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## TRIAL COURSE OR NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

## SUBMITTED BY:

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1. ACTION DESIRED (CHECK ONE): Trial Course ☐ New Course ☒

2. COURSE IDENTIFICATION: Dept STO Course # 604 No. of Credits 4

Justify upper/lower division status & number of credits: The course will involve 9600 minutes of internship experience, equaling 4 credits. It is part of the proposed Graduate Certificate in Science Teaching and Outreach.

3. PROPOSED COURSE TITLE: Science Teaching and Outreach Internship

4. CROSS LISTED? YES/NO NO If yes, Dept: Course #

(Requires approval of both departments and deans involved. Add lines at end of form for such signatures.)

5. STACKED? YES/NO NO If yes, Dept: Course #

6. FREQUENCY OF OFFERING: Every semester. This is an internship course.

(Every or Alternate) Fall, Spring, Summer — or As Demand Warrants

7. SEMESTER & YEAR OF FIRST OFFERING (if approved) Fall 2014

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Dean's Office

College of Natural Science &amp; Mathematics

## 8. COURSE FORMAT:

NOTE: Course hours may not be compressed into fewer than three days per credit. Any course compressed into fewer than six weeks must be approved by the college or school's curriculum council. Furthermore, any core course compressed to less than six weeks must be approved by the core review committee.

COURSE FORMAT: (check one) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☒ 5 ☐ 6 weeks to full semester

OTHER FORMAT (specify)

Mode of delivery (specify lecture, field trips, labs, etc) Lecture

9. CONTACT HOURS PER WEEK: ☐ LECTURE hours/weeks ☐ LAB hours/week ☐ PRACTICUM hours/week

Note: # of credits are based on contact hours. 800 minutes of lecture=1 credit. 2400 minutes of lab in a science course=1 credit. 1600 minutes in non-science lab=1 credit. 2400-4800 minutes of practicum=1 credit. 2400-8000 minutes of internship=1 credit. This must match with the syllabus. See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/cd/credits.html> for more information on number of credits.

OTHER HOURS (specify type) 10 hours internship per week

## 10. COMPLETE CATALOG DESCRIPTION including dept., number, title and credits (50 words or less, if possible):

STO 604 Science Teaching and Outreach Internship 4 credits

## Course description

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**11. COURSE CLASSIFICATIONS:** (undergraduate courses only. Use approved criteria found on Page 10 & 17 of the manual. If justification is needed, attach on separate sheet.)

H = Humanities ☐ N = Natural Science ☐ S = Social Sciences ☐

Will this course be used to fulfill a requirement for the baccalaureate core? ☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES, check which core requirements it could be used to fulfill:

O = Oral Intensive, Format 6 ☐ W = Writing Intensive, Format 7 ☐ Natural Science, Format 8 ☐

**12. COURSE REPEATABILITY:**

Is this course repeatable for credit? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Justification: Indicate why the course can be repeated (for example, the course follows a different theme each time).

How many times may the course be repeated for credit? ☐ TIMES

If the course can be repeated with variable credit, what is the maximum number of credit hours that may be earned for this course? ☐ CREDITS

**13. GRADING SYSTEM:**

LETTER: ☐ PASS/FAIL: ☒

**RESTRICTIONS ON ENROLLMENT (if any)**

**14. PREREQUISITES**

For higher education strand, STO 666 Scientific Teaching. For formal K-12 education or informal education strands, STO 601 Communicating Science.

These will be *required* before the student is allowed to enroll in the course.

**RECOMMENDED**

Classes, etc. that student is strongly encouraged to complete prior to this course.

**15. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS**

**16. PROPOSED COURSE FEES**

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Has a memo been submitted through your dean to the Provost & VCAS for fee approval? Yes/No

**17. PREVIOUS HISTORY**

Has the course been offered as special topics or trial course previously? Yes/No

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If yes, give semester, year, course #, etc.:

**18. ESTIMATED IMPACT**

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

No budget impact is anticipated; the costs are limited to faculty salaries and minimal administrative costs (copying, etc.). Laura Conner, the Director of CNSM Outreach, will teach the course as part of her regular workload. No impacts on facilities and/or space is anticipated.

**19. LIBRARY COLLECTIONS**

Have you contacted the library collection development officer (ffklj@uaf.edu, 474-6695) with regard to the adequacy of library/media collections, equipment, and services available for the proposed course? If so, give date of contact and resolution. If not, explain why not.

No

Yes

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Karen Jensen, the Library Collection Development Officer, was contacted on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 about the Graduate Certificate in Science Education and Outreach. We determined that the collections contain sufficient journal subscriptions in science education to support these efforts. In addition, many of the required course books (National Research Council) for the certificate are freely available as pdf files.



## 20. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?

Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

This course will be open to all science and engineering graduate students (after the prerequisites are complete), and is envisioned as a required course for the proposed Scientific Teaching and Outreach Program. Any science or engineering graduate student can take the course, regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in the certificate program (after prerequisites).

## 21. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS

Please specify **positive and negative** impacts on other courses, programs and departments resulting from the proposed action.


This course is envisioned as part of a package of courses in the proposed Graduate Certificate in Science Teaching and Outreach. Completion of this certificate will better prepare science graduate students for the responsibilities of faculty and other professional positions, and is expected to make them more competitive in the job market.

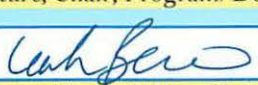
## JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

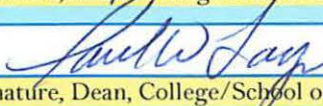
The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize course change and new course applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed course.

This internship course is a critical part of the proposed Graduate Certificate in Science Teaching and Outreach. It will give students practical experience based on knowledge gained in previous courses. The certificate will make graduate students better teacher and communicators of their science. These skills will help raise the quality of undergraduate instruction at UAF by arming Teaching Assistants with teaching training. The graduate students themselves will benefit by becoming increasingly competitive on the job market after graduation, and will become better science ambassadors to the public.

## APPROVALS:

	Date	Sept 14, 2012
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: <u>Biology and Wildlife</u>		

	Date	9/25/2012
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: <u>CNSM</u>		

	Date	9/25/12
Signature, Dean, College/School of: <u>CNSM</u>		

	Date	
Signature of Provost (if applicable)		

Offerings above the level of approved programs must be approved in advance by the Provost.

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

	Date	
Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee		

***ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES: (If required)***

	Date	
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:		
	Date	
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:		
	Date	
Signature, Dean, College/School of:		



## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Science Teaching and Outreach Internship, STO 604

**Credits:** 4 credits

**Grading:** Pass/fail

**Timing:** The internship is completed during the course of a single semester. The internship plan must be completed and approved prior to the beginning of the semester in which the internship takes place. The student is expected to dedicate 10 hours per week to the internship during the semester in which the internship takes place (2400 minutes per week per credit). In some cases, internship work can take place in the summer. In this case, the internship proposal must be submitted by prior to the beginning of summer.

**Prerequisites:** For higher education strand, STO 666 Scientific Teaching. For formal K-12 education or informal education strands, STO 601 Communicating Science.

#### Instructor/Course Coordinator:

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#### Course description

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#### Internship purpose and objectives

The science teaching and outreach internship allows students to apply the knowledge gained through earlier coursework to a real-life setting. Depending on interests and career goals, students will focus on one of four strands:

##### 1. Higher education strand

Students in the higher education strand work with the course coordinator to identify an appropriate course and faculty mentor prior to the beginning of the internship. Once the course is identified, the student will review the existing course syllabus and identify a sub-topic or topics as a focus for developing active teaching activities. The student will design and implement at least one teachable unit, including both formative and

summative student assessment and assessment of the efficacy of the teachable unit. The student will be expected to reflect on the strengths and shortcomings of their units and consider how they would revise it the next time they teach the unit. This will form an additional part of their teaching portfolio.

## **2. Formal K-12 education strand**

Students in the formal K-12 education strand work with the course coordinator to identify a K-12 classroom and appropriate K-12 teacher mentor. The student will work with the K-12 teacher to identify the timing and focus of the internship (including a review of required curriculum, GLE's, and state standards). The student will design and implement at least one teachable unit, including both formative and summative student assessment and assessment of the efficacy of the teachable unit. The student will be expected to reflect on the strengths and shortcomings of their units and consider how they would revise it the next time they teach the unit. This will form an additional part of their teaching portfolio.

## **3. Informal science education strand**

Students in the informal science education strand work with the course coordinator to identify out-of school science programs or activities that can serve as the basis for the internship activities. Internship activities can vary, but may include: 1) developing and delivering modules for UAF summer programs such as ASRA, 2) developing and delivering a series of talks for the general public in venues such as Murie Science Center, 3) partnering with the UAMN museum to assist with exhibits or educational programs, or 4) partnering with local or rural school districts to develop and deliver family science night festivals. The student will design formative assessments for the activities, and will be expected to reflect on the strengths and shortcomings of their activities, including possible future revisions.

## **Learning outcomes**

Students participating in the internship will:

- Build expertise in teaching and hone teaching skills
- Develop and implement a teachable unit or a set of informal science activities
- Gain new perspectives about teaching and/or outreach
- Reflect on the internship experience

## **Internship plan**

Prior to the start of the semester or the summer during which the internship will take place, each student will meet with the course coordinator to identify an appropriate internship. The student's thesis advisor **MUST** approve the internship. The student will complete an internship planning form that includes:

- 1) Internship strand
- 2) Specific focus of internship (e.g., which undergraduate course, K-12 classroom, or informal project)
- 3) Partnering organizations and/or mentors (must be approved by all partners or mentors)
- 4) Specific roles and responsibilities of the student
- 5) Specific responsibilities of the partner and/or mentor
- 6) Timeline of project
- 7) Signatures of student, course coordinator, partners and mentors, and thesis advisor

The planning form must be completed and signed at least **2 weeks** prior to the start of the internship. Some projects may require considerable advanced planning, and it is advisable to contact the program coordinator several months in advance of the internship.

### **Required Textbooks**

There are no required textbook for this course.

### **Assignments and Grading**

Grading is pass/fail (a pass requires a score of  $\geq 80\%$ )

<i>Item</i>	<i>Portion of Final Grade</i>
Internship plan	10%
Teachable unit, mentoring plan, or informal activity plan, including assessments	80%
Written reflection	10%

In addition to the internship plan (described above), students will submit a written plan that describes their teaching unit, mentoring plan, or informal activity plan. This plan will vary in length and format depending on the internship strand. A rubric will be distributed to each student that outlines the expectations. Finally, each student is expected to provide a 2-page written reflection about their internship experience. This reflection will become part of the teaching portfolio of the student.

### **Plagiarism/Academic Honesty**

Disciplinary action may be initiated in cases of plagiarism, cheating, and/or academic dishonesty. Please refer to the student code of conduct:

[http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/current/academics/regs3.html#Student\\_Rights](http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/current/academics/regs3.html#Student_Rights)

### **Student Support**

Students with special needs or concerns can contact Student Support Services (474-6844). Please let us know at the beginning of the semester if you will require accommodations due to a documented disability, and we will work with you in conjunction with the Office of Disability Services (203 WHIT, 474-7043).