Administrative Approval Form – Course *
Committee on Curriculum - ESF Faculty Governance
Office of Instruction & Graduate Studies

Date: February 20, 2020
Department: Environmental Studies
Course Number: EST 671
Course Title: Non-Personal Environmental Interpretation Methods
Name of Requestor: David Sonnenfeld

Include a copy of the Course Proposal Form showing the updated detailed course description with this form. Show “track changes” in the document. Send the completed documents to Scott Shannon, 227 Bray Hall (sshannon@esf.edu)

Description of the Change:

Change course prefix and number from EFB 617 to EST 671

For CoC and OIGS use Only

☐ Approve

☐ Deny (Explanation if denied):

S. Scott Shannon
Associate Provost for Instruction

Date

*Form to be used for minor changes only (i.e. name changes, non-curricular changes). Approvals will be posted on CoC website.
ESF Course Proposal
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This course proposal form should be completed when introducing a new course or a revision of an existing course. The proposal will be reviewed by the Committee on Curriculum, or, in the case of minor revisions, will be approved administratively by the Associate Provost for Instruction.

This Course Proposal must be completed according to the guidelines provided in Course Proposal Form – Instructions and Guidance. Please see the last page of Course Proposal Form – Instructions and Guidance for instructions on how this Course Proposal should be submitted to the Committee on Curriculum for review.

Date: Feb. 20, 2020

1. Course Information:

1.1 Course Prefix and Number: EST 671 (formerly EFB 617)
Course Title: Non-Personal Environmental Interpretation Methods
(If a new or renumbered course, please check with the Registrar regarding the use or reuse of the course number)

1.2 □ This is a New Course.
OR
□ This is a Major Course Revision
OR
☑ This is a Minor Course Revision

If this is a Course Revision, please see Course Proposal Form – Instructions and Guidance to determine if your revision is major or minor. Indicate below the reason(s) for the revision.

(Please check all that apply)
☑ Course Number/Division
□ Title
□ Credit hours
□ Pre- or Co-requisite(s)
□ Format
□ Learning Outcomes
□ Concepts, Content
☑ Catalog Description
□ Instructional Methods
□ General Education
□ Institutional Resources
□ Semester Offered
□ Course Inactivation
□ Course Reactivation

1.3 General Education knowledge and skills area (if applicable): If none, check here □

□ American History
□ The Arts
□ Basic Communication
□ Humanities
□ Mathematics
□ Natural Sciences
□ Other World Civilizations
□ Social Sciences
□ Western Civilization

Rev 05/09/2016
2. Proposer Need Statement:

2.1 Describe why this course (or course revision) is needed to meet current or proposed goals and outcomes of the program or College, and, if a revision, provide an explanation of and justification for the revision. Move of EEI program to the Dept. of Env Studies

2.2 List the pre-requisite or co-requisite courses (taught within the home department or taught by another department) and explain their relationship to the proposed course. EST 570, or permission of the instructor

2.3 Explain the impact of this course in meeting the goals and outcomes of other Departments/programs (if any). n/a

2.4 If the proposed course is designed to fulfill SUNY General Education Requirements, the Associate Provost for Instruction must review this proposal to ensure that General Education Requirements will be met for the specified knowledge area (See Instructions and Guidance). Please provide an explanation of how this course fulfills SUNY General Education Requirements. n/a

2.5 What are the staffing requirements (instructor, TA, Lab tech, etc.) for this course? If a new course, are there new staffing needs or are there adequate staff members already in place? If a revised course, are there additional staffing needs? new faculty hire in progress

2.6 What Department (or extra-Department) resources are or will be made available to support the course or course revision? n/a

2.7 Anticipated Enrollment (enter where applicable)

Fall Semester:  
Spring Semester:  
Summer Semester:

2.8 Anticipated frequency of class meetings.
3.6 CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Provide the course description using the precise format to be included in the ESF catalog (i.e. course number and title; format; brief description; semester(s) offered; and pre-/co-requisites). Please do not exceed 1000 characters.
EST 671 Non-Personal Environmental Interpretive Methods (3)
Three hours of lecture per week. Applications of environmental interpretation theory and methods applied to nature center programming, science education, and various fields of resource management emphasizing procedures for creating non-personal interpretive media (e.g., brochures, wayside exhibits, etc.). Focus on service-learning through involvement with an outside interpretive agency. Submit an interpretive article for publication, read and hold online discussions of research on non-personal interpretation, and evaluate local interpretive media. Credit will not be granted for both EST 471 and EST 671. Spring.
Prerequisite(s): EST 570 or permission of instructor.

3.7 COURSE HISTORY:

Provide the dates of prior approval of this course, and its revision history.
- This course was taught experimentally as EFB 796 Interpretive Design 1991-1996. Approved as EFB 617 in 1997.
- Content Change: Removal of exhibit design. Addition of video podcasts.
- Last approved: 3/6/97.
- Revised Draft: November 10, 2009
- Previous version: April 3, 2012

3.7.1 Relationship to current ESF courses

This course is replacing a current ESF course  ☒ YES ☐ NO

If NO, then proceed to section 4 below.

If YES, then provide below the number and name of the course to be deactivated and removed from the catalog once this course proposal has been approved:

Course Number (of the course to be replaced)  EFB 617
Course Name (of the course to be replaced)  Non-Personal Environmental Interpretation Methods

If the course to be replaced is used by departments other than the department sponsoring this proposal, please indicate below which departments are affected and the date they were notified about the course replacement.

Department:  Date of Notification:
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