



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Michael K. Young  
President

June 23, 2014

Vice Chancellor J.W. Harrington  
University of Washington, Tacoma  
Box 358430

Dear J.W.:

Based upon the recommendations of the Faculty Council on Academic Policy, the Faculty Assembly has recommended approval of the revised program requirements for the minor in Sustainability. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Office of Academic Affairs is authorized to specify these requirements beginning winter quarter 2015.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young  
President

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Bonnie Becker (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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**CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE  
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

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After college/school/campus review, send a signed original and 1 copy to the Curriculum Office/FCAS, Box 355850.  
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<b>College/Campus</b>	UW Tacoma	<b>Department/Unit</b>	Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences	<b>Date</b>	3/10/2014
<b>New Programs</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a Bachelor of ____ in ____ degree.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a Bachelor of ____ degree with a major in ____.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a ____ Option within the existing major in ____.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a minor in ____.					
<b>Changes to Existing Programs</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> New Admission Requirements for the Major in ____ within the Bachelor of ____.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in ____ within the Bachelor of ____.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Program Requirements for the Major in ____ within the Bachelor of ____.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Option in ____ within the major in ____.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Minor in <u>Sustainability</u> .					
<b>Other Changes</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Change name of program from ____ to ____.					
<input type="checkbox"/> New or Revised Continuation Policy for ____.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate program in ____.					
Proposed Effective Date: <b>Quarter:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Autumn <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <b>Year: 20 15</b>					

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<b>EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE</b>		
For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. <i>(Use additional pages if necessary).</i>		
<p>The purpose of this change is to clarify which majors are eligible for the newly established Sustainability minor. Sustainability requires an understanding of issues from social, environmental, and economic perspectives. This minor will provide students from varied disciplines the skills and knowledge to be sustainability practitioners and leaders.</p> <p>We anticipate students from a range of majors to minor in sustainability, and due to the interdisciplinary nature of this curriculum, it is possible that some of the courses from their majors and minors might overlap. In order for students to strengthen their competency in sustainability practice and theory while augmenting their majors, we are requiring that 60% of the coursework applied to the minor be taken outside of the student's major(s) requirements and that the minor culminating capstone must be different from the major capstone. This is consistent with the Faculty Council on Academic Standards (FCAC) policy for interdisciplinary minors (as stated here <a href="https://depts.washington.edu/registra/curriculum/FCASpolicies.php#interdisMinors">https://depts.washington.edu/registra/curriculum/FCASpolicies.php#interdisMinors</a>)</p> <p>In addition, we are doing some basic cleanup of the course catalog copy, such as removing lists of classes and referring students directly to the web which can be kept updated, consistent with an initiative across IAS to make the Catalog more manageable. The course lists have not changed.</p>		
<b>OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED</b>		
List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. *See online instructions.		
Department/Unit:	Chair/Program Director:	Date:

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**CATALOG COPY**

Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

**UWT Minor in Sustainability – (32-35 credits) At least 10 credits are required to be upper division.**

**Sustainability Foundation Course (15 credits)**

TSUD 222 Introduction to Sustainability (5)  
TESC 201 The Science of Environmental Sustainability (5)  
TEST 295 Valuing Ecosystems Services and Natural Capital (5)

**Select 15 credits from the following areas-Programs will advise students where to focus within the 3 areas, to compliment major. Capstone projects are required.**

**(1) Policy, Society, and Economics**

~~TSUD 240 The City and Nature (5)~~  
~~TSUD 323 Sustainable Urban Development Policies (5)~~  
~~TSUD 333 Assessment and Evaluation of Urban Sustainability (5)~~  
~~TSUD 445 Urban Ecology (5)~~  
~~TSUD 475 Community and Economy (5)~~  
~~TCOM 310 Contemporary Environmental Issues & The Media (5)~~  
~~T MGMT 420 Managing Corporate Responsibility (5)~~  
~~THIST 315 Industrialization and Reform (5)~~  
~~TPOLS 438 Environmental Law (5)~~  
~~TPOLS 439 Washington Environmental Law (5)~~  
~~TPOLS 465 Law and Public Policy (5)~~  
~~TSOC 265 Race and Ethnicity in the United States (5)~~  
~~TEST 332 A Natural History of Garbage (5)~~  
~~TEST 335 Environmental Impact Analysis (5)~~  
~~TECON 394 Comparative Economic Development (5)~~  
~~TECON 421 Environmental Policy (5)~~  
~~THLTH 372 Environmental Health: Local to Global (5)~~

**(2) Science, Environmental Issues, and Environmental Thought**

~~TESC 232 Issues in Biological Conservation (5)~~  
~~TESC 236 Sustainable Agriculture (5)~~  
~~TESC 239 Energy and the Environment (5)~~  
~~TESC 345 Pollution and Public Policy (5)~~  
~~TESC 341 Climate Change (5)~~  
~~TESC 402 History and Ecology of Biological Invasions (5)~~  
~~TESC 319 Water Quality Concepts and Watershed Studies (6)~~  
~~TESC 431 Water Resources and Pollutions (7)~~  
~~TPHIL 456 Environmental Ethics (5)~~  
~~T INST 401 Technology in the Service of Society: A Seminar in the Integration of Technology and Social Interests (5)~~

**(3) Social Justice and Global Perspectives in Sustainability**

~~THLTH 410 Environmental Equity (5)~~  
~~THLTH 485 Critical Issues in Global Health (5)~~  
~~TECON 320 Gender and Development (5)~~  
~~TECON 328 Third World Problems and Prospects (5)~~  
~~TECON 360 Poverty in Developing Countries (5)~~  
~~TSOC 335 Social Class and Inequity (5)~~  
~~T SOC 435 Migration in the Modern World: Migrants, Immigrants, and Refugees (5)~~  
~~T SOC 456 Rural Societies and Development (5)~~  
~~TESC 303 Sustainable Development in Africa (12)~~

~~TESC 304 Tropical Ecology and Sustainability (5)~~  
~~TESC 404 Neotropical Field Studies: Ecology and Community (12)~~  
~~TSUD 425 Social Justice and Urban Sustainability (3)~~  
~~T URB 340 Urban Social Change (5)~~  
~~T URB 379 Urban Field Experiences (5-15 credits)~~  
~~T URB 410 Environmental Equity Offered: jointly with T HLTH 410. (5)~~  
~~TGH 399/TURB 399 Global Honors- International Urban Studies- (3-15, max. 15)~~

### **Capstone Course Options**

TMGMT 465 Board Governance I (2)  
TMGMT 466 Board Governance II (5)  
TSUD 475 Community and Economy (5)  
TESC 301 Sustainability in Action (3)  
TNPRFT 457 Nonprofit Capstone (5)  
\*Capstone project during Study Abroad course

### **PROPOSED CATALOG COPY**

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications).  
Please note: all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

The sustainability minor gives students grounding in sustainability practice and theory, and creates a foundational understanding of local and global problems from a social, economic and environmental perspective. Solutions for many of the complex, large scale sustainability issues, such as social injustice, economic inequity, environmental destruction and climate change, require an understanding of these issues from multiple perspectives. The minor in sustainability would be valuable for students from any major, as it provides an overlap of the multiple perspectives where sustainability solutions exist while enhancing student's sustainability literacy.

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- (2) Science, Environmental Issues, and Environmental Thought**
- (3) Social Justice and Global Perspectives in Sustainability**

**See approved course lists at <http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/interdisciplinary-arts-sciences/sustainability-minor>.**

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APPROVALS	
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Dean/Vice Chancellor: <i>Greg McDonald</i>	Date: 6/11/14
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