



ESF Minor Curriculum Change Proposal Form

Committee on Curriculum - ESF Faculty Governance
Office of Instruction & Graduate Studies

Date: 10/10/2025
Department: Environmental Biology
Curriculum Title: MPS in Environmental Biology – also renaming it

For Minor Changes in existing curriculum (check all that apply):

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| ☐ revised courses | ☒ change in total cr. hrs. |
| ☐ new course sequence | ☐ new program objectives* |
| ☒ new courses added | ☐ new accreditation/assessment requirements |

*See SUNY Guidelines

1. Rationale for Change

Please provide an explanatory narrative outlining the rationale for the change, and the impacts of this change on the learning outcomes of the curriculum:

- 1. We are changing name of the program to MPS in Ecological Restoration The program title better represents the program aimed at professionals working with the rehabilitation of degraded ecosystems*
- 2. Changing the credit requirement to 30 credit to assure a timely and efficient completion of the degree – this is in line with other master's degrees.*
- 3. Adding a new culminating experience – EFB 899 Master research, 3 credits. Students will have an option of completing the existing EFB 898 Professional experience or 3 credits of EFB 899 Master Research..*

2. Institutional Impact:

Changes from existing condition:

Anticipated Enrollment or Enrollment Change: We expect an increase of enrollment to 15/year

Faculty or Staffing Requirements: NA

Technology, Computing Resources, and Classroom Resource Demands: NA

Change in Accreditation Requirements: NA

Changes to Assessment Plan: NA

Library Resource Requirements: NA

3. Catalog Narrative:

Please attach to this proposal form a copy of the current catalog description in MS Word format, with revisions shown in "track changes".

4. Curriculum Transition Plan:

Please provide a narrative description of your plan for transitioning from your existing curriculum to the proposed new curriculum. Please provide specific dates for implementing curriculum changes, overlap periods where old and new curricula may exist simultaneously, and final phase out of old curricula. Please also include impacts and mitigating considerations for transfer students and students in mid-program during implementation, impacts of changes in semester delivery of existing courses, addition of new courses within a particular semester, etc.

5. Approval Signatures:

Signatures below, or attached letters, indicate that the affected departments, programs or units have been notified of this proposal and have had an opportunity to assess the impact of the proposal on their respective units. If departments did not respond to your notification, you may wish to document your effort to contact them.

Affected Academic Department(s) or Program(s):

Department/Program 1

Name of Chair/Program Director

Chair Signature

Date

Or letter attached ☐

Department/Program 2

Name of Chair/Program Director

Chair Signature

Date

Or letter attached ☐

Department/Program 3

Name of Chair/Program Director

Chair Signature

Date

Or letter attached ☐

[If more/less than three Departments/Programs, please add/delete lines as appropriate.]

Other Units

Library Director

Date

Or letter attached ☐

Computing and Network Services

Date

Or letter attached ☐

Physical Plant	_____	_____ Or letter attached ☐
	Date	
Forest Properties	_____	_____ Or letter attached ☐
	Date	
Environmental Health and Safety	_____	_____ Or letter attached ☐
	Date	
Admissions	_____	_____ Or letter attached ☐
	Date	
Other _____	_____	_____ Or letter attached ☐
	Date	
Other _____	_____	_____ Or letter attached ☐
	Date	

Office of the Provost

Signature below, or attached letter, indicates that the Provost either a) agrees that that there is no need for additional resources from the College; or b) indicates willingness to provide the extra support to the department.

Provost Signature	_____	_____ Or letter attached ☐
	Date	

6. Proposer Information and Department Chair Affirmation:

Contact Person:

Name: Stephen Teale Department: Environmental Biology
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This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the sponsoring Department. Affected departments have been notified and given the opportunity to provide feedback. Department resources are or will be made available to support this curriculum revision, or a plan is in place to meet the resource needs as identified in the Institutional Impacts section of this proposal (see Section 2, above).

Name: Stephen Teale Date: 10/10/25
Department Chair (or designated curriculum representative)
Signature: [Signature] Or letter attached ☐
Department Chair (or designated curriculum representative)

7. Final Approvals:

Curriculum Committee

Date

Faculty Governance

Date

Provost

Date