

Environmental Awareness Subcommittee – 2018-2019

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The Environmental Awareness subcommittee met on February 12, 2019, February 14, 2019, and February 21, 2019, to review all courses currently approved to satisfy the Environmental Awareness Requirement and determine if the courses meet the criteria detailed in the requirement.

Schools/colleges and departments were notified of the courses that the subcommittee approved as well as those determined not to currently meet the criteria.

In the latter case, the schools/colleges and departments were asked to revise the CAPA course information to include substantive evidence of how the courses meet the Environmental Awareness Requirement Policy criteria. The deadline for submission of revisions is March 22, 2019. Courses that are revised will be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Environmental Awareness Subcommittee on March 28, 2019 (with subsequent meetings as necessary on April 11 and April 18).

The Subcommittee approved 52 courses and sent 55 courses to the schools/colleges for more information.

The Subcommittee discussed the timeline for when courses no longer fulfilling the requirement would go into effect and decided that fall 2020 would allow advisors time to notify students of the courses that would fulfill the requirement.

The Subcommittee discussed whether the Environmental Awareness Requirement should be restricted to courses of at least 3 credits. Dr. Mauricio will gather more information about the policy and determine if the original approval documents provide guidance.

The Subcommittee also discussed whether the Environmental Awareness Requirement could be satisfied using AP credit. The Subcommittee will review the AP material for courses currently meeting the requirement.

Additionally, the following courses from the Odum School of Ecology were approved at the February 21, 2019, meeting to fulfill the Environmental Awareness Requirement:

ECOL 2100, Global Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future
ECOL 3530, Conservation Biology
ECOL 3530E, Conservation Biology
ECOL 3770S, Urban Ecology

The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2019.