

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
University Committee on Curriculum

SUBCOMMITTEE B – AGENDA

Via Teams
April 24, 2025
1:30 p.m.

PART I – NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM CHANGES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Request to change the requirements for **Bachelor of Science** degree in **Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism** in the Department of Community Sustainability.

- a. Under the heading **Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism** replace item 3. with the following:

The following requirements for the major (45 to 49 credits):

- a. All of the following courses (26 credits):
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| CSUS | 200 | Introduction to Sustainability | 3 |
| CSUS | 273 | Introduction to Travel and Tourism | 3 |
| CSUS | 276 | Sustaining Our National Parks and Recreation Lands | 3 |
| CSUS | 300 | Theoretical Foundations of Sustainability | 3 |
| CSUS | 301 | Community Engagement for Sustainability (W) | 3 |
| CSUS | 429 | Program Evaluation for Community Sustainability | 3 |
| CSUS | 433 | Grant Writing and Fund Development | 3 |
| CSUS | 476 | Natural Resource Recreation Management | 4 |
| CSUS | 492 | Capstone in Community Sustainability | 1 |
- b. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):
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| FOR | 419 | Application of Geographic Information Systems
to Natural Resources Management | 4 |
| GEO | 221 | Introduction to Geographic Information | 3 |
- c. Six of the following courses (18 to 21 credits):
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| CSUS | 426 | Conservation Planning and Adaptive Management | 3 |
| CSUS | 430 | Non-Profit Organizational Management for
Community Sustainability | 3 |
| CSUS | 445 | Community-Based Environmental and Sustainability
Education | 3 |
| CSUS | 472 | Designing and Managing Programmed Experiences | 3 |
| CSUS | 473 | Social Entrepreneurship and Community Sustainability | 3 |
| CSUS | 477 | Nature-based Tourism | 3 |
| CSUS | 493 | Professional Internship in Community Sustainability | 3 to 6 |
| MGT | 325 | Management Skills and Processes | 3 |
- d. Choose any three courses from the following Thematic Areas (5 to 9 credits):
- Aquatic Ecologies*
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| CSUS | 354 | Water Resources Management | 3 |
| CSUS | 453 | Watershed Planning and Management | 3 |
| FW | 110 | Conservation and Management of Marine Resources | 3 |
| FW | 207 | Great Lakes: Biology and Management | 3 |
- Environmental Policy*
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| AFRE | 265 | Ecological Economics | 3 |
| CSUS | 310 | History of Environmental Thought and Sustainability | 3 |
| CSUS | 464 | Environmental and Natural Resources Policy
in Michigan | 3 |
| CSUS | 465 | Environmental and Natural Resource Law | 3 |
| SOC | 478 | Climate Change and Society | 3 |
- General Ecology and Biology*
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| FW | 101 | Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology
and Management | 3 |
| PLB | 105 | Plant Biology | 3 |
| PLB | 106 | Plant Biology Laboratory | 1 |
| PLB | 218 | Plants of Michigan | 3 |
- Management Foundations*
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| ACC | 230 | Survey of Accounting Concepts | 3 |
| ADV | 200 | The World of Advertising | 2 |
| CAS | 114 | Creativity and Innovative Entrepreneurship | 3 |

FI	320	Introduction to Finance	3
GBL	323	Introduction to Business Law	3
MKT	327	Introduction to Marketing	3
PR	260	Principles of Public Relations	3
<i>Terrestrial Ecologies</i>			
CSS	210	Fundamentals of Soil Science	3
FOR	101	Michigan Forests	3
FOR	202	Introduction to Forestry	3
FOR	204	Forest Vegetation	3
FOR	215	Introduction to Wildland Fire	2
FOR	222	Forestry Field Methods	2

Effective Fall 2025.

2. Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Environmental Design** in the School of Planning, Design and Construction. The University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS) will consider this request at its April 21, 2025 meeting.

- a. Under the heading **Admission** replace item 3. with the following:

a portfolio of design work.

- b. Under the heading **Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree in Environmental Design** replace the entire entry with the following:

Students in the Master of Arts in Environmental Design must complete a total of 30 credits for the degree under either Plan A (with thesis) or Plan B (without thesis). A minimum of 15 of those credits must be at the 800-level or above, distributed as follows:

			CREDITS
1.	All of the following core courses (12 credits):		
	IDES	892 Research Fundamentals in Environmental Design	3
	LA	816 Environmental Design Theory	3
	LA	817 Environmental Design Studio	3
	LA	883 Environmental Design Seminar	3
2.	Guided elective courses related to the student's area of design interest, chosen in consultation with the student's academic advisor.		

For **Plan A**, students must complete a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 9 credits of Master's Thesis Research (LA 899) They must also prepare a written thesis and pass an oral examination.

For **Plan B**, students must complete 6 credits of Master's Research (LA 898). They must also complete either a major planning or design project or pass a comprehensive examination.

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COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

1. Request to change the requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts** degree in **Political Science (General)** in the Department of Political Science.

- a. Under the heading **Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science (General)** make the following changes:

- (1) In item 3. e., add the following course:

PLS	120	Introduction to Law	3
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- (2) In item 3. g., under **American Politics** delete the following course:

PLS	322	Comparative Legal Systems	3
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Add the following course under **Comparative Politics**:

PLS	322	Comparative Legal Systems	3
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Effective Fall 2025.

2. Request to change the requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts** degree in **Political Science-Prelaw** in the Department of Political Science.

a. Under the heading **Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science-Prelaw** make the following changes:

- (1) In item 3. a. delete the following course:

PLS	100	Introduction to American Politics	3
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Add the following course:

PLS	120	Introduction to Law	3
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- (2) In item 3. c., change the requirement to 'Two of the following courses (6 credits):' and add the following course:

PLS	322	Comparative Legal Systems	3
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- (3) In item 3. f., add the following course:

PLS	100	Introduction to American Politics	3
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- (4) In item 3. g., change the requirement from 'four' to 'three' courses for a total of 9 credits.

- (5) In item 3. h., under **Comparative Politics**, add the following course:

PLS	322	Comparative Legal Systems	3
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Effective Fall 2025.

3. Request to change the name of the **Bachelor of Arts** degree in **Public Policy** in the Department of Political Science to **Political Science-Public Policy**.

Effective Spring 2026, no new students are to be admitted to the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Policy. Effective Spring 2026, no students are to be readmitted to the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Policy. Effective Spring 2026, coding for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Policy will be discontinued and the program will no longer be available in the Department of Political Science. Effective Spring 2026, students admitted to the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science-Public Policy will be awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science-Public Policy.

4. Request to change the requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts** degree in **World Politics** in the Department of Political Science.

a. Under the heading **Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in World Politics** make the following changes:

- (2) Under item 3. a. (4) add the following course:

PLS	362	Comparative Legal Systems	3
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Effective Fall 2025.

5. Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Graduate Certificate in Animal Studies: Social Science and Humanities Perspectives** in the Department of Sociology. The University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS) will provide consultative commentary to the Provost after considering this request. The Provost will make a determination after considering the consultative commentary from the University Committee on Graduate Studies.

No new students are to be admitted to the program effective Spring 2025. No students are to be readmitted to the program effective Spring 2025. Effective Fall 2025, coding for the program will be discontinued and the program will no longer be available in the Department of Sociology. Students who have not met the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Animal Studies: Social Science and Humanities Perspectives through the Department of Sociology prior to Fall 2025 will have to change their certificate.

Note: This program has been in moratorium since Spring 2025.

PART II - NEW COURSES AND CHANGES

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

LAW 505K	Alternative Dispute Resolution: Approaches to Conflict Resolution On Demand. 0 to 6 credits. R: Open to students in the MSU College of Law.
NEW	Negotiation, mediation, arbitration, hybrid ADR processes, and ADR systems design. Discussion of dispute resolution law, theory and policy, with some exposure to advocacy in negotiation and mediation. Effective Spring Semester 2026
LAW 619A	Politics and Equality: Who Decides--Courts, Legislatures, Executives, or the People? On Demand. 0 to 6 credits. P: LAW 500N R: Open to students in the MSU College of Law.
NEW	This course addresses the historical and contemporary role of judicial and non-judicial institutions that that compete to define equality norms. Effective Spring Semester 2026