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New Graduate Program (Majors, Sequences, Certificates) Proposal Illinois State University - Graduate Curriculum Committee

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Title of New Program [Anthropology Geographic Information Systems \(GIS\) Graduate C](#)

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Version [2](#)

Proposed Starting Catalog Year [2018-2019](#)

1. Proposed Action

New Major

New Sequence

New Certificate

More than 50% of courses in this program are Distance Education

2. Provide *Graduate Catalog* copy for new program.

Anthropology Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Graduate Certificate

Graduate Students in the Anthropology Program may elect to pursue an Anthropology Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Graduate Certificate. To earn the certificate, students must take GEO 303, 304, and 305.

3. Provide a description for the proposed program.

The Anthropology Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Graduate Certificate provides the specialized education and training that students need to understand GIS methodology and technology as applied archaeological field work and data management. This certificate is intended to prepare graduates to meet the growing demand for GIS skills in archaeology, both in academic research and other employment.

4. Provide a rationale of proposed program.

GIS has become a common tool in archaeology from the field to the laboratory and in the analysis and management of data. Many of our students have been taking the three GIS courses even without the certificate because of the importance of these skills in the workplace. Such a certificate would make it easier for them to demonstrate their GIS competence and make them more competitive in the workplace.

5. Describe the expected effects of the proposed program on existing campus programs (if applicable).

There should not be any effect on existing campus programs. The only effect will be additional students in the GEO courses. I suspect it will be just one or two per class. I have attached an email from Dagmar Budikova, Chair of Geography-Geology, that states that they can accommodate the extra students.

6. Describe the expected curricular changes required, including new courses. If proposals for new courses that will be or have been submitted, please reference those related proposals here:

None. All courses are currently taught.

7. Anticipated funding needs and source of funds.

None

8. **No** Does this program count for teacher education?

9. The following questions must be answered.

Yes Have letter(s) of concurrence from affected departments/schools been obtained?

A departments/school is affected if it has a program with significant overlap or if it teaches a required or elective course in the program.

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10. Routing and action summary for New Graduate Program:

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Comments**Comments from Version 1 from Todd Stewart (College Curriculum Committee Chair):**

Hi. After some discussion, we voted to reject this proposal yesterday. We're confident that with some updates and additional information that this proposal will be accepted though. We had several issues. (1) We think that more existing catalog copy needs to be provided so that it is clear exactly where the new text is to be added to the catalog. (2) We think that admissions requirements could be made clearer. If all ANT grad students are automatically admitted to the certificate if they request it, this could be made clearer. (3) Being clearer about how many hours are required for the certificate would help. (4) In general, just a more detailed set of copy would help. Maybe see SOA/ANT Graduate Certificate in Social Aspects of Aging as an example. That certificate is much more fuller described than the new proposed one. Please contact me with any questions you might have about this. Thanks, Todd Stewart, Chair, CAS CC

Comments from Version 2 from Todd Stewart (College of Arts & Science College Curriculum Committee Chair):

We decided to accept this proposal even without the changes we requested last time because we now see that we accepted a similar proposal from BSC, and effectively the same catalog copy already exists in the BSC section of the graduate catalog.

Comments from Version 2 from Amy Hurd (Director of Graduate School):

Change the catalog copy to the following for each of the 3 places the cert is listed.

This certificate provides the specialized education and training that students need to understand GIS methodology and technology as applied field of study and data management. This certificate is intended to prepare graduates to meet the growing demand for GIS skills in academic research and other employment.

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