

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION – 11R

REVISION OF EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAM (Act 747)

1. Institution submitting request: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
2. Contact person/title: Dr. Sharon Gaber, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
3. Title of degree program: Environmental, Soil, and Water Science, BS
4. CIP Code: 03.0104
5. Degree Code: 3415
6. Effective Date: Fall 2013
7. Reason for proposed change: Compliance with Act 747
8. Provide **current** and **revised** curriculum outline. (Indicate total credit hours for current degree and total credit hours for revised degree.)

Current degree: 124 hours
Revised degree: 120 hours

See attached for current curriculum, showing tracked changes. Indicated curriculum changes to the ESWS major were requested independently of the effort to bring the degree program into Act 747 compliance. Course selections were restructured in the Natural Resources core (12 hours are required) to allow flexibility in choices among courses and retain the degree emphasis on science. Applicable courses will be distributed among two groups (Environmental Studies and Environmental Science) and students will choose 12 hours total with a maximum of 6 hours allowed in Environmental Studies. Internship course credits were added as an option to the Natural Resources core. To be compliant with Act 747, 2 hours of elective credit, 1 hour of basic physical, chemical, and biological sciences, and 1 hour of water science were removed from the 8-semester plan to reflect that the overall number of credit hours required should be 120. Specifically, one course was removed from the selection of water science courses. This change alters departmental requirements from 29-31 to 29-30. The option of the botany course was removed from the physical, chemical, and biological sciences course list which still retains the Introduction to Plant Science course option. This change clarifies that the physical, chemical, and biological sciences section requires 35 rather than 35 or 36 credit hours.

9. Institutional curriculum committee review/approval date for revised degree:
10. Provide additional program information requested by ADHE staff.

President/Chancellor Approval Date:

Board of Trustees Notification Date:

Chief Academic Officer:

Date: