

**GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY
DEGREE PROGRAM and CURRICULUM CHANGES PROPOSAL COVER SHEET**

PROPOSAL: Deactivation of BS Outdoor Education	
COLLEGE: Health Sciences	DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Performance
DEGREE: B.S.	CIP CODE: 31.0101
MAJOR: Outdoor Education	MINOR:
CONCENTRATION NAMES:	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: (semester/year) Spring/2017
Description and Rationale for Recommended Action (attach additional pages if needed, this description will be shared at all levels in the University, and the University System and SACS Offices): Due to a historical pattern of low enrollment and graduation rates over the past 10 years, as well as a failure to achieve programmatic and administrative goals assembled from comprehensive program reviews and yearly progress and planning reports, we are recommending the B.S. in Outdoor Education be deactivated effective January 1, 2017. There are six students who have declared this major for 2016-2017. These students, in addition to those currently in the program, will be given the opportunity to progress to graduation and earn the degree. We will phase out the program with each year of graduates as we do the final "teach out." We will also stop admitting students into the major at the time we deactivate.	

- Action Item (Check one.)**
- New Major, Minor, Certificate, or Concentrations
 - Rename Major, Minor, Certificate, or Concentration
 - Deactivate/Discontinue Major, Minor, Certificate, or Concentration
 - New Degree or Graduation Requirement
 - General Education Requirement or Change
 - Curricular Change that Impacts Multiple Colleges
 - Modify Existing Major, Minor, Certificate, Concentration Requirements

All required documentation must be attached. (Electronic MS Word files with supporting documents are required at each level of review)

Reviewing entity	"•" denotes necessary routing.				Signature and Date	Recommend	*Not Recommended	Reviewed - Information Only
	Major (new, modify, rename, deactivate)	Concentration or Certificate (new, modify, rename, deactivate)	Minor (new, modify, rename, deactivate)	General Education or Curricular Change affecting multiple colleges				
Chair, Department Curriculum Committee	•	•	•	•	<i>Lisa M. Griffin</i>	X		
Department Office Department Chair	•	•	•	•	<i>Lisa M. Griffin</i>	X		
Chair, College Curriculum Committee	•	•	•	•	<i>J. Malcom</i>	X		
Dean's Office Dean	•	•	•	•	<i>Sandra K. Campbell</i>	X		
Graduate Council (as appropriate for Graduate Curriculum)	•	•		•	NA			
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Committee of University Senate	•	•	•	•				
University Senate	•	•		•				
Academic Affairs Provost Office	•	•		•				
President	•			•				
USG/BOR Review/Information Item	•	•	•	•				
SACSCOC Notification	•	•	•					

*A "Not Recommend" recommendation should include reviewer rationale and recommended action.



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DEGREE AND/OR MAJOR DEACTIVATION FORM

Institution: Georgia College & State University

Date Submitted: March 31, 2016

Deactivation Effective Date: January 1, 2017

Degree Title and CIP Code: Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Education, 31.0101

Rationale: Due to a historical pattern of low enrollment and graduation rates over the past 10 years, as well as a failure to achieve programmatic and administrative goals assembled from comprehensive program reviews and yearly progress and planning reports, the B.S. in Outdoor Education will be deactivated effective January 1, 2017. There are six students who have declared this major for 2016-2017. These students, in addition to those currently in the program, will be given the opportunity to progress to graduation and earn the degree. We will phase out the program with each year of graduates as we do the final "teach out." We will also stop admitting students into the major as of Spring, 2017 semester.

Name (President or VP for Academic Affairs typed):

Dr. Kelli Brown, Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs

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MEMO

To: Dr. Judith Malachowski, Associate Dean
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From: Dr. Lisa M. Griffin, Director
School of Health & Human Performance
Date: March 30, 2016
Re: Recommendation to Deactivate BS Outdoor Education

The faculty and administration in the School of Health and Human Performance (SHHP) dedicated the February faculty meeting to discuss the BS in Outdoor Education (OE). Concerns included: 1) the historical pattern of low enrollment, 2) low graduation rates, 3) failure to achieve programmatic and administrative goals assembled from mandatory reports, 4) low numbers of student to faculty ratios, and 4) repeated efforts made with the faculty in OE to address essential changes in the curriculum for program sustainability.

All faculty in SHHP were provided with OE programmatic data and copies of prior program reports for discussion at the faculty meeting. SHHP faculty serve as the "curriculum committee of the whole," and the director serves as the chair of the curriculum committee. After a presentation by the OE faculty of proposed changes to the BS that they felt would raise productivity and increase viability, plus a thorough discussion by all faculty in SHHP, the decision was made to move forward with: 1) recommending deactivation of the BS in Outdoor Education effective January 1, 2017, and 2) revamping the current minor in OE to make it a strong, value-enhanced program accessible to more students at GC. The decision to recommend deactivation (temporary suspension) as opposed to termination is to provide SHHP with some time to analyze the continued viability of Outdoor Education once the revamped minor is fully implemented.

The data provided the faculty was compiled from the GC Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness and showed a steady pattern of static enrollment, graduation rates, and low faculty to student ratios (see Tables 1, 2 & 3). Excerpts from past program reviews expressed the following concerns:

2012 Comprehensive Program Review

With rolling three-year averages consistently near USG threshold of 10/year for triggered review of an undergraduate program, close attention to this productivity measure is recommended.

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2013 Progress and Planning Report (Dean's feedback)

The BS in Outdoor Education faculty to student ratio is below 10 students. The numbers of actual Outdoor Education majors enrolled annually has not significantly increased, despite efforts made by the unit to attract/recruit more Outdoor Education undergraduate student majors over the past four years. Curricular modifications have not yielded the anticipated increase in majors. Credit hour production is nominal in the program. Thus the cost per student credit hour remains extremely high for program delivery. I express significant concerns about program sustainability...

2014 Prioritization Report (Director's comments)

8A: Opportunities for Enhancement

Other possibilities include making a concerted effort to "right size" the credit hour production of courses in the major by changing the credit hours of select classes to better account for field experiences; increase the enrollment caps of courses that have limited field experiences; and revamp the current program of study to include more courses specifically within the major (with the ODED prefix). Any or all of these would help us better balance the overall costs to administer this unique program.

8B: Obstacles

The only true obstacle we foresee will be the inability to increase our student population and maintain the program.

With other high needs areas within the School of Health & Human Performance (e.g. Exercise Science), the continuation of allocating resources toward a BS that has remained essentially stagnant for many years would not be practical. We do believe OE still has significant value as a minor and are recommending we proceed in that direction as we deactivate the BS.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.

Lisa M. Griffin

Table 1**# of Students Enrolled in BS Outdoor Education (OE)**

Semester	Enrolled	Change
Fall 2010	50	
Fall 2011	40	-0.2
Fall 2012	43	0.075
Fall 2013	45	0.04651
Fall 2014	44	- 0.0222

Table 2**Outdoor Education Degrees Conferred**

Cip Code	Degree Acronym	Fiscal Year	SUM(Num Of Students)
310101	BS	2015	7
310101	BS	2014	14
310101	BS	2013	13
310101	BS	2012	11
310101	BS	2011	16

Table 3**Average # of Students per Faculty by Semester**

Semester	Faculty 1	Faculty 2	Faculty 3	Faculty 4
Fall 2010	12	21.6	0	0
Spring 2011	6.5	8.5	14.5	14
Fall 2011	6.2	11	0	0
Spring 2012	8	4.5	25	10
Fall 2012	13	14	0	18
Spring 2013	30	7	14	7
Fall 2013	17.5	12	0	15
Spring 2014	13	4.25	19	11.5
Fall 2014	12	11	0	10
Spring 2015	9	7	17.5	9