## Statements of petition

**Natural Science:** I have extensive coursework in the natural sciences (B.S. in Biology) as well as research experience. However, all coursework was completed prior to 5 years ago. I am petitioning to waive this on the grounds that my combined coursework (with a 3.8 GPA) and research experience, regardless of the time at which it was completed, qualifies me for the program and should suffice in lieu of 4 credits. In addition to undergraduate coursework, I have completed the following:

University of Washington Certificate in Natural Science Illustration 2017 Tilth Alliance: Master Composter/Sustainability Steward Program 2018

**Social Science**: As with natural science, my coursework (Anthropology, Psychology) was completed prior to 5 years ago. I am petitioning to waive the requirement on the following grounds:

- Extensive foreign language and teaching experience, including long term exposure to a variety of differing cultural practices and communication methods
- Completion of the Tilth Alliance Master Composter/Sustainability Steward program which includes both a natural science component as well as municipal systems studies
- New Engen Diversity Equity and Inclusion Coordinator volunteer position within my company to help facilitate workplace discussions as well as set up partnerships with NGOs and coordinate volunteer opportunities for employees
- Recent coursework (4 credits) at the graduate level in Intersectional Ecofeminism (MES Evergreen). Although this course cannot officially count toward my pre-requisites, I would like to include it as part of my petition. If pre-requisites are required as an indication of an applicant's basis of knowledge and academic rigor prior to acceptance in a program, I feel that my participation and success in this class should be taken into consideration.

**Statistics:** Coursework was completed prior to 5 years ago. I will be taking an online statistics course prior to MES entry if accepted to the program.