

The Department of Geological Sciences opposes the proposal to change the name of the Department of Geography to “Department of Geography, Sustainability, and Tourism” because such a name change would be likely to have a deleterious effect on the future development of an interdisciplinary program in the field of Sustainability, would be confusing to students if and when such a program is developed, would be confusing to students looking for courses related to sustainability (such as the environmental science program in Biology or the earth science/geology programs offered by Geological Sciences), and ignores the interdisciplinary nature of the topic (which involves science, culture, and economic factors relevant to many other departments).

The Department of Geological Sciences also agrees with the statement from the Department of Biology.