

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 28 (ENVR): **Change the course number of ENVR 330 to ENVR 480;
Revise the major requirements for Environmental Studies and
Earth Science with 9-12 Teacher Licensure**

Effective date: Fall 2019

1. Delete: On page 153, the entry for **ENVR 330:**

330 Seminar on Environmental Issues (3)

In-depth coverage of a selected environmental problem based on oral and written student reports. May be repeated once. Prerequisites: ENVR 130 and junior standing in an approved Environmental Studies concentration. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 156, renumbered course, **ENVR 480:**

480 Seminar on Environmental Issues (3)

In-depth coverage of a selected environmental problem based on oral and written student reports. May be repeated once as content varies. Prerequisites: ENVR 130 and junior standing in an approved Environmental Studies concentration. Fall and Spring.

Impact: This change will have no impact on enrollment or resources. The course will continue to be taught on the same rotation, in the same frequency, by the same faculty. Juniors and seniors who are declared ENVR majors can enroll. Two sections are offered both fall and spring semesters, and the course is occasionally offered in the summer. All sections offered during fall and spring are typically full to capacity, if not overloaded.

Rationale: ENVR 330 (Seminar on Environmental Issues) is one of our departmental capstone courses, and is required for graduation by all ENVR majors. It has had the same course number for many years.

Our other capstone course (Internship), numbered ENVR 490, also enrolls juniors and seniors who are declared ENVR majors. In lieu of ENVR 490, students can participate in ENVR 499 (Undergraduate Research), if they so choose.

We propose changing the course number of ENVR 330 to ENVR 480, to set it apart as one of our capstone courses, and to bring the two capstones closer together in the catalog. We have many courses numbered as 3XX, but very few numbered as 4XX, and we want to make sure students realize the workload and significance of enrolling in a capstone course. "Seminar on Environmental Issues" is our department's designated Writing-Intensive course, and we will be increasing the writing requirement of the course.

2a. Delete: On page 150, items I and III under **Environmental Studies majors must fulfill the following requirements:**

- I. Required courses in the major—16 hours: ENVR 130, 241, 330, 490; and one course from ENVR 234, 282, or 334. ENVR 334 is required for students completing the Environmental Management and Policy concentration.
- III. Other departmental requirements—28–31 hours: completion of one of the concentrations outlined below. Major competency is satisfied in ENVR 330 and 490. These courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Add: On page 150, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major—16 hours: ENVR 130, 241, 480, either 490 or 499, and one course from ENVR 234, 282, or 334. ENVR 334 is required for students completing the Environmental Management and Policy concentration.
- III. Other departmental requirements—28–31 hours: completion of one of the concentrations outlined below. Major competency is satisfied in ENVR 480 and either ENVR 490 or 499. These courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

2b. Delete: On page 151, items I and IV under **Earth Science with 9-12 Teacher Licensure:**

- I. Required courses in the major—19–28 hours: ENVR 130, 234, 241, 282, 330, 490. ENVR 330 requirement can be met by EDUC 456. ENVR 490 requirement can be met by EDUC 455.
- IV. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is satisfied in ENVR 330 and 490. These courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. The competency also can be satisfied by the completion of EDUC 456 and EDUC 455.

Add: On page 151, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major—19–28 hours: ENVR 130, 234, 241, 480, and either 490 or 499. The ENVR 480 requirement can be met by EDUC 456, and the ENVR 490 or 499 requirement can be met by EDUC 455.
- IV. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is satisfied in ENVR 480 and either ENVR 490 or 499. These courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. The competency also can be satisfied by the completion of EDUC 455 and EDUC 456.

Impact: None.

Rationale: Editorial changes to reflect the new course number.