

**Proposal to Shelve Degree Program:  
Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Water Resources Systems  
Proposal 25-23**

**(Voting Units: Academic)**

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1. Full name of program to be shelved:
  - Sustainable Water Resources Systems Certificate
2. Final term program was open for new admits:
  - Fall 2022
3. Plan to complete all enrolled and returning students:
  - Zero students are currently enrolled in this graduate certificate program.
4. Reason for shelving:
  - Student demand for this certificate is non-existent, with low/no enrollment for several years.
  - This certificate is not administered by an academic department and suffers from a lack of attention from the academic units and faculty.
  - This certificate is twelve on-campus credit hours, and does not follow the current standard of nine on-line credit hours.
  - The course list for this certificate is unwieldly and needs to be revised.
  - We would like to shelve this certificate for 5 years; eventually eliminating this certificate.
5. Financial impact (if any) to the department and university:
  - This will eliminate the administrative expenses associated with maintaining the certificate webpage, course list/schedule, and creating the annual assessment plan.