

**ITEM 148-1603-R0910**

**The University of Montana Western**

**B.S. Majors in Environmental Science and Environmental Interpretation**

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**THAT**

The Environmental Sciences Department of The University of Montana Western seeks to add a new major in Environmental Science (CIP = 03.0104) with Options in: Geology (CIP = 03.0104); Geochemistry (CIP = 03.0104); Wetlands Management (CIP = 03.0205); and Sustainable Natural Resource Management (CIP = 03.0299) to replace its current B.A. Option in Environmental Sciences with its six Related Areas (sub-options). The Department also seeks permission to add a new major in Environmental Interpretation (CIP = 03.0199) with Options in: Geological Naturalist (CIP = 03.0199); Biological Naturalist (CIP = 03.0199); and Pre-Professional Conservation Officer (CIP = 03.0199).

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**EXPLANATION**

These proposed changes would bring the program offering nomenclature within the Environmental Sciences Department in line with that of similar programs across the U.S.

An existing B.A.: Environmental Sciences Option would become a B.S. Environmental Sciences extended Major with minor alterations in core class content. Six existing Related Areas (Sub-Options) that were available for the B.A. would be simplified in the B.S. to four Options: Geology, Environmental Geochemistry, Sustainable Natural Resource Management, and Wetlands Management. Wetlands management would become a new Option; the other three already exist as Related Areas (Sub-Options) and have been modified slightly. Low-enrollment Related Areas in Applied Mathematical Science, Biology, and Wildlands Therapy would be dropped.

An existing BA: Environmental Interpretation Option would be converted to a B.S. Major in Environmental Interpretation with course content being slightly modified. Current Geological Naturalist, Biological Naturalist and Pre-Professional Conservation Officer Related Areas would be maintained as Options within the new degree structure.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- Level II Request Form
- Curriculum Proposals
- Detail