

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: November 17, 2021

School/College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department/Division: Geography

Program (Major and Degree): Area of Emphasis in Earth System Science under the major in Geography (B.S.)

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Termination

Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 2023

Last date students will be admitted to this program: Dec. 1, 2021

Last date students will graduate from this program: July 1, 2023

Note: There may be no enrollment in the program as of the termination effective date.

Program Abstract:

Provide a brief summary of the program being proposed for deactivation or termination.

This area of emphasis was created to provide Geography majors with a suggested course program if they had interests in the earth sciences.

For Deactivated or Terminated Programs:

1. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program, and provide copies of any relevant documents.

Our areas of emphasis have had low enrollment for multiple years, and our current course planning does not adequately support them as options for students moving forward. We have decided to terminate them and focus more on our majors, minor, and certificates.

2. What will be done to minimize the impact of the deactivation or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved? Include specific information on: a) how faculty and staff will be notified of the deactivation or termination, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.

There is no impact on faculty in terminating this area of emphasis.

3. What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

Terminating this area of emphasis will allow us to focus more on supporting the core courses in our majors and certificates. It will not impact our current course offerings or any other programs outside the department.

For Deactivated Programs:

4. State the plans for allowing students currently enrolled in the program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on: a) how students will be notified of the program deactivation, and b) how students will be advised on completing the program.

5. What plans, if any, are there for subsequent reactivation of the deactivated program?

Approvals:

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Department Head

Dean of School/College

Dean of Graduate School