



Associate Professor Luke Wilson  
Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

April 29, 2022

Dear Luke and members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee,

On April 13, 2022 the ASCC's Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel reviewed and approved a series of revisions to the Geography B.A. A small contingency was approved by me, in consultation with Assistant Dean for Curriculum Bernadette Vankeerbergen, shortly thereafter.

The major change to the Geography B.A. entails merging the two existing subplans – Urban, Regional, and Global Studies (URGS), and Environment & Society (E&S) – into a single subplan called Social and Environmental Geography (SEG). The subplans are being merged to reflect the reality that currently URGS and E&S students are enrolled in the same required classes and take mostly the same set of electives. As such they are not distinct pools of students but members of a single cohort. The Department of Geography has also increased flexibility for SEG students by streamlining the required classes, and by better organizing suites of electives at introductory, intermediate, and advanced levels. The department has also added a required, single credit hour portfolio class for assessment purposes; apart from that the new SEG requires no new classes and no class retirements.

We advance the revised Geography B.A. to the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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