

**TO:** Academic Policies Committee

**FROM:** College of Education and Human Sciences

**DATE:** February 11, 2020

**RE:** Eliminate Minor

We request that you consider placing this curricular item on your earliest possible agenda.

Name of Program: Minor: Geography, Teaching

Program Code: 140-413

Date of Department/Program Approval — December 15, 2019

Date of CoEHS Curriculum Committee Approval – February 7, 2020

Date of CoEHS College Approval – February 7, 2020

**From Current Catalog Web Page:**

<https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geography-minor-t/>

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**Rationale:** Effective August 1, 2018, The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) changed the rules for teacher licensure. The revised rules changed the specific subject licenses (history, political science, geography, economics, sociology) in social studies to a broad license in social studies that should include all subject areas. In other words, we will be preparing education students to teach ALL subject areas within a comprehensive social studies major. Therefore, specific subject area licenses are no longer needed.