

## Environmental Awareness Subcommittee – 2018-2019

### Subcommittee Members:

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The Environmental Awareness Subcommittee of the University Curriculum Committee met on October 2, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 315 New College.

The subcommittee approved the request to include ECON 4150, Environmental Economics, in the list of courses that satisfy the Environmental Awareness requirement.

The subcommittee denied the request to include BIOL 2103H, Basic Concepts in Biology (Honors), in the list of courses that satisfy the Environmental Awareness requirement. The committee also reviewed the CAPA course objectives and topical outlines for courses that are equivalent to BIOL 2103H that are currently approved to satisfy the requirement: BIOL 1103, Basic Concepts in Biology, BIOL 1103E, Concepts in Biology, and PBIO(BIOL) 1210, Principles of Plant Biology. Based on the CAPA descriptions, course objectives, and topical outlines for the equivalent courses, the subcommittee determined that these courses also do not meet the requirement due to insufficient evidence of the learning outcomes A) the interactions between human activity and the environment at local, regional, or global scales, or B) the ethical, cultural, economic, or political forces that affect environmental problems and policies. Additionally, the committee believed that these courses are lacking a significant focus on environmental issues. The subcommittee recommended that the department revise CAPA course descriptions, course objectives, and topical outlines for BIOL 2103H and the equivalent courses, BIOL 1103, BIOL 1103E, and PBIO(BIOL) 1210, to include sufficient evidence of the learning outcomes for the requirement.

The subcommittee discussed the interpretation of the learning outcomes for the Environmental Awareness requirement and how Environmental Awareness could potentially fit into the General Education Core Curriculum.

The subcommittee continued the discussion about the revision to the Environmental Awareness Requirement that occurred in 2015. The subcommittee agreed to begin the review all the courses currently approved to fulfill the requirement to determine if they meet the criteria outlined in the revised requirement. The Office of Curriculum Systems will communicate this decision on behalf of the subcommittee to departments, school, and colleges that have courses currently approved to satisfy the Environmental Awareness requirement. The subcommittee plans to begin the course review in January 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Rodney Mauricio, Chair  
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