



ACADEMIC PROGRAM ELIMINATION/DEACTIVATION FORM

(Revised October 2017)

DIRECTIONS: Use this form when proposing to eliminate or deactivate an academic program, degree, major, or primary field of study. For more detail on the NSHE program elimination/deactivation process, see the last page of this form.

DATE OF REQUEST: September 24, 2023

Date of AAC Approval:

11-29-23

TYPE OF REQUEST:

- Elimination
 Deactivation (A deactivated program will be considered formally eliminated after five years.)

Date of Board Approval:

INSTITUTION: GBC

DEGREE: Check applicable box

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate: 30+ Credits | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate of Arts (AA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate of Science (AS) | <input type="checkbox"/> AA/AS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate of Applied Science (AAS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Arts (BA) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Science (BS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master of Science (MS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts (MA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) | <input type="checkbox"/> (Other or Named Degree) |

FULL TITLE OF PROGRAM TO BE ELIMINATED/DEACTIVATED: Bachelor of Science – Biological Sciences

EFFECTIVE SEMESTER/TERM OF ELIMINATION/DEACTIVATION: Fall 2024

LAST SEMESTER/TERM OF STUDENT ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM: Fall 2023

LAST SEMESTER/TERM OF FULL PROGRAM TEACH-OUT: Spring 2025

A. Reason for proposed elimination/deactivation of the program

Low enrollment Since the beginning of the BS in Biological Sciences was started in Fall of 2016, there have been a total of 25 graduates and this number of graduates has been steadily going down. In 2022-2023, there were a total of 3 graduates.

B. Attach the NWCCU Teach-Out Plan if required by NWCCU that provides for the equitable treatment of students when a program ceases to operate or ceases instruction. Confirm Teach-Out Plan attached:

- Yes
 No. If no, explain why the NWCCU Teach-Out-Plan is not required and specify plan to phase out the program, including description of how the needs of currently enrolled students will be met,

C. Impact of elimination/deactivation on faculty and staff, and related academic programs

Synergy with the BA in Secondary Education with an endorsement in Science will be difficult with the deactivation of this degree. This will cause the enrollment in upper division biology class for secondary education to be reduced. Currently, there are only 5 students who have declared the BA in Secondary Education with an endorsement in Science as a major.

D. Has the discipline accrediting agency approved and/or been notified of the intent to eliminate or deactivate this program? Does this impact any other discipline accredited programs?

This degree pathway does not have a discipline accrediting body.

E. Describe the process of notifying other institutions regarding impact of the program elimination/deactivation on transfer and articulation

The other institutions effected by the elimination of this program will be notified.

F. Fiscal Impact Statement – describe the fiscal impact, if any, that will result from the elimination/deactivation of the program

After the teach-out period, a 3-credit work load reassignment will not be required for the program supervisor.

Please attach any supporting documentation (i.e. support letters from community, industry).

Teach-Out Plan for Bachelor of Science – Biological Sciences

Each of the courses in the program will be taught one more time over the next two years. This will allow students ample time to complete any remaining degree requirements.

Semester 1 - Fall 2023

BIOL 300 4CR

BIOL 432 4CR

Semester 2 - Spring 2024

BIOL 315 3CR

BIOL 401 1CR

BIOL 410 3CR

NRES 432 3CR

Semester 3 - Fall 2024

BIOL 305 3CR

BIOL 341 3CR

BIOL 394 2CR

BIOL 447 3CR

Semester 4 - Spring 2025

BCH 400 4CR

BIOL 331 3CR

BIOL 415 4CR