

FORM H-C: (BOR FORM G) PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGES

This section needs to be reviewed by the following groups: the relevant college faculty senate(s), the University Faculty Senate, the UCC and/or GCCC, the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President, the Council of Provosts and the Board of Regents.

**FORM G
BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA
PROPOSAL FOR PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE
March 21, 2010**

Institution: University of Northern Iowa

Current Title of Department/Program: Earth Science

Proposed Title of Department/Program: Earth and Environmental Sciences

CIP (Classification of Instructional Programs) Discipline Specialty Title [get this from Diane Wallace in UNI's Registrar's Office]: Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences, Other

CIP (Classification of Instructional Programs) Discipline Specialty Number (six digits; get from Diane Wallace in UNI's Registrar's Office): 40.0699

Level: B X M D FP (first professional degree)

Degree Abbreviation (e.g., B.S., B.A., M.A.): BA

Approximate date to change name: Month July Year 2016

Contact person: (name, telephone, and e-mail) Siobahn Morgan, 319-273-2389, siobahn.morgan@uni.edu

Please provide thorough answers to the following questions, keeping in mind you are writing for an external audience who may be unfamiliar with academic jargon in general or your program in particular.

1. Provide a brief description of the department/program.

The Earth Science department offers content and conducts research in the areas of geology, astronomy and meteorology, as well as earth science education and the cross-disciplinary area of environmental science. There are currently three degree programs available in the department, Earth Science BA, Earth Science Teaching BA and Environmental Science BA. In addition the faculty in the department provide regular outreach and service to the public in these curricular areas through a variety of avenues.

2. Describe reasons (justification) for the proposed name change. Include information about the value of the name change to the department, program, the discipline, college, and/or the university.

The name change would clarify the opportunities available for students in all of our degree programs and it would accurately reflect our range of disciplines and expertise. The enrollment in the Earth Science and Environmental Science areas is nearly equally distributed amongst our student population, and the name change would reflect that balance.

The current name of the department does not provide a realistic picture to the University community, as well as the general public about the services, resources and opportunities available from faculty within the department.

In the past, the department has provided Environmental Science outreach, research and educational services to the State of Iowa and its citizens. The name change would help make the general public aware of opportunities and resources currently provided by the department.

3. If this is a department name change, describe how the proposed name is consistent with the mission of the college. If it is a program name change, describe how the proposed name is consistent with the mission of the department and the college.

At this time there is no Mission Statement for the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences at UNI. In lieu of that, the following is the Current Mission Statement for the Department - The mission of the Department of Earth Science is to instruct, to conduct scholarly inquiry, and to inform the general public about astronomy, geology, meteorology, oceanography, hydrology, and environmental science and the methods for educating in these areas. To achieve this, the Department offers courses for the Liberal Arts Core Program and provides comprehensive undergraduate majors in Earth Science, Earth Science Teaching, and Environmental Science. In addition, minors are offered in Earth Science, and Earth Science Teaching. These majors all include significant experiential learning components that enhance students' understanding of the Earth and its processes. The Department also contributes to graduate and undergraduate programs in Science Education, and has a strong commitment to public outreach and service to the community.

4. Will the proposed name change be consistent with other institutions? Identify other institutions that have the same or similar name to the proposed name.

In 2012 the University of Iowa's Department of Geosciences changed its name to Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Across the country other geoscience/geology programs have adopted the name "Earth Science". The name of the department at UNI reflects the definition of Earth Science used in K-12 education with the addition of Space Science (astronomy).

5. Is the proposed name consistent with association/accreditation designations?

NA

6. Describe program configuration changes that will result from the proposed name change, e.g., change in number of credit hours required, etc.

NA

7. Describe how current students will be affected by the proposed department/program name change.

The name change would help current students to have a degree that is reflected in the name of the department, while new students would be able to easily identify the curriculum offered by the department.

8. What costs will be incurred by the proposed name change? Identify new resources that will be needed in connection with the proposed name change, e.g., facilities, faculty, funds, etc.

Costs would be incurred in changing of printed materials (stationary, brochures, signage, name tags, etc). There are no new funding sources available to cover the costs for a quick change, and most changes will be implemented via attrition.

Additional information required by UNI:

DEPT/SCHOOL: Earth Science

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