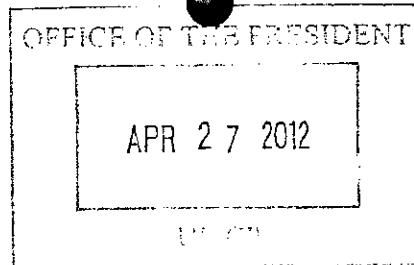




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April 24, 2012

Wallace D. Loh, Ph.D.  
President  
University of Maryland College Park  
Main Administration Building  
College Park, MD 20742

Dear President Loh,

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a request from University of Maryland College Park to rename the respective Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Master of Arts (M.A.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Geography as Geographical Sciences. I am pleased to inform you that this request has been administratively approved. The HEGIS and CIP codes will not change. This decision was based on an analysis of the program in conjunction with the Maryland Higher Education Commission's Policies and Procedures for Academic Program Proposals and the Code of Maryland Regulations.

For purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please use the following HEGIS and CIP codes:

<u>Current Title</u>	<u>New Title</u>	<u>Degree Level</u>	<u>HEGIS</u>	<u>CIP</u>
Geography	Geographical Sciences	B.S.	2206-00	45.0701
Geography	Geographical Sciences	M.A.	2206-00	45.0701
Geography	Geographical Sciences	Ph.D.	2206-00	45.0701

Should the programs require any substantial changes in the future, please keep the Commission apprised. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Danette G. Howard, Ph.D.  
Interim Secretary of Higher Education

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