Date: December 3, 2020
Department: Environmental Studies
Curriculum Title: M.P.S. Environmental Studies

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

- [x] revised courses
- [ ] new course sequence
- [ ] new courses added
- [x] change in total cr. hrs.
- [ ] new program objectives*
- [ ] 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:

Proposed changes include:

a) Removal of prerequisites for admission to the program – changing them to recommendations;
b) Removal of one required course, no longer being taught;
c) Increasing the number of thematic courses from two to three; and
d) Updated lists of courses to reflect current offerings.

2. Institutional Impact:

Changes from existing condition:

Anticipated Enrollment or Enrollment Change: Degree streamlining may result in modest enrollment increases, with additional growth over time

Faculty or Staffing Requirements: n/a

Technology, Computing Resources, and Classroom Resource Demands: n/a

Change in Accreditation Requirements: n/a

Changes to Assessment Plan: n/a

Library Resource Requirements: n/a
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”. [see attached]

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.

*Updated curriculum will be effective Fall 2021. Continuing MPS Environmental Studies students will have the option of continuing under the existing curriculum or changing to the revised curriculum.*

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):**

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*If more/less than three Departments/Programs, please add/delete lines as appropriate.*
Other Units

Library Director

Computing and Network Services

Physical Plant

Forest Properties

Environmental Health and Safety

Admissions

Other

Office of the Provost

Signature below, or attached letter, indicates that the Provost either a) agrees 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

Date
6. Proposer Information and Department Chair Affirmation:

Contact Person:

Name: David A. Sonnenfeld Department: Environmental Studies
Email: dsonn@esf.edu Phone: (315) 464.0084

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: Theresa Selfa Department Chair (or designated curriculum representative) Date: Dec. 3, 2020
Signature: ____________________________ Or letter attached □
7. Final Approvals:

__________________________________________________  ____________________
Curriculum Committee                                     Date

__________________________________________________  ____________________
Faculty Governance                                         Date

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Provost                                                   Date