

## REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

### ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY MIDWEST Bachelor of Arts, Sustainability

**Request:**

Antioch University Midwest requests authorization to offer a Sustainability major within its existing Bachelor of Arts degree. The major, composed of seventy-six quarter hours, will be offered in a hybrid format, requiring face-to-face and online instruction.

**Background:**

Antioch University Midwest is an independent institution, located in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Originally established in 1988, the university is one of five Antioch University campuses located across the country (others campuses in Seattle, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Keene). Antioch Midwest University serves nearly 700 students in Ohio; the university system serves over 4,000 students. The university is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and has been authorized by the Chancellor since January 1995.

**Curriculum and Enrollment:**

The Bachelor of Arts, Sustainability program is designed to address the “Five E’s” of sustainability: equity, ecology, economy, energy, and education. The major has components in the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities, and includes coursework in environmental science, environmental health, environmental ethics, culture and ecology, sustainable agriculture, conservation, and resource scarcity and management. The program also includes field-based learning experiences in six of the major courses and a capstone project.

The university is projecting seven students in year one and anticipates enrollment will grow to 140 students by year four (based on two admittance dates). Initial projections were based on local and regional market analyses performed and in consultation with a program advisory board.

**Resource/Faculty Needs:**

Existing resources are in place to start the program. Seven full-time and ten part-time faculty members are in place to teach in the program.

**Recommendation:**

Antioch University Midwest meets the Chancellor’s standards for undergraduate programs and the review team recommends authorization for the Bachelor of Arts, Sustainability program. Authorization will continue through December 31, 2013 to coincide with the university’s next institutional reauthorization review with the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. Authorization is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports by December 31, 2011, 2012, and 2013, which address any concerns that remain. Authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor’s judgment, such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor’s standards.