Program Change Request

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Program Inactivation Proposal

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Catalog Pages Using this Program

Geography, BS

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2021-2022

Rationale for Inactivation

In Workflow

1. **Registrar-Programs:Workflow Review**
2. **GGS Chair**
3. **SC Curriculum Committee**
4. SC Associate Dean
5. Assoc Provost-Graduate
6. Assoc Provost-Undergraduate
7. Registrar-Programs

Approval Path

1. 10/14/20 4:27 pm Tory Sarro (vsarro): Approved for Registrar-Programs:Workflow Review
2. 11/17/20 3:26 pm Nathan Burtch (nburtch): Approved for GGS Chair

History

1. Feb 15, 2018 by Rebekah Zacharias (rzachari)
2. Feb 15, 2018 by Rebekah Zacharias (rzachari)

3. Jan 24, 2019 by Tory Sarro (vsarro)
4. Jan 30, 2020 by Jennifer Bazaz Gettys (jbazaz)
5. Mar 10, 2020 by Johanna Riemen (jriemen)

The only difference among the any bachelor's degree pathway for ANY major and the BA/BS pathway for each of the GECA and GEOI BAM programs is that for the former, students are required to take either GGS 550, 553, or 579 their first semester as a BAM student, whereas majors can take any graduate course. Under BAM advisement and following best practices elsewhere on campus, GGS majors have tended to take a core class for the MS their first semester anyway. The trimmed structure will ease administration and admission and simplify departmental messaging.

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

Effective Catalog:	2021-2022
Program Level:	Undergraduate & Graduate (BAMs)
Program Type:	Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's
Title:	Geography, BS/Geoinformatics and Geospatial Intelligence, Accelerated MS
Registrar's Office Use Only – Program Start Term	
Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SACSCOC Status	
Concentration(s):	
College/School:	College of Science
Department / Academic Unit:	Geography & Geoinformation Science
Jointly Owned Program?	Yes
Participating Colleges	

Participating Departments

Justification

Catalog Published Information

Accelerated Description/Dual Degree Description:

Geography, BS/Geoinformatics and Geospatial Intelligence, Accelerated MS

Overview

Offered by the Department of Geography and Geoinformation Sciences (GGS) in the College of Science, this bachelor's/accelerated master's degree program enables highly qualified undergraduates to obtain the Geography, BS and the Geoinformatics and Geospatial Intelligence,MS degrees within an accelerated timeframe. The program strategy enables students to undertake graduate coursework during their final year in the bachelor's degree. This 147 credit program prepares students for professional careers where geoinformation management, geographic analysis, and geointelligence and geovisualization are of importance.

Students in this accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the Geography, BS and the Geoinformatics and Geospatial Intelligence,MS. While the information below is largely comprehensive, students are strongly encouraged to also review AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees.

Application Requirements

Students with an overall GPA of at least 3.0 may apply for provisional acceptance into this accelerated master's program after completing 75-100 undergraduate credits. Additionally, students must have completed the following courses with a combined GPA of 3.0 or better: GGS 300 Spatial Quantitative Methods, GGS 311 Geographic Information Systems, and any one upper level GGS-prefixed course.

Applicants to all graduate programs at Mason must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in the Admissions section of this catalog. However, this accelerated master's does not require GRE test scores.

While being undergraduate students, accelerated master's students must complete the two graduate courses indicated on their Accelerated Master's Program Application (obtained from the Office of Academic and Student Affairs) with a minimum grade of B in each course. They must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all coursework and in coursework applied to their major.

At the beginning of their final undergraduate semester, they must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form (found on the Office of the University Registrar website). Students must begin their master's program in the semester immediately following the term of undergraduate degree conferral. Students should consult with their faculty advisor in the Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science and the Office of Academic and Student Affairs to obtain further guidance.

Accelerated Option Requirements

Students admitted to this program may start taking graduate courses after completing 90 undergraduate credits. Up to 6 credits of graduate coursework may be applied to both the undergraduate degree and the master's degree. If students earn at least a B in these classes, they are granted advanced standing in the master's program and must then complete 27 additional credits to receive the master's degree. All other master's degree requirements must be met.

Reserve Graduate Credit

During the bachelor's degree status, students may take up to 6 graduate credits as reserve graduate credit. These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree, but will reduce the subsequent master's degree credits accordingly (e.g., with 6 credits counted towards undergraduate degree plus the maximum 6 reserve credits, the master's degree can be completed with 21 graduate credits). The ability to take courses for reserve graduate credit is available to all high achieving undergraduates with the permission of the department. To apply the reserved credits to the master's degree, students must request their transfer from the undergraduate degree to the graduate degree via the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form found on the Office of the University Registrar website.

Program Outcomes

OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

Comments or Notes

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Executive Summary

Reviewer Comments

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Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

No

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