

Board of Governors, State University System of Florida Specialized Admissions Status Initial Approval Request Form

In Accordance with Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions

INSTITUTION: University of Florida

DEGREE PROGRAM: Bachelor of Science in Sustainability and the Built Environment CIP CODE 30.3301 PSE STEM Effective Academic Year 2023-2024

- 1. Does this request for specialized admissions status apply to the whole degree program? If no, please specify which major(s) or track(s) are seeking the status.
- 2. Which criteria for specialized admissions status does the program meet?
 - Limited Resources (if approved, the status will last a maximum of four years)
 - □ Minimal Skills (if approved, the status will last a maximum of five years)
 - □ Accreditation Requirements (If checked, you must also select either limited resources or minimal skills)
- 3. Provide a rationale for why the program meets the criteria selected above.
 - If the program is seeking specialized admissions status due to limited resources, provide details regarding which types of resources are limited and how the current demand for the program outpaces these resources.

The program is growing and approaching 200 students for 2023 with only three faculty.



- If seeking specialized admission status based on accrediting body requirements, please include the name of the accrediting body and a direct link to or copies of the specific standard(s) which require the requested status.
- 4. If the program is seeking specialized admissions status due to limited resources and/or is a Program of Strategic Emphasis, provide the institution's plan and timeline for increasing program resources. If the institution does not plan to increase capacity over the next few years, please provide a rationale.

 Not applicable.

Currently, the proposed plan is to evaluate the program in 2023 when it reaches 200 students. At that time the college will determine what plan of action needed to increase capacity and provide resources (such as additional faculty and staff) or cap the admission to 200 students.

5. If approved for specialized admissions status, what will be the program's admissions requirements? Additionally, please indicate how these requirements and procedures ensure equal access for qualified Florida College System Associates in Arts graduates competing for available space in the program.

60 credits and/or Associate in Arts degree 3.0 GPA Completion of the following courses: ECO 2013, ECO 2023, MAC 1147, STA 2023

6. What is the current race and gender profile of the program? Describe the potential impact on the race and gender profiles of the program. What strategies will be implemented to promote and maintain diversity in the program?

Currently the SBE program has 177 students. 56 have self-reported as Black, Hispanic or Native American. This is 32% of our student population and meets our program goal of 30%.

We plan to maintain and further improve our program's diversity through:

- Continue mentoring the student organization Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Sustainability. Through this organization that was developed by SBE students, we reach students from around campus.
- Continue working with the Black and Hispanic Institutes on campus as some of their members are SBE students. We plan to present about SBE program at their semester meeting. These presentations will be by our faculty and SBE Black and Hispanic students.
- We plan on restarting our collaboration with Black colleges that we started before Covid.

Required Signatures

Bahar Armaghani, Director Requestor/Initiator

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Signature of College Dean

Signature of Campus EO Officer

Signature of Provost

Signature of Chair of the Board of Trustees

Date Approved by the Board of Trustees

July 7, 2022 Date

7/15/2022 | 8:55 AM EDT

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