Administrative Approval Form – Curriculum*

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

Date: October 22, 2018
Department: Environmental Studies
Curriculum Title: Natural Systems Applications option area within the Environmental Studies major
Name of Requestor: Andrea Feldpausch-Parker

Attach to this form a copy of the ESF Minor Curriculum Change Proposal Form with all sections completed. Send the completed documents to Scott Shannon, 227 Bray Hall (sshannon@esf.edu)

Description of the Change:

We would like to make a slight adjustment to our organization and course lists for our Natural Systems Applications option area in the Environmental Studies major. The organization of the social science course lists (18 credits) will change from two content areas (policy and communication; 9 credits from each category) to three content areas (policy and decision making (9 credits), communication and interpretation (6 credits), and critical perspectives (3 credits)). These adjustments will better characterize the social science content areas we would like our students to draw from and allow us to add additional courses to the lists. It should be noted that the classes listed in the critical perspectives category were previously in the communication list, making the credit change of minimal impact.

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☐ Approve

☐ Deny (Explanation if denied):

S. Scott Shannon
Associate Provost for Instruction

*Form to be used for minor changes only. “Minor” curriculum changes appropriate for administrative approval should be limited to ONE of the following examples: 1) Adding a new course to a curriculum’s list of required courses; 2) Adding a new course to a curriculum’s list of directed elective courses; 3) Revising an existing course that is a part of a curriculum’s list of required courses (i.e. number, prefix, or title change); 4) Revising an existing course that is a part of a curriculum’s list of directed elective courses (i.e. number, prefix, or title change); 5) Adjusting course sequencing within a curriculum that does not change lists of required courses or directed electives or total credit hours, and has no impact on students outside of the major; or 6) Minor changes to curriculum description/language in the college catalog that does not change course tables or total credit hours required for a major.
If two or more of the above changes are proposed, the proposal should be submitted to the Committee on Curriculum as a minor curriculum change, and will not be considered for administrative approval.

Approvals will be posted on CoC website.