



# Program Approval Form

For approval of new programs and deletions or modifications to an existing program.

### Action Requested:

- Create New (SCHEV approval required except for minors and certificates)
- Delete Existing
- Modify Existing (check all that apply)
  - Title (SCHEV approval required except for minors, certificates)
  - Concentration (Choose one):  Add  Delete  Modify
  - Degree Requirements
  - Admission Standards
  - Application Requirements
  - Other Changes: \_\_\_\_\_

### Type (Check one):

- B.A.  B.S.  Minor
- Undergraduate Certificate
- M.A.  M.S.  M.Ed.
- Ph.D.  Graduate Certificate
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

College/School:  Department:   
 Submitted by:  Ext:  Email:

Effective Term: Fall  Please note: For students to be admitted to a new degree, minor, certificate or concentration, the program must be fully approved, entered into Banner, and published in the University Catalog.

### Justification: (attach separate document if necessary)

**Program Title: (Required)**  
 Title must identify subject matter. Do not include name of college/school/dept.  
**Concentration(s):**  
**Admissions Standards / Application Requirements:**  
 (Required only if different from those listed in the University Catalog)  
**Degree Requirements:**  
 Consult University Catalog for models, attach separate document if necessary using track changes for modifications

Existing	New/Modified
Earth Systems and Geoinformation Sciences	
	See Attached

Courses offered via distance: (if applicable)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:

## Approval Signatures

College/School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Provost's Office \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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laboration with another unit at Mason, the originating department must circulate this proposal signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Unit Name	Unit Approval Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

### For Graduate Programs Only

Graduate Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ Provost Office \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Council Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Program Modifications for ESGS PhD  
Fall 2016

Proposed Modifications:

- 1) **Remove GGS 792** from the Research Synthesis Requirement.  
Rationale: This course has not been offered by the department in over 5 years. We are removing it from our course listings.
  
- 2) **Modify** elective requirement to be 19-31 credits.  
Rationale: This bookkeeping change makes the totals align, as GGS 792 was the only 2 credit course in the Research Synthesis requirement.

**Approvals:**

- Approved by the GGS Curriculum Committee on Sept 8, 2015.
- Approved by GGS Department on October 14, 2015.

**Current ESGS PhD Core**

**ESGS PhD Core**

*After Proposed Modifications*

**Core (24 credits)**

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**Research Synthesis (2-3 credits)**

GGG 684  
GGG 689  
GGG 792  
GGG 795

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GGG 684  
GGG 689  
  
GGG 795

**Seminar (2 credits)**

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**Dissertation & Proposal** (12-24 credits, with at least 6 credits in GGS 999)

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**Electives (19-32 credits)**

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Total: 72 credits

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