

Statement on Status of GBC Land Surveying/Geomatics Program

GBC has recently made the decision that it will be suspending its Land Surveying/Geomatics program. This is based upon the resignation of the current instructor of the program, in consideration of current drastic budget cuts, and because of relatively low enrollment in the program. This was not an easy decision because it is seen as a program carrying value.

Before the beginning of spring classes in January, 2014, GBC will provide a plan to all students currently admitted to the program to be able to finish the program. This will include a two-year schedule of surveying classes that will be offered one last time through GBC, beginning in the fall of 2014. Students not completing the surveying classes in this time period will not be guaranteed the ability to complete the degree. Other courses required for the BAS program (general education and other BAS courses) will be available beyond the two-year period.

Students taking courses but not currently admitted to the program in an official capacity may apply for admission to the program early this spring (cutoff date to be determined). Admission will be considered on a case-by-case basis after evaluating the chances of succeeding in the given time frame. Admission at this late date is subject to the condition that all surveying courses must be completed as they are scheduled in the final two years. Other conditions may also be applied to late admission.

Suspension of the program allows the program to possibly be reinstated within five years. However, this would be subject to a better budget setting, the ability to secure appropriate instruction, and an indication of sufficient interest to generate the needed enrollment. Evaluation of these conditions will be made during the two-year phase-out of surveying courses.

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