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: 2/04/2021

1. Course Information:

1.1 Course Prefix and Number: 635
Course Title: Public Participation and Environmental Decision Making
(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  ☒ Learning Outcomes  □ Institutional Resources
☐ Title  □ Concepts, Content  □ Semester Offered
☐ Credit hours  ☒ Catalog Description  □ Course Inactivation
☐ Pre- or Co-requisite(s)  ☒ Instructional Methods  □ Course Reactivation
☒ Format  □ General Education

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

☐ American History  □ Humanities  □ Other World Civilizations
☐ The Arts  □ Mathematics  □ Social Sciences
☐ Basic Communication  □ Natural Sciences  □ Western Civilization
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. The department and college have made a commitment to expanding access to our courses by offering targeted courses in an online format. Courses specifically targeted for migration to online format include those that comprise newly developed graduate certificates. The graduate certificate in Environmental Leadership, which has been in place for the past 3 years, is the pioneer graduate certificate. To earn the certificate, students take three specific courses: EST 612, EST 635, and EST 640. Since moving to an online format, EST 635 has shown robust and growing enrollment: Spring 2017 - 4; Spring 2018 - 14; Spring 2019 - 17; Spring 2020 - 16; Spring 2021 - 20. The current proposal formalizes the switch to an online format and includes some minor updates to the course description and learning objectives.

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. None

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? None additional

2.6 What Department (or extra-Department) resources are or will be made available to support the course or course revision? None needed

2.7 Anticipated Enrollment (enter where applicable)

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2.8 Anticipated frequency of class meetings. Weekly
3. DETAILED COURSE DESCRIPTION

3.1 COURSE IDENTIFICATION AND FORMAT:

3.1.1 Course Prefix and Number: EST 635
3.1.2 Course Name: Public Participation and Environmental Decision Making
3.1.3 Credit Hours: 3
3.1.4 Semester (check all that apply): Fall ☐ Spring ☒ Summer ☐
3.1.5 Format (check as appropriate): Lecture ☐ Online ☒ Lab ☐ Field ☐ Other ☐ (explain)
3.1.6 Contact hours per week: 3
3.1.7 Prerequisite(s) – if none, please enter “None” (Be specific, as Upper Division courses and Graduate courses will likely have some pre-requisite knowledge) None

3.2 SCOPE:

3.2.1 Level of Instruction (check one, or two if a shared resource course):
   Lower Division ☐ Upper Division ☐
   Beginning Graduate ☐ Advanced Graduate ☒

3.2.2 Relation to curriculum or to other ESF or Syracuse University courses:
   a. Is this a required course? No ☐ Yes ☒.
      If Yes, please list the program(s) for which it is a requirement: Required for graduate certificates in Environmental Decision Making, and Environmental Leadership, respectively. EST 635 is also one of 14 designated core courses for the MPS Environmental Studies degree.
   b. Is this an elective course within your department? No ☐ Yes ☒.
   c. Is enrollment in this course restricted? No ☒ Yes ☐.
      If Yes, please explain:
   d. Are other ESF or SU courses similar or identical to this course? No ☒ Yes ☐.
      If Yes, please identify the courses:
   e. Is this course a shared resource offering (i.e. is there a graduate or undergraduate concurrent offering)? No ☒ Yes ☐.
      If Yes, what is the course number of the concurrent offering?

3.3 STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Identify the student learning outcomes associated with this course.

After completing this course, students will be able to:

• Explain, discuss, and apply theories of environmental decision making and the role of public participation
• Analyze an environmental problem and design procedures for engaging key stakeholders, clarifying important values, incorporating relevant knowledge, and dealing with uncertainty
3.4 MAJOR CONCEPTS, PROCESSES or TOOLS:

Identify the course content and themes (e.g. Table of Contents) consistent with the learning domains and outcomes.

Evaluating a complex problem landscape and choosing appropriate tools, metaphors and modalities for action

Analyzing, designing and prescribing public participation procedures to an existing situation

Developing a strategy for the inclusion of key stakeholders in the problem-solving process

Communicating the theory behind public participation in environmental decision making

Integrating scientific and other ways of knowing into problem-solving efforts

Identifying and operating in the midst of social and political divisions without glossing over them

Turning a critical eye on our own perspectivity and thinking through the implications of our embedded-ness and entanglements

3.5 INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

Identify the methods used to meet the course outcomes, as well as the principal instructional methods.

This is an online course that includes both synchronous and asynchronous components.

Synchronous Activities:

• Students will meet throughout the semester with a subset of their fellow students to collaborate on a group project. Participation in a group project is an essential part of the course. Groups will be developed with sensitivity to the schedule availability of individual students

• Group coaching sessions with the instructor to support the application of key course skills

• Full class discussions based on course readings and concepts. Attendance is optional. These sessions will be recorded and available to all students.

Asynchronous Activities:

• Listening to /recorded lectures and interviews with professionals working in the field.

• Responding to a set of guiding questions, based on course readings, either in a private journal format or a group discussion format.
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.

Online. Three hours of lecture/discussion, groupwork, and related learning activities. Provides a student with fundamental theories and techniques for developing and applying citizen participation strategies as they relate to environmental decision-making. Spring.

3.7 COURSE HISTORY:

Provide the dates of prior approval of this course, and its revision history.
- Previously taught as ENS 635 by an Environmental Studies faculty member.
- Approved by Faculty Action 3/28/07. Revised Draft: 2/26/07

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)
Course Name (of the course to be replaced)

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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4. Institutional Impacts:

This section pertains to forecasting institutional resource needs to support the course or course revision. Provide clear statements regarding the needs and current availability (or absence) of resources. Note that, if this is a course revision, only the impacts of the revision should be included.

Staffing needs: None additional

Classroom resources (e.g. physical facilities in a laboratory, lecture hall, flexible space, academic computing): None

Technology Resources: Blackboard LMS, Google Drive, Zoom or equivalent, technology support from Open Academy

Computing Resources (software licensing, hardware, access):

Library Resources (subscriptions, services):

Transportation Requirements (budget, fees, fleet vehicles):

Forest Properties or Field Practicum Facilities:
5. Health and Safety Considerations:

Will any of the conditions or situations outlined below be present in association with the course?  

Yes / No

5.1. Will substances with any of the following properties be used during instruction: flammability, toxicity, corrosivity, reactivity, registered pesticide, legally controlled, or other characteristics with the potential to cause harm or injury?

☐ / ☒

5.2. Will any physical hazards be present during instruction? (e.g., machines that need safety guards; razor blades or syringes; compressed gases, etc.).

☐ / ☒

5.3. Will any biological hazards be present during instruction? (e.g., handling animals (rabies or hantavirus); cultures or stocks of infectious agents (fungal spores, viruses, bacteria, etc.).

☐ / ☒

5.4. Will any radiation hazards be present during instruction? (e.g., radioisotopes, X-rays, ultraviolet rays, lasers, etc.).

☐ / ☒

5.5. Will any electrical equipment that, due to its design, location, or method of use, pose any threat to safety during instruction? (Give considerable thought to electrical use outdoors, or any potentially wet location.).

☐ / ☒

5.6. Will there be any personal safety issues related to the class? (e.g., due to time of day or location, at the end of any organized class exercise, will students be in danger of physical assault, etc.).

☐ / ☒

5.7. Will any students be driving official state or research sponsored land or water vehicles during any class or instructional exercise?

☐ / ☒

5.8. Will any type of personal protective equipment be necessary during class exercises? (e.g., hard-hats, eye/face protection, hearing protection, hand/foot protection, lab coat, visibility clothing, etc.)

☐ / ☒

If the answer was "Yes" to any of the HEALTH AND SAFETY questions, please explain:

For lab and field courses to which all answers are "no", you should explain that here, also. Normally, we would expect some safety precautions for such courses.
6. Coordination and Consultation

Emails/letters, as noted below and attached to this proposal, or signatures below, 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.

Affected Academic Department(s) or Program(s) – other than the sponsoring department:

Department/Program 1

Name of Chair/Program Director

Or letter attached □

Date

Chair Signature

Department/Program 2

Name of Chair/Program Director

Or letter attached □

Date

Chair Signature

[if more than three Departments/Programs, please continue on a separate page]

Department/Program 3

Name of Chair/Program Director

Or letter attached □

Date

Chair Signature

Other Units:

Associate Provost for Instruction & Dean of the Graduate School (for Gen Ed courses only)

Or letter attached □

Date

Registrar

Or letter attached □

Date

Library Director

Or letter attached □

Date

Computing and Network Services

Or letter attached □

Date

Physical Plant

Or letter attached □

Date

Forest Properties

Or letter attached □

Environmental Health and Safety

Or letter attached □
7. Proposer Information and Sponsoring Department Chair Affirmation:

Contact Person:
Name: Paul D Hirsch
Department: Environmental Studies
Email: pahirsch@esf.edu
Phone: 315 470-6669

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 the course, or a plan is in place to meet the resource needs as identified in the Institutional Impacts section of this proposal (see Section 4, above).

Name: _______________________________ Date: __________
Department Chair (or designated curriculum representative)
Signature: _______________________________ Or letter attached □
Department Chair (or designated curriculum representative)

8. Approvals:

___________________________ ___________________________
Curriculum Committee Date

___________________________ ___________________________
Faculty Governance Date

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Provost Date