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Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template/Abbreviated Template with Curriculum

Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: M.S. in Environment and Society; Ph.D. in Environment and Society
Currently Approved Title: M.S. and Ph.D. in Human Dimensions of Ecosystem Science and Management
School or Division or Location: Quinney College of Natural Resources
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Environment and Society
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 03.0201
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 03.0201
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs):
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: March 4, 2016

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Regents' General Consent Calendar Items		
<i>R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar</i>		
SECTION NO.		ITEM
5.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor*
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emphasis*
5.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	(CER P) Certificate of Proficiency*
5.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	(GCR) Graduate Certificate*
5.4.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Administrative Unit
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Consolidation
5.4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conditional Three-Year Approval for New Centers, Institutes, or Bureaus
5.4.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Center
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Institute
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Bureau
5.5.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs
5.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Consolidation
5.5.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Programs
5.5.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Discontinuation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Suspension
5.5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Administrative Unit

**Requires "Section V: 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: February 26, 2016

Printed Name: 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
M.S., Ph.D. in Environment and Society
08/27/2015**

Section I: Request

The M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in “Human Dimensions of Ecosystem Science and Management” are to be re-named “Environment and Society” after the Department that supports them.

Section II: Need

When the College of Natural Resources was reorganized around 2000, creating the Department of Environment and Society, the degree name selected was “Human Dimensions of Ecosystem Science and Management.” At that time, this reflected cutting-edge intellectual trends in human dimensions of environmental change and, within the Federal agencies, ecosystem management. Over time, however, these specific phrases have faded as descriptions of research agendas and management approaches. The ENVS faculty thus unanimously approved changing the degree names with less wordy, more descriptive, and more enduring names mirroring the department that supports them: “Environment and Society.” Each of these graduate degrees enjoys strong enrollments, graduation rates, and faculty support. The department is not aware of similar degrees in Utah.

Section III: Institutional Impact

Given that this is a change in the degree names only, there will be no impact on affiliated departments, facilities, or administrative structures. The more intuitive degree names may have a positive effect on enrollments.

Section IV: Finances

No budgetary impact.

Section V: Program Curriculum

*****THIS SECTION OF THE TEMPLATE REQUIRED FOR EMPHASES, MINORS, AND CERTIFICATES ONLY*****

All Program Courses (with New Courses in Bold)

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
	Sub-Total	
Elective Courses		
	Sub-Total	
Track/Options (if applicable)		
	Sub-Total	
	Total Number of Credits	

Program Schedule

To be effective Fall semester 2016.