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**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND REVIEW**

16-17 CAPR 10  
February 16, 2017

**TO:** The Academic Senate

**FROM:** The Committee on Academic Planning Review (CAPR)

**SUBJECT:** 16-17 CAPR 10: Request for the discontinuance of the BA program in Geography

**PURPOSE:** For Action by the Senate

**ACTION REQUESTED:** CAPR accepted the Geography request and asks that the Academic Senate recommend the discontinuance of the BA program in Geography; with the President's approval, effective Fall 2018

**BACKGROUND:**

At CAPR's February 16, 2017 meeting, the committee reviewed Geography's request to discontinue the BA program. There are currently 9 students finishing the program and no new admittances. There are no resource implications and no objections raised by the department. CAPR approved the request; additional information regarding the request available on [Curriculog](#). This discontinuance was accepted by CIC at their March 27 meeting.

# Geography Bachelor of Arts

## 8. Semester Conversion Request to Discontinue Quarter-System Programs

### General Discontinuance Information

**\*\*\*READ BEFORE YOU BEGIN\*\***

Use this form to discontinue quarter-based programs including: **DEGREES/MAJORS, OPTIONS, MINORS, CERTIFICATES, CREDENTIALS, AND SUBJECT MATTER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.**

**STEP ONE:** Turn on *help text*, by clicking the Show Help Text icon  above this section of the form.

**STEP TWO:** Complete all required fields below.

**Effective Term:** Fall 2018

2018

**Effective Catalog:** Fall 2018-

**Department\***

Department of Anthropology, Geography and Environmental Studies

**Program to be Discontinued:\*** Geography Bachelor of Arts

**How many students are currently pursuing this program?\*** 9

**Discontinuance Justification:\***

During semester conversion discussions and after initial conversion work, it was determined that Geography's best path forward would be to discontinue offering both the B.A. and B.S degrees. After carefully considering faculty strengths, areas of emphasis for recent and current students, and the potential for new hybrid hires in AGES, it was decided to convert the B.S. (with modifications) and allow the B.A. to expire with the end of the semester system.

**The Department is responsible for accommodating students in finishing their program.**

**Are the courses these students need still being offered and, if not, is the department ready to make appropriate substitutions?**

**Explain how the department will help students finish their program:\***

All of the courses that are equivalent to those offered under the BA program will also be offered under the BS program that we are keeping either as required or elective courses. Only a few courses are being eliminated, none that were required. Thus there are no problems envisaged. BA majors in transition will be advised in the same way that BS majors in transition will be advised. If they wish to continue with the BA rather than switch to a BS then it will be relatively seamlessly possible for them to do so under the semester structure for both the quarter BA and the BS degree catalogs.

**Resource Implications:\***

None.

**Consultation with affected departments:**

**The following department(s) has (have) been consulted and raised no objections:\*\***

**Did not consult any departments outside of my own/no other departments are impacted.**