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**Review of the BSc Geography programme, Specialty 106 Geography,
the field of knowledge 10 Natural Sciences at Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi
National University, Ukraine**

The bachelor's degree programme in Geography addresses areas knowledge of the environment as the result of natural processes and as a consequence of human activity, approaches to sustainable development providing a critically informed understanding of ways of representing and interpreting the world, appropriate skills, attributes and values to examine and shape a better, more socially just and sustainable world. The proposed curriculum for the geography bachelor's degree program at Chernivtsi National University is designed to align with these objectives.

The program is designed to train bachelor's-degree students capable of addressing complex, specialised tasks in geography and solving practical problems in their professional activities. It enables the development of both general and professional competencies, critical thinking, practical research skills, and the abilities necessary for effective communication, collaboration, and dissemination of specialized information. This focus is particularly relevant for ensuring the successful professional engagement of geographers.

The educational and professional program includes a comprehensive set of generic and subject-specific skills, personal attributes for a bachelor's degree, aligning with the national Subject Benchmark in Geography. Professional skills are tailored to labour market demands in this field. The mandatory courses within the curriculum

allow the development of key professional skills such as digital cartography, GIS, remote sensing and mathematical modelling. The optional course cycle offers a range of relevant courses, including the ones taught in English and designed to align with global sustainable development goals.

To enhance the program's quality, align it with international standards, and reinforce its holistic value, greater emphasis on education in sustainable development is required. Incorporating both generic and subject-specific skills, as well as a mandatory course on this cross-cutting theme, would further enrich the curriculum.

Overall, the bachelor's degree programme in Geography (Specialty 106, Geography) is modern, comprehensive, and meets both the standard requirements for the specialty and the current demands of the labour market. Thus, it is recommended for approval and implementation in the educational process.

Yours sincerely,

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