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Resolution # 19 2007-2008 COLLEGE SENATE

New Resolution:

✓ Supersedes Res #:

TO: Di	. John R. Halstead, College President
FROM:	The College Senate: April 7, 2008
RE:	I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
	II. Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)
	III. Other, For Your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)
SUBJ:	Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecology and Biology Tracks in
	Environmental Science routing #20 07-08 UC
// AT	Signed: Date:
	(P. Gibson Ralph, 2007-2008 College Senate President)
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TO:	P. Gibson Ralph, The College Senate President
FROM:	John R. Halstead, College President
RE:	I. <u>Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution</u> (circle choice)
	a Accepted
	Implementation Effective Date: Fall 2008 b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on/
	c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation
	II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI
	a. Received and acknowledged//
	b. Comment:
	(1/2×10)
Signed.	Date: 4/24/08
(Dr. John R. Halstead, President, SUNY College at Brockport)
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ROUTING NUMBER TO BE ASSIGNED BY SENATE OFFICE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 28

Incomplete proposals or proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Submit only complete proposals.
- Proposals must be prepared individually in Word format using committee guidelines (guidelines online).
- Fill out this cover page for each proposal (available online at www.brockport.edu/collegesenate).
- Email proposal and this cover page to senate@brockport.edu and facprez@brockport.edu.
- All updates must be resubmitted to the Senate office with the original cover page including routing number.
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. PROPOSAL TITLE:

Please be somewhat descriptive, for example, Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal rather than Graduate Proposal.

Revision of the Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecology and Biology Tracks in Environmental Science

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

- A. Restructure categories of elective courses in the Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecology/Biology tracks (no change in credit requirements).
- B. Create a curriculum for students wishing to pursue both the Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecology/Biology tracks.

3.	ANTICIPATED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:	Fall 2008		
		Enter date this will be effective if passed by the Senate.		

4. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE PUT A DATE ON ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

First Submission	Updated on	Updated on	Updated on
February 20, 2008			

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5. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)

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6. COMMITTEES TO COPY: (Senate office use only)

Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Date
Enrollment Planning & Policies	Committee	2/20/08
Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Executive Committee	3/10/08
General Education & Curriculum Policies	Senate	3/24/08 – vote 4/7/08
Graduate Curriculum & Policies	Senate President's Signature	4/11/08
Student Policies	College President's Signature	4/11/08
XXUndergraduate Curriculum & Policies	To Vice Provost	NA
	Other	

*(ROUTING NUMBER IS A CHRONOLOGICAL NUMBER SEQUENCE FOLLOWED BY ACADEMIC YEAR AND COMMITTEE INITIALS)

2a. Side by side comparison of the old and new curriculum for the aquatic ecology/biology track of the Environmental Science major.

Change	Old Program Course	Credits	New Program Course	Credits
None	ENV 419, Limnology ^a	3	ENV 419, Limnology ^a	3
None	ENV 421, Limnol. Lab ^a	2	ENV 421, Limnol. Lab ^a	2
1	ENV 423, Pollution Biol.	3	ENV 423, Pollution Biol.	3
1	ENV 436, WQ Analysis	4	ENV 436, WQ Analysis	4
1	ENV 462, Aq. Toxicology	4	ENV 462, Aq. Toxicology	4
2	ENV 483, Aq. Inverts.	4	ENV 483, Aq. Inverts.	4
2	ENV 484, Fish Ecology	3	ENV 484, Fish Ecology	3
2	ENV 490, Fish Tech./ID	2	ENV 490, Fish Tech./ID	2
None (3)	ENV 319, Biol. Oceanog.	3	ENV 319. Biol. Oceanog.	3
None (3)	ENV 437, Biostatistics	3	ENV 437, Biostatistics	3
None (3)	ENV 439, Conserv. Biol.	3	ENV 439, Conserv. Biol.	3
None (3)	ENV 457, Marine Biology	3	ENV 457, Marine Biology	3
None (3)	ENV 464, Aquaculture I	4	ENV 464, Aquaculture I	4
None (3)	ENV 474, Aquaculture II	4	ENV 474, Aquaculture II	4
None (3)	ENV 476, Anim. Ecophys.	3	ENV 476, Anim. Ecophys.	3
None (3)	ENV 488, Env. Analysis	4-6	ENV 488, Env. Analysis	4-6
None (3)	ENV 498, Collab. Res.	1-3	ENV 498, Collab. Res.	1-3
None (3)	ESC 325, Wetlands	3	ESC 325, Wetlands	3
None (3)	ESC 412, Hydrology	4	ESC 412, Hydrology	4
None (3)	ESC 418, Watershed Sci.	3	ESC 418, Watershed Sci.	3
None (3)	ESC 431, Env.GIS Applic.	4	ESC 431, Env.GIS Applic.	4
4			GEL 457, Geochemistry	4
None (3)	GEL 462, Groundwater	4	GEL 462, Groundwater	4
·	Total Credits	20		20

^aRequired for aquatic track majors.

3a. Brief rationale for aquatic track changes.

- ENV 423, 436 and 462 are currently free electives in the aquatic track. We
 are proposing to require that future students choose a minimum of one of
 these three courses as an elective to develop expertise in aquatic pollution
 studies.
- 2) ENV 483, 484 and 490 are currently free electives in the aquatic track. We are proposing to require that future students choose a minimum of one of the three courses as an elective to develop expertise in aquatic organism biology, ecology and identification.
- 3) These courses will remain as free electives in the aquatic track. After completing at least one course in each of categories 1 & 2 immediately above, students will be free to complete the track with any of the remaining elective courses in Table 2a (minimum of 15 elective credits).
- 4) Course contains many elements relevant to the track.

2b. Side by side comparison of the old and new curriculum for the terrestrial ecology/biology track of the Environmental Science major.

Change	Old Program Course	Credits	New Program Course	Credits
1	ENV 400, Plant Divers.	4	ENV 400, Plant Divers.	4
1	ENV 405, Plant Ecology	4	ENV 405, Plant Ecology	4
2	ENV 430, Ornithology	4	ENV 430, Ornithology	4
2	ENV 440, Herpetology	4	ENV 440, Herpetology	4
2	ENV 459, Mammalogy	4	ENV 459, Mammalogy	4
None (3)	ENV 406, Wildlife Ecol.	4	ENV 406, Wildlife Ecol.	4
None (3)	ENV 423, Pollution Biol.	3	ENV 423, Pollution Biol.	3
None (3)	ENV 427, Anim. Behavior	3	ENV 427, Anim. Behavior	3
None (3)	ENV 437, Biostatistics	3	ENV 437, Biostatistics	3
None (3)	ENV 439, Conserv. Biol.	3	ENV 439, Conserv. Biol.	3
None (3)	ENV 444, Ecosyst. Ecol.	3	ENV 444, Ecosyst. Ecol.	3
None (3)	ENV 476, Anim. Ecophys.	3	ENV 476, Anim. Ecophys.	3
None (3)	ENV 477, Field Biology	4	ENV 477, Field Biology	4
None (3)	ENV 488, Env. Analysis	4-6	ENV 488, Env. Analysis	4-6
None (3)	ENV 498, Collab. Res.	3	ENV 498, Collab. Res.	1-3
None (3)	ESC 313, Env. Climatol.	3	ESC 313, Env. Climatol.	3
None (3)	ESC 325, Wetlands	3	ESC 325, Wetlands	3
None (3)	ESC 431, Env.GIS Applic.	4	ESC 431, Env.GIS Applic.	4
None (3)	ESC 455, Soils Science	4	ESC 455, Soils Science	4
4			GEL 457, Geochemistry	4
	Total Credits	20		20

3b. Brief rationale for terrestrial track changes.

- ENV 400 and 405 are currently free electives in the terrestrial track. We are
 proposing to require that future students choose a minimum of one of the
 two courses as an elective to develop expertise in plant biology, ecology and
 identification.
- 2) ENV 430, 440 and 459 are currently free electives in the terrestrial track. We are proposing to require that future students choose a minimum of one of the three courses as an elective to develop expertise in animal biology, ecology and identification.
- 3) These courses will remain as free electives in the terrestrial track. After completing at least one course in each of categories 1 & 2 immediately above, students will be free to complete the track with any of the remaining elective courses in Table 2b (minimum of 20 credits total).
- 4) Course contains many elements relevant to the track.

2c. Side by side comparison of the old and new curriculum for a combined concentration in aquatic <u>and</u> terrestrial ecology/biology in the Environmental Science major.

Change	Old Program Course	Credits	New Program Course	Credits
1	None		ENV 419, Limnology ^a	3
1	None		EW 421, Limnol. Lab ^a	2
2	None		ENV 423, Pollution Biol.	3
2	None		ENV 436, WQ Analysis	4
2	None		ENV 462, Aq. Toxicology	4
3	None		ENV 483, Aq. Inverts.	4
3	None		ENV 484, Fish Ecology	3
3	None		ENV 490, Fish Tech./ID	2
4	None		ENV 400, Plant Divers.	4
4	None		ENV 405, Plant Ecology	4
5	None		ENV 430, Ornithology	4
5	None		ENV 440, Herpetology	4
5	None		ENV 459, Mammalogy	4
6	None		ENV 406, Wildlife Ecol.	4
6	None		ENV 423, Pollution Biol.	3
6	None		ENV 427, Anim. Behavior	3
6	None		ENV 437, Biostatistics	3
6	None		ENV 439, Conserv. Biol.	3
6	None		EW 444, Ecosyst. Ecol.	3
6	None		ENV 457, Marine Biology	3
6	None		ENV 464, Aquaculture I	4
6	None		ENV 474, Aquaculture II	4
6	None		ENV 476, Anim. Ecophys.	4
6	None		ENV 477, Field Biology	4-6
6	None		ENV 488, Env. Analysis	3
6	None		ENV 498, Collab. Res.	1-3
6	None		ESC313, Env. Climatol.	3
6	None		ESC 325, Wetlands	4
6	None		ESC 412, Hydrology	4
6	None		ESC 418, Watershed Sci.	3
6	None		ESC 455, Soils Science	4
6	None		GEL 457, Geochemistry	4
6	None		GEL 462, Groundwater	4
	Total Credits	31		31

3c. Brief rationale for a combined aquatic and terrestrial track.

During the past two years, several students have asked about the possibility of completing both the aquatic and terrestrial concentrations in the Environmental Science major with less than 40 credits. The students' reasons were two-fold: 1) they had an interest in both areas and did not want to specialize in one, and 2) to be prepared for civil service exams in New York and other states (which now ask questions about both aquatic and terrestrial ecology rather than giving separate fish and wildlife exams), students need coursework in both areas. Faculty members who teach in the two tracks believe that the students' request is reasonable.

1) ENV 419 and 421 are the required, foundation courses for the current aquatic

- track, and will continue to be required in the combined track.
- 2) ENV 423, 436 and 462 are currently free electives in the aquatic track.

 Consistent with proposal 2a/3a above, we are proposing to require that future students choose a minimum of one of the three courses as an elective to develop expertise in aquatic pollution studies.
- 3) ENV 483, 484 and 490 are currently free electives in the aquatic track. Consistent with proposal 2a/3a above, we are proposing to require that future students choose a minimum of one of the three courses as an elective to develop expertise in aquatic organism biology, ecology and identification.
- 4) ENV 400 and 405 are currently free electives in the terrestrial track. Consistent with proposal 2b/3b above, we are proposing to require that future students choose a minimum of one of the two courses as an elective to develop expertise in plant biology, ecology and identification.
- 5) ENV 430, 440 and 459 are currently free electives in the terrestrial track. Consistent with proposal 2b/3b above, we are proposing to require that future students choose a minimum of one of the three courses as an elective to develop expertise in animal biology, ecology and identification.
- 6) The remaining courses in the aquatic and terrestrial tracks will remain as free electives in the combined track (Table 2c). After completing the required courses in category 1 immediately above and at least one course in each of categories 2-5 immediately above, students will complete 10-13 additional elective credits to complete the combined track (i.e., a minimum of 31 credits).
- 4. Description of new courses (see also attached course registration form): None (all courses are currently offered on a two-year cycle).
- 5. Staffing Issues: None (all courses are currently staffed).
- 6. Academic administration commentary.
- a. Letter of recommendation from the chair—on behalf of the ESB Department and the Environmental Science Board, the chairman of ESB drafted this document. Therefore, he approves its contents, and a separate letter is not needed.
 - b. See approval from Dean Appelle, School of Letters and Sciences.
- 7. Resources and facilities that may be needed to implement the program: None
- 8. This proposal has been approved unanimously by the Department of Environmental Science and Biology and the Environmental Science Advisory Board.

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Thomas W. Kallen Professor, Department of Chemistry Chemistry Track Representative, Environmental Science Advisory Board

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The Major in Environmental Science <u>Department of Environmental Science and Biology</u>

Summary of Requirements

Student:	SS#:		Advisor:	
Entry Date:	Expected (Graduation	n Date:	
Core Courses (or Tran	sfer Equivalents)	Requir	ement Completed Date Course	<u>School</u>
ENV 202 Enviror	nmental Science (F,S)	4 cr		
ENV 204 Biology	of Organisms (S)	4cr		
ENV 303 Ecology	y (S)	4 cr		
ENV 452 Environ	ı. Law & Regs. (F,S) 3 cr		
ENV 492 Global	Environ. Issues (S)	3 cr		
CHM 205 College	e Chemistry I (F)	4 cr		
CHM 206 College	e Chemistry II (S)	4 cr		
CHM 303 Analyti	cal Chemistry (S)	4 cr		
GEL 201 Physica	al Geology (F)	4 cr		
MTH 201 Calculu	ıs I (F,S)	4 cr		
Total Requi	ired	38 cr		
Offering Codes F = Fall F = Even years	S = Spring Sm :	= Summer		Occasional

Notes

- 1. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 18 credits of 300/400 level courses at Brockport regardless of the number of credits transferred.
- 2. Total credits required to earn environmental science degree depends on track chosen.
- 3. This worksheet is intended to assist students and faculty advisors in the Environmental Science and Biology major. It has no official status as a transcript evaluation.

Concentration in Aquatic Ecology

Requirement Completed

	•		Date Required C	Course ourses (5 cr)	<u>School</u>
ENV 419	Limnology (F)	3 cr	=		
ENV 421	Limnology Laboratory (F)	2 cr			
15 credits cho	sen by advisement from:				
ENV 319	Biological Oceanography (Occ.)	3 cr			
ENV 423	Biology of Pollution (EoSO)	3 cr			
ENV 436	Water Quality Analysis (S)	4 cr			
ENV 437	Biostatistics (F)	3 cr			
ENV 439	Conservation Biology (EoFE)	3 cr			
ENV 457	Marine Biology-Bahamas (F)	3 cr			
ENV 462	Aquatic Toxicology (EoSE)	4 cr			
ENV 464	Aquaculture I (EoFO)	4 cr			
ENV 474	Aquaculture II (EoFE)	3 cr			
ENV 476	Animal Ecophysiology (EoFO)	3 cr			
ENV 483	Aquatic Invertebrates (EoSO)	4 cr			
ENV 484	Fish Ecology (EoSE)	3 cr			
ENV 488	Env. Impact Analysis (EoSmE)	4-6 cı	·		
ENV 490	Fishery Tech./Fish Identification	(F)2 cr	•		
ESC 325	Wetland Systems (F)	3 cr			
ESC 418	Watershed Sciences (S)	3 cr			
ESC 412	Hydrology (F)	4 cr			
GEL 462	Groundwater (S)	4 cr			
ENV 498	Collaborative Research (F, S, Sr	n)1-3 d	or		

Total Needed 20 cr

Co-requisite Course

CHM 305 Organic Chemistry I (F) 4 cr

Concentration in Terrestrial Ecology

		Requ	irement Completed Date Course	School
20 credits chos	sen by advisement from:		<u> </u>	Concor
ENV 400	Plant Taxonomy (EoFO)	4 cr		
ENV 405	Plant Ecology (EoFE)	4 cr		
ENV 406	Wildlife Ecology (EoFE)	3 cr		
ENV 423	Biology of Pollution (EoSO)	3 cr		
ENV 427	Animal Behavior (EoFE)	3 cr		
ENV 430	Ornithology (EoSE)	4 cr		
ENV 437	Biostatistics (F)	3 cr		
ENV 439	Conservation Biology (EoFE)	3 cr		
ENV 440	Herpetology (EoSO)	4 cr		
ENV 444	Terrest. Ecosystem Ecol. (EoSE) 4 cr		
ENV 459	Mammalogy (EoFO)	4 cr		
ENV 476	Animal Ecophysiology (EoFO)	3 cr		
ENV 477	Field Biology (EoSmO)	4 cr		
ENV 488	Env. Impact Analysis (EoSmE)	4-6 cr	·	
ESC 313	Environmental Climatology (S)	3 cr		
ESC 325	Wetland Systems (F)	3 cr		
ESC 431	Environmental GIS Applications	(S)3 cr		
ESC 455	Soils Science (F)	3 cr		
ENV 498	Collaborative Research (F, S, Sn	n)1-3 cr	「	
Tot	al Needed	20 cr		

Co-requisite Course

CHM 305 Organic Chemistry I (F) 4 cr

Concentration in Environmental Chemistry

		irement Completed uired Courses (19 cr) Date Course	<u>School</u>
CHM 301 Chemical Safety (F)	1 cr		
CHM 305 Organic Chemistry I (F)	4 cr		
CHM 306 Organic Chemistry II (S)	4 cr		
CHM 400 Chemistry Seminar (F)	1 cr		
CHM 401 Chemistry Seminar (S)	1 cr		
CHM 405 Physical Chemistry I (F)	3 cr		
CHM 406 Physical Chemistry II (S)	3 cr		
CHM 457 Environ. Geochemistry (EoFE)	3 cr		
Total Needed	20 cr		
Co-requisite Courses (14 cr)			
MTH 202 Calculus II (F,S)	3 cr		
MTH 203 Calculus III (F,S)	3 cr		
PHS 201 College Physics I (F)	4 cr		
PHS 202 College Physics II (S)	4 cr		
Total Needed	14 cr		
Elective Courses (one is required)			
CHM 408/409 Phys. Meth. Lab I/II (F/S)	2 cr		
ENV 436 Water Quality Analysis (S)	4 cr		
ENV 488 Env. Impact Analysis (EoSmE)	4 cr		
ENV 498 Collaborative Research (F,S,Sm)	1-3 c	er	

Concentration in the Earth Sciences

Requirement Completed

20 credits chosen by advisement from:		<u>Date</u>	Course	<u>School</u>
ESC 313 Environmental Climatology (EoSE)	3 cr			
ESC 314 Climatology Lab (EoSE)	1 cr			
ESC 325 Wetland Systems (F)	3 cr			
ESC 350 Computational Methods (F,S)	3 cr			
ESC 412 Hydrology (F)	4 cr			
ESC 418 Watershed Sciences (S)	3 cr			
ESC 421 Air Pollution Meterology (EoSO)	3 cr			
ESC 420 Atmospheric Sensing Meth.(EoSE)	3 cr			
ESC 431 Environmental GIS Applications (S)	3 cr			
ESC 455 Soils Science (F)	3 cr			
ESC 464 Environmental Internship (F,S,Sm)	1-3 cr			
GEL 415 Geomorphology (F)	4 cr			
GEL 457 Environmental Geochemistry (EoFE)	4 cr			
GEL 462 Groundwater (S)	4 cr			
ENV 419 Limnology (F)	3 cr			
ENV 421 Limnology Lab (F)	2 cr			
ENV 436 Water Quality Analysis (S)	4 cr			
ENV 488 Environ. Impact Analysis (EoSmE)	4 cr			
ENV 498 Collaborative Research (F,S,Sm)	1-3 cı	r		
Total Needed	20 cr			

Co-requisite Courses:

PHS 115	General Physics I with Lab (F)	4 cr	
	or		
PHS 201	College Physics I with Lab (F)	4 cr	
	or		
CHM 305	Organic Chemistry I (F)	4 cr	