

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
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Associated Forms exist? No ▼

Proposed effective term

Semester Fall ▼ Year 2021 ▼

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program Undergraduate Degree Program ▼

Name of New or Existing Program BA/BS Biology concentration: Conservation Biology

Select Category Concentration ▼ Degree Type UG

Select Action Revision ▼

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

[20 to 21 Concentration in Conservation Biology side by side - revised.docx](#)

☐ Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.

Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

We are updating the Biology conservation concentration for both the BA and BS for the 2021 catalog to better align the catalog with current departmental practices and expectations. We are improving the description and some of the course options to articulate a more direct path to graduate school and career pathways. Other adjustments of course details (additions/deletions) are for accuracy. These updates, along with an elaboration of interdisciplinary electives that students can reference with advisors in supplemental materials, allow more inclusivity for the students. With a more streamlined degree path for the concentration, we believe that this will better attract additional students to this concentration and better prepare them to use their education after graduation.

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications. (upload a doc/pdf file)

☐ Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Upload memo from Associate Provost authorizing go-ahead to full proposal. (upload a doc/pdf file)