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Subject: Course Title and Description Change Request for LIT4434

# Attached please find a sample syllabus and course change form to support the course title and description change for LIT4434: Literature and the Environment to LIT4434: Literature and Environment.

# The revised title and course description changes reflect a comparatist approach to the study of literature and the environment that aligns this course with emergent scholarship within the fields of Environmental Humanities and Ecocriticism more broadly. The course title and description changes have been developed in consultation with the faculty members who teach the course and with the Undergraduate Committee.

Current course description:

LIT4434: Literature and the Environment**.** An exploration of the various ways in which American and/or British writers have engaged with the natural and/or "constructed" environment in their work. Genres may include fiction, non-fiction prose and poetry.

Proposed course change:

LIT4434: Literature and Environment. An exploration of literary engagements with the natural and/or constructed environment which may include, but is not limited to, the Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern, Romantic, Victorian, Modern, Postmodern, and Postcolonial traditions.