

The Green Diploma

North Lake College, Irving Texas



Goals of the Project

#1 Integrate Sustainability into the Curriculum – Across the entire campus.

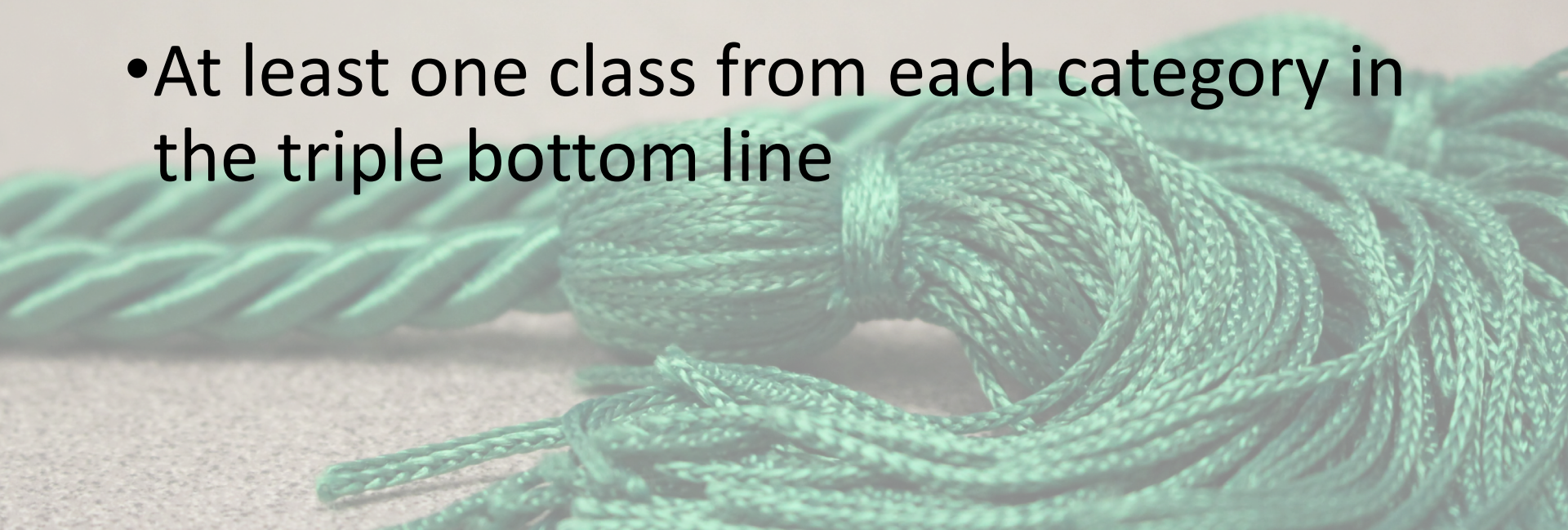
#2 Focus on the triple bottom line.

- Environmental Sustainability
- Economic Sustainability
- Social Sustainability



Introduction

- Students and faculty participate.
- This is an “honors” program.
- 15 College Credit Hours to complete
- Grade “C” or better.
- At least one class from each category in the triple bottom line



Student Matrix

Students can build their 15hrs from lists like the one below.
Students must have at least 1 class from each category.
With “C” or better

Environmental

BIOL 1406
BIOL 1407
BIOL 1408
BIOL 1409
BIOL 2420
BIOL 1411
BIOL 2406
CHEM 1411
ARTS 2356
Geology 1405
Geology 1445
ECOL 1305*
Speech**

Society

HIST 1301
HIST 1302
Foreign Language
Cultural Studies
Government
ENG 1302
ARTS 2356
ANTHRO 2351
Psychology
Sociology
ECOL 1305*
Speech**

Economics

Business
Economics
Logistics
Math 1324
Management
Marketing
EPCT 1311
BMGT 1301
BMGT 1327
ECOL 1305*
Speech**

Methodology

The methodology **must** be a part of the class culture

- End class with a sustainable quote, fact, poem, or challenge
- Paperless Assignments
- No trash created
- Turn off computers
- Teach on-line
- Turn off lights
- Use sustainable products whenever possible

Assignments

Specific guidelines for assignments

- Sustainable topics
- Sustainable extra credit
- Sustainable SLOs
- Service learning opportunities
- Best practices of people already doing this
- Green Club/Honor Societies
- Class Themes

Personal Pledge

Carpool, bicycle or run to school

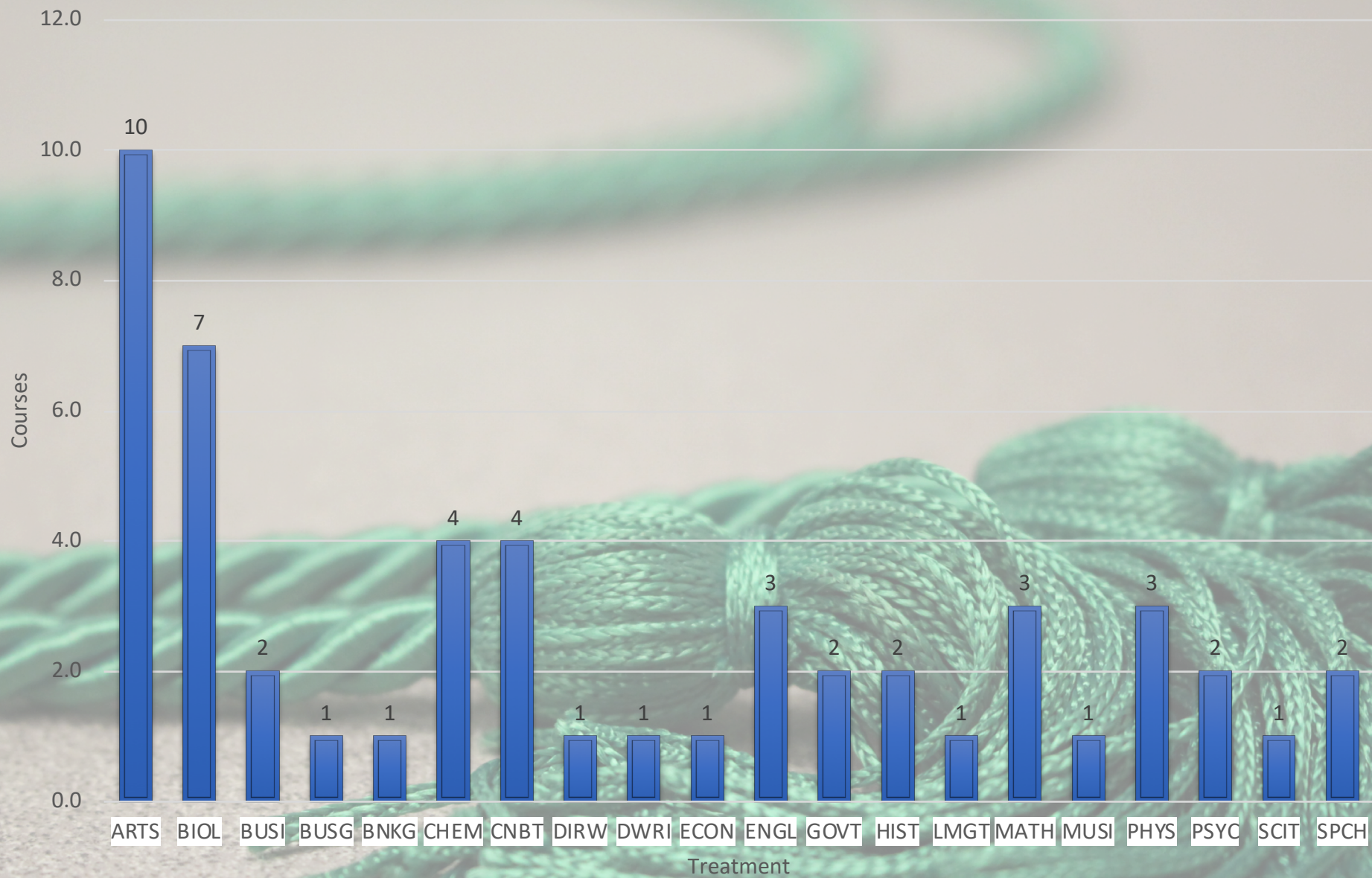
- Take public transportation
- Save water by turning off faucets while lathering
- Recycle more at home
- Turn off lights when not in use
- Join a cause
- Grow something at home
- Stop purchasing bottled water
- Replace detergents/soaps/cleaners with a more environmentally friendly alternative
- Volunteer somewhere
- Speak out on social media
- Use only reusable coffee cups/water bottles
- Shop without plastic
- Do one nice thing for somebody each day
- Save some money that semester
- Exercise
- Give to a charity
- Attend a seminar or professional development pertaining to any of the triple bottom

Faculty Matrix

Faculty must choose 1 from each category
Course then ratified by a committee of faculty

Successes

Distribution of Green Diploma Courses Across the Curriculum



Lessons Learned

- Data – who tracks this?
- Buy in – faculty and administrative
- Getting the word out to students



Future Plans

