

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 26 March 2024

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Sustainability Studies minor

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section 1. b) of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments and report them to Academic Council for information.”

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty proposed to:

- Add eight courses to the list of eligible elective course offerings (INDG/SCIE 2500U, INDG/POSC 3310U, POSC 3304U, COMM 3350U, LBAT 2413U, LBAT 2441U).

Two of these courses (INDG/SCIE 2500U and INDG/POSC 3310U) are already being counted toward the Sustainability Studies minor in practice. The new course, POSC 3304U, is designed to be offered in collaboration with the NGO, Common Earth, and thus offers an innovative community-collaborative opportunity.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources required.

TRANSITION PLAN:

All students who have taken these courses may use them toward their Sustainability Studies minor. This has already been in effect with the help of SSH Academic Advising.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- ✓ Curriculum Committee: 5 December 2023
- ✓ Faculty Council: 30 January 2024
- ✓ Undergraduate Studies Committee (for approval): 20 February 2024

- Academic Council (for information): 26 March 2024

Additional consultations with Academic Advising and the POSC program committee and the external climate education organization, Common Earth.

NEXT STEPS:

- After presentation to Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal](#)
- [New Course Proposal – POSC 3304U](#)