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“What would it take to make Calvin carbon neutral?”

Even an introductory philosophy professor Matt Heun poses such a question. Last fall, Heun’s Engineering 333 class, questions which will require the effort of the whole student body for full semester.

For this question, though, it takes these engineers along with the biologists of professor Dave Warren’s Biology 354 class.

Their main conclusion? “A one-sentence carbon neutrality is possible but quite a challenge,” says their report. To come to this conclusion, the project carefully examined Calvin’s existing carbon footprint and carbon sequestration possibilities, and then outlined detailed strategies for both fully offsetting Calvin’s emissions and financing the whole process.

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