

College for Seniors

COURSE PROPOSAL

For Curriculum Committee use		
Semester(s) this course was previously offered:	Proposal Number:	W 09

Please complete this form with the understanding that you may revise the course description and topics before the catalog is finalized. To see a catalog from last semester, go to the College for Seniors Web site: www.isualum.org/en/college_for_seniors

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1. **Course title:** Making "Green" Choices

 Environmental Science & Ecology
2. **General field of interest** (e.g., Science, Music): _____
3. **Curriculum Committee contact person:** Carol Alexander Phillips
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4. **Instructor or coordinator:** Shepherd: Self
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Brief background of instructor (all or part of this will be used in the catalog):

5. **Course description & Specific Topics** that can be used to advertise the course in the catalog (you may revise this later if you wish). Course Materials & Format: Local speaker for first half of each session, followed by facilitated discussion based on selected readings with key questions identified. Each participant would either have a study booklet from Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI) (\$18 each) or a packet of readings for each of the four sessions. The booklet is designed for 8 sessions. Unsold books can be returned. Five sections of the checklist *Ames, Be Cool: Action Guide* would be used as a way to assess individual action.
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Session One: Focus on "consumption" led by social scientist or psychologist. What is sustainability? What are some basic ecological principles? What is the difference between basic needs and wants? How have the buying patterns of Americans changed in the last 50 or 100 years?

Session Two: Focus on food led by organizer of local Farmers' Market. Why is organic farming beneficial? Why should we eat locally grown foods? What is community-supported agriculture? How has the buying, selling, and delivering of food changed in the last 50 or 100 years?

Session Three: Focus on sustainable homes and communities led by a community advocate. What is a sustainable community? What are sustainable buildings and homes? Why are they important? What policies and procedures may need to be changed?

Session Four: Focus on a future vision led by person working on creating a sustainable community. What actions have you taken to protect and sustain the environment? Why are these actions important to you? What can you do to protect the earth?

6. **Specific topics** to be covered in the number of classes proposed:

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7. Preferred

class size: ___ 15 or less ___ 16-25 X 26-35 ___ 36-45 ___ 46-55 ___ 55 or more

8. Preferred session

(include year) : _____ Sept.-Nov. 2009 Winter Jan.-Feb. _____ March-May

9. Preferred number of

weeks and sessions: X 4 weeks ___ 6 weeks ___ 8 weeks
X Once a week ___ Twice a week

10. Check preferred class time. Put N/A where you are not available.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Comments
9:00-10:30					
11:00-12:30					
1:00-2:30					
3:00-4:30	X				

11. Recommended textbook (if any): _____

Where to obtain: _____

Cost of textbook: _____

Students will pay: ___ Instructor ___ College for Seniors when registering

12. Copying:

If a large quantity of printed materials is proposed, materials may be offered as a packet to be handed out at the beginning of the semester. Cost of printing, if substantial, may be added to cost of course.

Estimated number of pages to be copied for each session: Depends

13. Requested equipment (Podium with microphone, chalk, and dry-mark pens are provided at Scheman and ISU Foundation locations.)

Please check choices. (A more detailed form will be provided for your use before classes begin.)

NOTE: If using PowerPoint, you must provide your own computer.

___ DVD player X LCD projector ___ 35mm slide projector
 ___ VHS player X Elmo (opaque) projector X Lapel microphone
 ___ CD player ___ Overhead transparency projector ___ Laser pointer

14. Please list any potential guest presenters and city in which they live:

15. Is travel reimbursement requested? ___ Yes X No