

# AC 7: Incentives for Developing Courses

**2 points available**

## Rationale

This credit recognizes institutions that offer incentives to help academic staff expand sustainability course offerings. Providing release time, funding for professional development, trainings, and other incentives can help faculty broaden and deepen sustainability curriculum. Academic staff often need these incentives to determine how best to include sustainability in their courses. Providing such incentives lends institutional support to increased sustainability course offerings.

## Applicability

This credit applies to all institutions.

## Criteria

Institution has an ongoing program or programs that offer incentives for academic staff (i.e., faculty members) in multiple disciplines or departments to develop new sustainability courses and/or incorporate sustainability into existing courses or departments. To qualify, the program must specifically aim to increase student learning of sustainability.

Incentives may include release time, funding for professional development, or trainings offered by the institution. Incentives for expanding sustainability offerings in academic, non-credit, and/or continuing education courses count for this credit.

## Scoring

An institution earns 2 points for meeting the criteria outlined above. Partial points are not available for this credit.

## Reporting Fields

### Required

- ☐ Does the institution have an ongoing program that offers incentives for academic staff in multiple disciplines or departments to develop new sustainability courses and/or incorporate sustainability into existing courses?

If yes, provide:

- ☐ A brief description of the incentive program(s) (Include positive outcomes during the previous three years, e.g., descriptions of new courses or course content resulting from the program.)
- ☐ A brief description of the incentives that academic staff who participate in the program(s) receive

## Optional

- ☐ Website URL where information about the incentives for developing sustainability course content is available
- ☐ Additional documentation to support the submission (upload)
- ☐ Data source(s) and notes about the submission
- ☐ Contact information for a responsible party (an employee who can respond to questions regarding the data once it is submitted and available to the public)

## Measurement

### Timeframe

Programs or incentives that were offered within the three years prior to the anticipated date of submission are eligible for this credit.

### Sampling and Data Standards

Not applicable.

## Standards and Terms

Not applicable.