LEVEL I FORM (4/15)

Please attach/submit additional documents as needed to fully complete each section of the form. See information about Level I Proposals.

I. DEPARTMENT / PROGRAM

Ecological Restoration, College of Forestry and Conservation.

II. SUMMARY

The Ecological Restoration Program is requesting a change in title. The proposed title is “Ecosystem Science and Restoration”.

IV. ENDORSEMENTS AND APPROVALS

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Program Chair:

Signature _______________ Date 9/25/15

*Other Affected Programs: None

Dean:

Signature _______________ Date 9/26/15

Provost’s Office:

Signature _______________ Date 10/5/15

* Are affected because of: (a) required courses including prerequisites or corequisites, (b) perceived overlap in content areas, or (c) cross-listing of coursework. After the Faculty Senate approves the proposal on a consent agenda the Provost’s Office forwards the item for Board of Regents approval at the next possible meeting.
V. TYPE OF LEVEL I PROPOSAL

- Retitling existing majors, minors, options, or certificates
- Eliminating existing majors, minors, or options. (submit with BOR program termination checklist)
- Adding new minors or certificates where there is a major or an option in a major*
- Campus Certificates: Adding, retitling, terminating or revising a certificate of 29 or fewer credits
- Revising a program* (for minor modifications use the program modification form)
- Distance or online delivery of previously authorized degree or certificate program
- Adding option within an existing major or degree *
- Consolidating existing programs and/or degrees *
- Placing a program into moratorium
- Withdrawing a program from moratorium
- Adding BAS/AA/AS Area of Study

*Must submit with BOR Curriculum Proposal Form

IV. CATALOG LANGUAGE

Proposed catalogue language is attached. In addition, revised curriculum sheets are attached. In the revised sheets, red font indicates changes in titles and yellow indicates changes in requirements. Note: In addition to the name change, there are a few minor modifications proposed. These have been detailed in a separate Program Modification request.

III. JUSTIFICATION

The program is requesting to change its title to Ecosystem Science and Restoration (ESR) for the following reasons

1. The proposed name better reflects the curriculum's emphasis on both science and management. Students in the program take at least 43 credits in ecology and other biological sciences, chemistry, and math.
2. By including "ecosystem science" in the title, the program will be able to market itself more effectively to students interested in this area. In particular, College of Forestry students interested in graduate school in ecosystem science and ecology will be attracted to the program. Currently, students interested in ecosystem science may not be seeking out this major.
3. Students will benefit from having a more accurate degree title on their transcripts, in that graduate schools and future employers will have an easier time understanding their training and credential.
4. UM and DECS have leading faculty in ecology and ecosystem science research. Including "ecosystem science" in the title helps build the UM ecology brand.
5. The proposed title better reflects the interests and expertise of the faculty who teach in the program. The proposed name will assist with building community among faculty in the program, and will allow the program to align more closely with the Department of Ecosystem and Conservation Sciences.
VI SUBMISSION

Submit the complete Level I proposal to the Provost's Office for initial review. After all signatures have been obtained, submit original, and an electronic file to the Faculty Senate Office, UH 221, camie.foos@mso.umt.edu

Level 1 proposals also require Board of Regents approval. The appropriate BOR forms must be submitted with this form.