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## Cover page scroll over blue text to see further important [instructions](#instructions): [if not working select “COMMents on rollover” in your Word preferences under view] **please read these.**

**N.B. ALL numbered categories in section (A) must be completed. Please do not use highlight to select choices within a category but simply delete the options that do not apply to your proposal (e.g. in A.2 if this is a course revision proposal, just delete the creation and deletion options and the various program ones, so it reads “course revision”) Do not delete any of the numbered categories—if they do not apply leave them blank. If there are no resources impacted please put “none” in each A. 7 category.**

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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **GEOGRAPHY b.a.**  |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable)  | **N/A** |
| A. 1b. Academic unit | **Faculty of Arts and Sciences**  |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Program: Deletion**  |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Michelle Brophy-Baermann** | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Political Science Dept.** |
| A.4. [Context and Rationale](#Rationale) Note: Must include additional information in smart tip for all [new programs](#type) | **Due to a consistent pattern of decline over several years in the number of students who choose to major in geography, the Department of Political Science proposes to delete the B.A. in Geography. While the major will cease to exist, some of the subject matter of a traditional postsecondary education in geography will continue to be made available to RIC students in four ways: 1. The continuation of the minor in geography; 2. The cross-listing of certain geography [GEOG] courses with political science [POL] and public administration [PBAD] courses where the alignment of subject matter justifies such cross-listing, with the result that POL and PBAD majors will have an increased choice in both 200- and 300-level courses; 3. The creation of a 4-course, 16-18 credit, professionally-oriented Certificate of Undergraduate Study [CUS] in Geographic Information Systems [GIS]; and 4. The option for students to take existing, appropriately-designated GEOG courses within the “SB” and “AQSR” General Education Program categories.** |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact)Must include to explain why this change is being made? | **The B.A. in Geography will no longer be available to students beyond a short “teach out” period (expected to be completed by Fall 2024) to ensure that current geography majors are able to complete their degrees. The courses they need to complete will still be available while the program can be deleted from the Fall catalog.** |
| A.6. [Impact on other programs](#impact)  | **None**  |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | [*Faculty PT & FT*](#faculty):  | **No impact** |
| [*Library*:](#library) | **No impact** |
| [*Technology*](#technology) | **No impact** |
| [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **No impact** |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2023**  | A.9. [Rationale if sooner than next Fall](#Semester_effective) | **None** |
| A.10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG COPY: Use the Word copy versions of the catalog sections found on the UCC Forms and Information page. Cut and paste into a single file **ALL the relevant pages from the college catalog that need to be changed.** Use tracked changes feature to show how the catalog will be revised as you type in the revisions. If totally new copy, indicate where it should go in the catalog. If making related proposals a single catalog copy that includes all changes is preferred. Send catalog copy as a separate single Word file along with this form. |
| A.11. List here (with the relevant urls), any RIC website pages that will need to be updated (to which your department does not have access) if this proposal is approved, with an explanation as to what needs to be revised: |
| A. 12 **Check to see if your proposal will impact any of our** **transfer** **agreements,** **and if it does explain in what way. Please indicate clearly what will need to be updated. No impact** |
| A. 13 Check the section that lists “Possible NECHE considerations” on the UCC Forms and Information page and if any apply, indicate what that might be here and contact Institutional Research for further guidance. **NECHE will need to be informed that the Geography Major (CIP Code 45.0701) has been eliminated.** |

## D. Signatures

* **Changes that affect General Education in any way MUST be approved by ALL Deans and COGE Chair**.
* Changes that directly impact more than one department/program MUST have the signatures of all relevant department chairs, program directors, and their relevant dean (e.g. when creating/revising a program using courses from other departments/programs). Check UCC manual 4.2 for further guidelines on whether the signatures need to be approval or acknowledgement.
* Proposals that do not have appropriate approval signatures will not be considered.
* Type in name of person signing and their position/affiliation.
* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to curriculum@ric.edu to the current Chair of UCC. Check UCC website for due dates. Do NOT convert to a .pdf.

##### D.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. THESE may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary proposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | Signature | Date |
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| Michelle Brophy-Baermann | Chair of Political Science |  | 11/20/22 |
| Earl Simson | Dean of FAS | \*Approved via email | 11/21/22 |

##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge): REQUIRED from OTHER PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS (and their relevant deans if not already included above) that are IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSAL. SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE APPROVAL, ONLY AWARENESS THAT THE PROPOSAL IS BEING SUBMITTED. CONCERNS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE UCC COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION; all faculty are welcome to attend.