

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

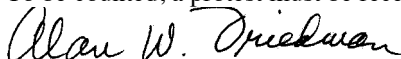
**PROPOSAL TO CREATE A GEOGRAPHY MINOR IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2018-2020***

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following proposal to create a Geography minor in the College of Liberal Arts chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*. On March 22, 2017, faculty in the Department of Geography and the Environment approved the proposal; it was approved by the College Curriculum Design and Assessment Committee on April 19, 2017; and by the Dean and the College of Liberal Arts faculty, on June 5, 2017. The Secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the proposal on February 2, 2018, and forwarded it to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with the Provost on behalf of the President.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by March 13, 2018.



Alan W. Friedman, Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Council
The University of Texas at Austin

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1. **TYPE OF PROPOSAL:** New Transcript-Recognized Minor
 Change an Existing Transcript-Recognized Minor
 Delete a Transcript-Recognized Minor
2. **OFFICIAL NAME:** Geography
3. **FIELD OF STUDY, CIP CODE** (administrative unit awarding the certificate): 45.0701
4. **STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE:** The Department of Geography and the Environment (GRG) does not currently offer a transcript-recognized minor. By creating a transcriptable minor (TRM), we anticipate that enrollment in GRG courses will increase. The TRM will likely be a popular option for other social science majors in the College of Liberal Arts as well as biology majors in the College of Natural Sciences.
5. **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT (IF ANY):** None
6. **NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED MINOR EACH SEMESTER:** Fifteen
7. **ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENT CAPACITY?** Fifty
8. **NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION:** Fifteen
9. **COMPOSITION OF THE MINOR FACULTY COMMITTEE (INCLUDING THE COMMITTEE CHAIR):**

Name of Faculty Member	College/Department	Title at UT Austin	Highest Degree and Awarding Institution
Sheryl Luzzadder-Beach	Liberal Arts/Geography	Professor and Department Chair	Ph.D. University of Minnesota-Minneapolis
Molly H. Polk	Liberal Arts/Geography	Lecturer and Associate Director of Sustainability Studies	Ph.D. UT-Austin
Greg Knapp	Associate Professor	Geography and the Environment and Director of Sustainability Studies	Ph.D. - U. of Wisconsin Madison
Caroline Faria	Assistant Professor	Geography and the Environment	Ph.D. - U. of Washington
Ken Young	Professor	Geography and the Environment	Ph.D. - University of Colorado Boulder

10. **Academic Course Requirements:** Use this table to identify the courses that qualify for this certificate program.

Course Abbreviation and Number	Course Title	SCH
GRG 301C/401C	The Natural Environment	
GRG 301K	Weather and Climate	
GRG 305K	This Human World: An Introduction to Geography	

