

Annual Report for the Program in Environmental Studies: 1990-1991

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Curriculum Changes

The requirements for the ES major were changed slightly this year in order to accommodate requests from participating departments.

GG 260 (Social Aspects of Environmental Issues) was removed as a required course because the instructor of the course did not like having such large enrollments.

GL 170 (Global Tectonics) was added as an alternative to GL 112 (Environmental Geology) because the Geology Department could not accommodate enough students in the laboratory section of GL 112.

Following the addition of Dr. Christopher McGrory Klyza to the faculty of the Political Science Department, a focus in Political Science was added, bringing to nine the number of areas in which students may specialize.

Several changes in the major were approved for next year, including the addition of a new required course in environmental science and a restructuring of the areas of specialization to promote greater depth and cross-disciplinary coursework.

Faculty and Staff Information

Because during the 1990-91 academic year the ES Program did not have any permanent faculty that were not part of other departments, I am not including their vita to avoid redundancy of paperwork. Ms. Barbara Rusmore was a Visiting Instructor during the Fall and Winter Terms, serving as instructor of the senior-level policy formation course ES 401, required of all majors for graduation. We have not requested that her position be renewed.

Table 1 lists the faculty who participated in the ES Program during this past year, along with the names of their home departments.

Several changes in staffing were approved for next year, including half-time appointments in ES for both Steve Trombulak and John Elder, and the inclusion of Ms. Alison Byerly (Department of English) to the list of participating faculty. Although no final decision has been made concerning the administration of the Program for next year, Steve Trombulak has asked to rotate out of the directorship when his term expires at the end of June.

The request of Dr. Neil Leary (Department of Economics) for a year's extension to his current leave was granted. Dr. Tom Carr, Neil's replacement for this year, has agreed to continue on in this position next year.

I am not sure who else in the Program will be on leave next year because the TRC does not consult with Programs when considering or after granting leave requests.

Student Information

The ES Program continues to experience an increase in the number of students graduating with a major in Environmental Studies. To put the recent figures into perspective, Figure 1 shows the number of ES majors in each year, beginning with the inception of the Program in 1965 and continuing to a projection for the Class of '93.

In addition, 41 students accepted for the Class of '95 have listed Environmental Studies as their first choice for major. This compares to 27 for the Class of '94.

Table 2 lists the names of the ES majors in the Class of '91, whether they were single, joint, or double majors, what their area of specialization was, what their short-term plans are, and what their long-term career objectives are.

In addition to the students majoring in ES, 11 students are graduating with concentrations in Environmental Studies.

Table 1. List of faculty associated with the ES Program during 1990-1991.

David Andrews	Sociology/Anthropology
Victor Nuovo	Philosophy
Robert Churchill	Geography
Lucy Harding	Geology
Sallie Sheldon	Biology
Stephen Trombulak	Biology
Richard Arthur	Philosophy
John Elder	English
Barbara Rusmore	Environmental Studies
Burke Rochford	Sociology/Anthropology
Tom Carr	Economics
Jack Schmidt	Geology
Chris McGrory Klyza	Political Science
Neil Leary	Economics
Ray Coish	Geology

Figure 1. The number of students graduating with an Environmental Studies major since the inception of the Program in 1965. Figures for 1991 through 1993 are based on current numbers of majors.

