

Key Changes Made As a Result of Assessment and Impacts on Learning
2012 - 2016

Program: GSHAA: Geography

List of Changes Made as a Result of Assessment	Resultant Impact(s) on Student Learning	Relationship to Budgeting (if any)	Timeframe	Evidence and Location
2013/2014 Curriculum Review to change the major from 33 cr. hrs (designed to make double major with complementary academic discipline attractive) to 39 cr. hrs, including the senior capstone course		Courses developed and taught by faculty within existing work assignments		Updated requirements published in CSU Undergraduate Catalog
2013/2014. Addition of dedicated senior thesis course, GEOG 4950.	Previously, students could use an enhanced research paper from one of the existing senior level geography courses as the basis for the senior thesis.	None - course taught as tutorial supervised by geography faculty as part of their existing work assignment.	So far, no students have matriculated and completed under this requirement.	Updated requirements published in CSU Undergraduate Catalog. Course Reference Numbers available when graduating senior identified who requires the course.
Fall, 2014: hired new faculty member with expertise in GIS and Remote Sensing, to maintain the quality and viability of the program.	New GIS minor developed assistance with development of transfer articulation and curriculum development	Budget line available to hire. IER indicated that registration and FTEs supported hiring		New faculty hired for Fall 2014.
201415: Budget line for GIS lab manager removed by Academic Affairs, while interviews of finalists for the position were being conducted.	Increased problems for students. In addition to maintaining hardware and site licences in the GIS laboratory, the lab manager provided assistance and mentoring to students. Also the presence of the lab manager meant that the lab would remain open during regular business hours.	Geography cannot fill this critical position until the budget line is replaced. The GIS minor and the SIS minor require access to the GIS lab and to the mentoring and management provided by the GIS lab manager	must be filled as soon as possible.	

<p>201516: Participation in the creation of a new cross-college institute: Intelligence and Cyber Security Education and Research (ICSER). Within Geography, there is a new Minor and Graduate Certificate Program in Security and Intelligence Studies (SIS).</p>	<p>Will create synergy with the newly proposed BSc in Geographic Information Sciences (see below)</p>	<p>Project is supported by a grant from the Defense Intelligence Agency of the U.S. Department of Defense for \$1.9 million.</p>	<p>SIS minor has been implemented, and transfer articulations with Moraine Valley Community College are in the discussion phase.</p>	<p>Office located in College of Education supports the program.</p>
<p>201516: Redesign of Geography undergraduate program. Redesign includes; suspension of Teaching Option. proposal of BA in Urban Studies, an interdisciplinary undergraduate degree proposal of BSc in Geographic Information Sciences</p>	<p>Urban Studies focus will provide a more efficient pathway to degree, utilizing closely related academic disciplines of History, Sociology, Political Science and African American Studies. GIS focus will incorporate a detailed transfer articulation with GIS program at Moraine Valley Community College, and will share resources with new SIS minor in Security and Intelligence Studies.</p>	<p>More efficient curriculum planning because upper division courses in multiple disciplines will benefit from student interest and requirements.</p>	<p>most courses in the redesign are located in programs housed in GSHAA. Faculty and program coordinators will be able to plan</p>	<p>Proposal to change the undergraduate degree program was formally submitted to the Academic Program Elimination Review Committee (APEREC) as the redesign option.</p>