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**From:** Sarah Milton <[smilton@fau.edu](mailto:smilton@fau.edu)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2024 9:37 AM  
**To:** Tiffany Roberts Briggs <[briggst@fau.edu](mailto:briggst@fau.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: Request for support of Geosciences curriculum update

In that case I approve the change from required to elective, as long as it stays in the curriculum.

Sarah Milton

On Feb 12, 2024, at 9:24 AM, Tiffany Roberts Briggs <[briggst@fau.edu](mailto:briggst@fau.edu)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,  
Here is the response from our undergraduate program chair:

BSC 4307 is not taught frequently enough to have it retained as a required class (I believe it was last on the schedule during the Fall semester of 2022). This means that students are unable to matriculate without the approval of a substitution. It also sets a false expectation for students when they think that this core class will be part of their climate change curriculum, but it is then not offered. When we previously approached Biological Sciences about this, it was conveyed that annual teaching of the class was not planned at this time. As such, making it an elective is the appropriate alternative.

Thanks,  
Tiffany

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**From:** Sarah Milton <[smilton@fau.edu](mailto:smilton@fau.edu)>  
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Why the change?  
Sarah Milton

On Feb 8, 2024, at 11:47 AM, Tiffany Roberts Briggs <[briggst@fau.edu](mailto:briggst@fau.edu)> wrote:

Sarah,

Just a quick note to make you aware of a couple of changes that we're making to our undergraduate curriculum that involves a course from your department. For our B.S. Geosciences Climate Change concentration, students are presently required to take BSC 4307. Moving forward, we plan to make this class an elective rather than a requirement.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would kindly respond to this email acknowledging this change and indicating your support.

With thanks,  
Tiffany

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