

## 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 Geospatial Analysis and Visualization 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 GIScience and Technology.

### **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. We also now have a certificate in GIScience that duplicates the purpose of this area.

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

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Dean of School/College

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