# SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

# New Course Request

Use this form to request a new common or unique course. Consult the system course database through for information about existing courses before submitting this form.

| NSU | College of Arts and Sciences/Department of Science and Mathematics |
|---|---|
| **Institution** | **Division/Department** |

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**Institutional Approval Signature**                                    **Date**

## Section 1. Course Title and Description

If the course contains a lecture and laboratory component, identify both the lecture and laboratory numbers (xxx and xxxL) and credit hours associated with each. Provide the complete description as you wish it to appear in the system course database, including pre-requisites, co-requisites, and registration restrictions.

| Prefix & No. | Course Title | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| BIOL 212 | Environmental Policy | 3 |

*NOTE: The Enrollment Services Center assigns the short, abbreviated course title that appears on transcripts. The short title is limited to 30 characters (including spaces); meaningful but concise titles are encouraged due to space limitations in the student information system.*

**Course Description**

This course is an introduction to US environmental laws and policy. Students will examine a variety of environmental laws at the state and federal level, learn how policies are made, how they change over time, and the role of outside parties and government agencies in making policy. Students will explore the role of the public in decision making and learn how natural resource managers maintain compliance with projects that fall under federal jurisdiction.

*NOTE: Course descriptions are short, concise summaries that typically do not exceed 75 words. DO: Address the content of the course and write descriptions using active verbs (e.g., explore, learn, develop, etc.). DO NOT: Repeat the title of the course, layout the syllabus, use pronouns such as "we" and "you," or rely on specialized jargon, vague phrases, or clichés.*

**Pre-requisites or Co-requisites (add lines as needed)**

| Prefix & No. | Course Title | Pre-Req/Co-Req? |
|---|---|---|
| N/A | | |
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**Registration Restrictions**

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| N/A |

# Section 2. Review of Course

**2.1. Will this be a unique or common course (*place an "X" in the appropriate box*)?**

☒ **Unique Course**
*If the request is for a unique course, institutions must review the common course catalog in the system course database to determine if a comparable common course already exists. List the two closest course matches in the common course catalog and provide a brief narrative explaining why the proposed course differs from those listed. If a search of the common course catalog determines an existing common course exists, complete the Authority to Offer an Existing Course Form. Courses requested without an attempt to find comparable courses will not be reviewed.*

| Prefix & No. | Course Title | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| AGEC 462 | Environmental Law | 3 |
| AGEC 479 | Agricultural Policy | 3 |
| POLS 407/507 | Environmental Law & Policy | 3 |

*Provide explanation of differences between proposed course and existing system catalog courses below:*

> The focus of AGEC 462 is on environmental law as it relates to agriculture, and AGEC 479 covers environmental policy as it relates to agriculture and food. The focus of NSU's course is on general environmental policy, looking at its history, how laws are established, and the role of government and the public in shaping environmental policy.
>
> Based on the course description, POLS/CJUS 407 is an upper-level course that appears to focus more on legislation and political maneuvering, whereas BIOL 212 is an introductory course offering a broad overview of environmental law. Instead of focusing on the politics of environmental policy, our course will rely more on the role of the public in decision making and how natural resource managers maintain compliance with projects that fall under federal jurisdiction.

☐ **Common Course**     *Indicate universities that are proposing this common course:*

☐ BHSU     ☐ DSU     ☐ NSU     ☐ SDSMT     ☐ SDSU     ☐ USD

# Section 3. Other Course Information

**3.1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?**

☐ **No**. Replacement of _____
(course prefix, course number, name of course, credits)
*Attach course deletion form

Effective date of deletion: _____ Click here to enter a date.

☒ **No**. Schedule Management, explain below:
Course will be taught by existing program faculty as part of their regular course load.

☐ **Yes**. Specify below:

**3.2. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered (i.e., any current or pending majors, minors, certificates, etc.):**
> BS Environmental Science
> This course could also be offered as an elective within BA Criminal Justice or the Legal Studies minor.

**3.3. Proposed instructional method by university** *(as defined by AAC Guideline 2.4.3.A)***:**
> R – Lecture

**3.4. Proposed delivery method by university** *(as defined by AAC Guideline 2.4.3.B and 2.4.3.B(A-1))***:**
> X01 – Face-to-face; X02 – HyFlex; X15 – Online Asynchronous

**3.5. Term change will be effective**:
> Fall 2025

**3.6. Can students repeat the course for additional credit?**
> ☐ Yes, total credit limit: _____ ☒ No

**3.7. Will grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)?**
> ☐ Yes ☒ No

**3.8. Will section enrollment be capped?**
> ☒ Yes, max per section: 35 ☐ No

**3.9. Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course system database?**

> ☐ Yes ☒ No

*If yes, indicate the course(s) to which the course will equate (add lines as needed):*

| Prefix & No. | Course Title |
|---|---|
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**3.10. Is this prefix approved for your university?**
> ☒ Yes ☐ No

*If no, provide a brief justification below:*

New Prefix Request is being filed concurrently with this New Course Request

## Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)

**4.1. University Department:**      NBIO

**4.2. Banner Department Code:**      NBIO

**4.3. Proposed CIP Code:**   030209

*Is this a new CIP code for the university?*   ☒  Yes     ☐  No