

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geography found itself facing challenges as the discipline integrated both physical and social science. The most common misunderstanding is that geography is about maps or trivial facts related to people and places. The title of geography does not fully encompass the program's scope and content.

To address these misconceptions, many geography departments around the world have sought rebranding through a name change. According to Frazier and Wikle (2017)<sup>1</sup>, between 1990-2014, 89 geography departments in the U.S. and Canada have changed names. Looking at the names adopted, a major trend was to add the word "Environment" to their titles. According to the Frazier and Wikle study, renaming has brought about positive impacts in undergraduate recruitment, recruitment of new faculty, prestige on and off campus, and class enrollment.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Per Administrative Procedure No. A3.101 policy, authority to approve changes to titles of organizational segments is delegated by the Board of Regents to the President and by the President to each Vice President and Chancellor, provided that the title changes must be approved by two supervisory levels above where the changes are proposed.

The Department of Geography spent several years discussing and gathering information on the name change. After careful consideration and research, the department proposed to change its title to the "Department of Geography and Environment". The department consulted with internal and external units regarding the change. Below are some of the key efforts the department has made in the process including: on-campus surveys, interviews regarding people's perception of the geography program, and discussions with undergraduate students, graduate students, and alumni. In particular:

- In 2014, the faculty discussed in-depth the pros and cons of a title change, and a majority voted for a change. Students in the department's capstone class (Geog 493) conducted oncampus interviews on people's perception of the discipline of geography, and confirmed widely held misunderstandings of the program.
- In 2015, the department conducted surveys of a total of 210 students in two 100-level courses; most of those surveyed were non-geography majors. From the results, it was clear that the name "geography" was the least intelligible to students, and 80% of the students preferred a new name with the word "environment" in it.
- In 2016, the department invited all undergraduate majors and graduate students to a
  meeting discussing the name change. The faculty then voted, and anonymous votes
  showed that 100% of the faculty favored a name change. Of the various choices, the
  majority voted for "Department of Geography and Environment", a name that has been
  adopted by a number of other geography departments, including the London School of
  Economics, University of Oxford, University of Texas at Austin, University of Denver, and
  San Francisco State University.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Frazier, Amy E. and Wikle, Thomas A. 2017. Renaming and rebranding within U.S. and Canadian geography departments, 1990–2014. *The Professional Geographer* 69 (1), 12-21.

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> In 2017, the department consulted with nine relevant units in the UH-System about the name change including: Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM) at UH-Mānoa, Global Environmental Science program at UH-Mānoa, Department of Geography and Environmental Science at UH-Hilo, and six key departments from Leeward Community College, Honolulu Community College, Windward Community College, and Kapi olani Community College. All responses were supportive. UH-Hilo provided additional confirmation for their name change; they changed their title from "Department of Geography" to "Department of Geography and Environmental Science" in 2005. Since the name change, the department has more than doubled their number of majors.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** 

It is recommended that the department title change from "Department of Geography" to "Department of Geography and Environment" be approved by Interim Chancellor Lassner.

APPROVEDÍDISAPPROVED:

David Lassner Interim Chancellor MAR - 1 2018

Date



### November 27, 2017

TO:

Michael Bruno

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and

Vice Chancellor for Research

FROM:

Michael Ng MIA

**Budget Director** 

SUBJECT: Change in Title of Geography to Geography and Environment

This is in response to the November 15, 2017 proposal from the Department of Geography to change their department title to Department of Geography and Environment.

Per the referenced APM A3.101.9 consultation request, the University Budget Office is of the opinion that the proposed change in the organizational segment title presented in the above referenced Memorandum does not duplicate and will not be confused with the title of any other organization or unit within the University.

If you have any questions, please contact me (ng23@hawaii.edu).