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Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template

Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: MS and PhD in Forestry – Drop Specializations in Forest Biology and in Forest Economics and Policy
Currently Approved Title: MS and PhD in Forestry
School or Division or Location: College of Natural Resources
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Wildland Resources
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 26.1301
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 26.1301
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/26/2013
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: 01/04/2013

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

R401-5		R401-6	
<i>Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents' agenda.</i>		<i>Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents' agenda.</i>	
Section #	Item	Section #	Item
4.1.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor*	6.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
5.1.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> New Emphasis on an Existing Degree*	6.1.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Unit
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Proficiency Not Eligible for Financial Aid		
5.1.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs		
5.1.4	<input type="checkbox"/> Name Change of Existing Programs		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Transfer		
5.1.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Restructure		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Consolidation		
5.1.6	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Discontinuation		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Suspension		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Creation		
5.1.7	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Transfer		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Consolidation		
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Center		
5.1.8	<input type="checkbox"/> New Institute		
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Bureau		
5.1.9	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Certificate		

*Requires "Section VI: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Signature

Date: 06/21/13

Printed Name: Dr. Laurens H. Smith, Jr.

¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
MS and PhD in Forestry
09/05/2012

Section I: Request

The Department of Wildland Resources proposes to restructure its MS and PhD in Forestry by dropping the existing specializations in Forest Biology and in Forest Economics and Policy.

Section II: Need

This restructure is necessary to allow the Department of Wildland Resources to drop specializations that are redundant or are not used by Forestry MS and PhD students and faculty in the department. Forestry graduate students who are interested in forest biology are getting Ecology MS and PhD degrees with a focus on Forest Ecology (an R401-5 has been filed that will recognize this focus by creating a specialization in forest ecology within our Ecology MS and PhD degrees). Forest economics and policy is not an area of emphasis in the Wildland Resources Department – we have no faculty in these areas in our department. Therefore we propose to drop the Forest Economics and Policy specialization because it is not used. Our proposed change will not affect the rigor of the Forestry MS or PhD programs or the courses taken. It will simplify our program marketing by dropping a specialization that is not used (Forest Biology), and will clarify our program marketing by dropping a specialization that is not available (Forest Economics and Policy).

Section III: Institutional Impact

The proposed program restructure will simplify and clarify the Wildland Resources Department's MS and PhD program in Forestry. This change will not affect our administrative structures, nor will it change faculty or staff requirements, or required facilities. The required coursework will not change, and the academic requirements of the masters and doctoral program will not be affected or changed.

Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of this change.

Section V: Program Curriculum –NA

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