

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 29, 2009

**TO:** Dr. Dan Julius, Vice President Academic Affairs  
UA Systemwide Academic Council

**FROM:** James Everett, UAS Interim Provost

**SUBJECT:** New UAS Programs



The UAS School of Arts & Sciences has developed two new programs provided for your review.

The proposed B.A. in Geography/Environmental Studies and B.S. in Geography/Environmental Resources degrees were developed by UAS faculty in response to student demand and in collaboration with the UA Geography Program. In the Natural Science Program, we currently offer a B.S. in Environmental Science (ENVS) which is a highly quantitative degree focused on preparing students for graduate school. Students that leave this degree program typically leave UAS or get a B.L.A degree. During the tenure of the ENVS degree, students have consistently asked for additional degree options in environmental studies/resources. At the same time, the creation of the UA Geography Program provided the opportunity to develop new environmentally themed degrees at UAS that are closely tied to a larger statewide effort.

These programs have been approved through the normal UAS governance process. We are now asking for SAC review. UAS asks that these proposals be submitted to the Board of Regents for consideration at the June 2009 meeting.