

**Georgia College & State University**  
**Core Curriculum Area E Course Approval Form**

Title of Section: Sustainability

Name & Department (of proposing faculty member): IDST, Doug R. Oetter

Proposed Effective Date: Fall, 2017

If this is an existing course, please list the course prefix, number and title: IDST 2050

**Area E Learning Outcomes:** *Students will be able to interpret social science research from various sources.*

- 1) Please explain how your course will  
 require students to interpret social science research from various sources.

Sustainability incorporates economics, ethics, and ecology in an interdisciplinary effort to engage students in the examination of personal and societal impacts of existence. This class will correlate the most current academic research in several integrated fields to help students qualify, quantify, and evaluate their personal consumption of natural and human resources and their contribution to local and global concerns within the parameters of materials, energy, food, water, waste, and other natural resources. Each student will be asked to integrate life functions from personal to global scales into a philosophical framework of individual and societal existence.

**Course Description**

An interdisciplinary course across colleges and departments presenting an introduction to the principles of sustainability, including ethics, economics, ecology, environmental policy, and personal involvement. Students will conduct real-world analyses using campus and community data, with an emphasis on critical thinking, global issues, social justice, ethical constructs, interdisciplinary research, service learning, and community engagement. This course is a requirement for the Certificate in Sustainability, and can be applied to Core Area E.

**Main Topics to be Covered:**

Sustainability, Natural Resources, Energy, Water, Materials, Waste, Transportation, Food, Community, Health, Wellness, Community, Diversity, Ethics, Economics, Social Change, Personal Responsibility, Marketing, Science, Ecology, Environment.

**List Other Relevant Information:** This course is the required introductory course for the Certificate in Sustainability.

**Submit a syllabus**

Section to taught by: Doug R. Oetter

Signature of Submitting Faculty Member: Doug Oetter 10-13-16  
Faculty Member Date

**Recommendations (First 2 Signatures Required Before Submitting to SoCC)\***

Recommend  Not Recommend Aran MacKinnon 10-13-16  
 Department Chair \*\* Date

Recommend  Not Recommend Chavonda Mills 11-04-16  
College Dean Date

Recommend  Not Recommend Mary Maguire 8-30-17  
Chair, Sub-Committee on the Core Curriculum Date

Acknowledged Lyndall Muschell 9-1-17  
Chair, Curriculum & Assessment Policy Committee Date

Recommend  Not Recommend Lyndall Muschell 10/6/17  
Provost Date

\* A "Not Recommend" recommendation should include a brief explanation of the reviewer's reason(s) for the decision.  
 \*\* By signing/recommending, the Department Chair certifies that this faculty member has SACS qualifications to teach this section

\* Returned to committee on 9/15/17  
 CAPC Routed to SoCC - Reconsidered by CAPC 10/6/17