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FISH F412 - Human-Environment Research Methods

3 credits

Offered Fall Even-Numbered Years

Basic overview of qualitative and quantitative social science methods for studying human-

environment relationships. Introduction to research ethics, research design, data collection, data analysis and data reporting. Methods and data analysis techniques include interviews, text analysis, surveys, scales, cognitive anthropology and ethnoecology, social networks, behavioral observation, and visual methods. Provides hands-on training in data collection and data analysis software.

Cross-listed with ANTH F412. This course is stacked with FISH 612.

Prerequisites: COMM F131X or F141X; ENGL F211X or F213X; upper level standing; or permission of instructor.

### FISH F612 - Human-Environment Research Methods

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8. GRADING SYSTEM: Specify only one. LETTER: X

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Cross-listed with ANTH F612. This course is stacked with FISH 412.

Prerequisites: Graduate standing, or permission of instructor.

PASS/FAIL:

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	IBRARY COLLECTIONS  Have you contacted the library collection development officer (kljensen@alaska.edu, 474–6695) with regard to the adequacy of
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Note: If  $\underline{\text{removing}}$  a cross-listing, attach copy of email or memo to indicate mutual agreement of this action by the affected department(s). If degree programs are affected, a Format 5 program change form must also be submitted.

NOTE: Anthropology Department signatures are in progress; to be added to this submission when received. (As of 10/10/2013) jh

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Jayne Harvie <jbharvie@alaska.edu>

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# Fwd: Approval for FISH 412

Christina Neumann <clneumann@alaska.edu>
To: Jayne Harvie <jbharvie@alaska.edu>

Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 1:17 PM

Here you go....

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From: Skatkinson <skatkinson@alaska.edu>

Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2013 at 1:14 PM Subject: Approval for FISH 412

To: Christina Neumann <clneumann@alaska.edu>

- > I, Shannon Atkinson, Program Chair for the Fisheries Graduate Program approve the major course change form for FISH 412/612: Human-Environment Research Methods.
- > Thank you for your review of it!

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Shannon Atkinson, PhD
 Graduate Chair, Fisheries Division
 School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences

Christina Neumann Academic Manager School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences 213 O'Neill Bldg Fairbanks, AK 99775-7220 907-474-5840

**FALL Hours:** 

Monday- Friday 9-5p Class on Tuesdays and Thursdays 915-1130A

# ATTACH COMPLETE SYLLABUS (as part of this application). This list is online at:

http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures-/uaf-syllabus-requirements/

The Faculty Senate curriculum committees will review the syllabus to ensure that each of the items listed below are included. If items are missing or unclear, the proposed course (or changes to it) may be denied.

## SYLLABUS CHECKLIST FOR ALL UAF COURSES

During the first week of class, instructors will distribute a course syllabus. Although modifications may be made throughout the semester, this document will contain the following information (as applicable to the discipline):

1. Course information:  ☐ Title, ☐ number, ☐ credits, ☐ prerequisites, ☐ location, ☐ meeting time (make sure that contact hours are in line with credits).	
2. Instructor (and if applicable, Teaching Assistant) information:  ☐ Name, ☐ office location, ☐ office hours, ☐ telephone, ☐ email address.	
3. Course readings/materials:  ☐ Course textbook title, ☐ author, ☐ edition/publisher. ☐ Supplementary readings (indicate whether ☐ required or ☐ recommended) and ☐ any supplies required.	
<ul> <li>4. Course description:</li> <li>□ Content of the course and how it fits into the broader curriculum;</li> <li>□ Expected proficiencies required to undertake the course, if applicable.</li> <li>□ Inclusion of catalog description is strongly recommended, and</li> <li>□ Description in syllabus must be consistent with catalog course description.</li> </ul>	
5. Course Goals (general), and (see #6)	
6. ☐ Student Learning Outcomes (more specific)	
7. Instructional methods: ☐ Describe the teaching techniques (eg: lecture, case study, small group discussion, private instruction, studio instruction, values clarification, games, journal writing, use of Blackboard, audio/video conferencing, etc.).	
8. Course calendar:  A schedule of class topics and assignments must be included. Be specific so that it is clear that the instructor has thought this through and will not be making it up on the fly (e.g. it is not adequate to say "lab". Instead, give each lab a title that describes its content). You may call the outline Tentative or Work in Progress to allow for modifications during the semest	
9. Course policies: ☐ Specify course rules, including your policies on attendance, tardiness, class participation, make-up exams, and plagiarism/academic integrity.	
10. Evaluation:  ☐ Specify how students will be evaluated, ☐ what factors will be included, ☐ their relative value, and ☐ how they will be tabulated into grades (on a curve, absolute scores, etc.) ☐ Publicize UAF regulations with regard to the grades of "C" and below as applicable to this course. (Not required in the syllabus, but is a convenient way to publicize this.) Link to PDF summary of grading policy for "C": <a href="http://www.uaf.edu/files/uafgov/Info-to-Publicize-C_Grading-Policy-UPDATED-May-2013.pdf">http://www.uaf.edu/files/uafgov/Info-to-Publicize-C_Grading-Policy-UPDATED-May-2013.pdf</a>	
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# ANTH/FISH 412: Human-Environment Research Methods

Instructor: Dr. Courtney Carothers Website: Blackboard: https://classes.uaf.edu/

School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Class Location: 201 O'Neill Building

University of Alaska Fairbanks Class Time: T 3:30-6:30pm

Office: 106C Professional Studies Bldg Office Hours: T/Th 9:00-11:00am, or by appt

University of Alaska Anchorage Campus Skype Contact: courtneycarothers Office Phone: 907-474-5329 Email: clcarothers@alaska.edu

**Prerequisites:** COMM F131X or F141X; ENGL F211X or F213X; upper level standing; or permission

of instructor.

### **CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

Basic overview of qualitative and quantitative social science methods for studying humanenvironment relationships. Introduction to research ethics, research design, data collection, data analysis and data reporting. Methods and data analysis techniques include interviews, text analysis, surveys, scales, cognitive anthropology and ethnoecology, social networks, behavioral observation, and visual methods. Provides hands-on training in data collection and data analysis software. Cross-listed with ANTH F412. This course is stacked with FISH 612.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

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# **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- To provide a basic understanding of all phases of the research process, including: formulating research questions, the relationship between theory and methods, basic social research design, data collection, data analysis, and data reporting.
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**SCHEDULE** (tentative) \*Bring laptop computer

Week	Theme/Lecture Topic	Readings	Assignments Due
1	Overview of Course; Introduction to Social-Environmental Research	Bernard Ch 1-2	
2	Ethics of Research and Research Preparation	Bernard Ch 3-5	A1: UAF on-line certification
3	Research Design, Experimental Method, & Sampling	Bernard Ch 6-8	A2: Research questions
4	Interviewing Guest: Dr. William Schneider, Professor of Library Science, Emeritus	Bernard Ch 9 (Optional: Huntington1998 Spradley 1979; Schneider)	A3: Research design & sampling
5	Text Analysis and Introduction to Atlas.ti*	Bernard Ch 17 (Optional: Ryan & Bernard 2003)	A4: Interviews Download free Atlas.ti tutorial
6	Survey Research Design; Scales and Scaling; Survey Analysis	Bernard Ch 10 (Optional: 12, 16)	A5: Text analysis
7	Participant Observation; Fieldnotes	Bernard Ch 13-14	A6: Surveys
8		Break, No Class	
9	Cognitive Models, Ethnoecology, LTK; Introduction to UCINET*	Bernard Ch 11, 18 (Optional: Stepp 2005; Paolisso & Dery 2010; Georgette & Schiedt 2005)	A7: Participant observation Download UCINET
10	Cultural Consensus Analysis*	Romney et al. 1986; (Optional: Miller et al. 2002; Weller 2007)	A8: Ethnoecology
11	Behavioral Observation & Analysis	Bernard Ch 15; (Optional: Paolisso & Hames)	A9: Cultural Consensus Final Paper Outline
12	Social Networks*	Borgatti et al. 2009; (Optional: Ramirez- Sanchez and Pinkerton 2009)	A10: Behavioral Observation
13	Visual Methods	Crowder 2007; (Optional: Atwell et al. 2009 + Atwell supplemental 1&2; Harper 2002)	A11: Social Networks
14	Data & methods reporting; Class-proposed topic; Course review	TBA	A12: Visual methods

15	Student Presentations of Research Projects		Final Project
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Instructor: Dr. Courtney Carothers Website: Blackboard: https://classes.uaf.edu/

School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Class Location: 201 O'Neill Building

University of Alaska Fairbanks Class Time: T/Th 11:30-1:00

Office: 106C Professional Studies Bldg Office Hours: T/Th 9:00-11:00 University of Alaska Anchorage Campus Skype Contact: courtneycarothers Office Phone: 907-474-5329 Email: clcarothers@alaska.edu

**Prerequisites:** Graduate standing, or permission of instructor.

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### LEARNING OUTCOMES

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# **Final Project**

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**SCHEDULE** (tentative) \*Bring laptop computer

Week	Theme/Lecture Topic	Readings	Assignments Due		
1	Overview of Course; Introduction to Social-Environmental Research	Bernard Ch 1-2			
2	Ethics of Research and Research Preparation	Bernard Ch 3-5	A1: UAF on-line research certification		
3	Research Design, Experimental Method, & Sampling	Bernard Ch 6-8	A2: Research questions		
4	Interviewing Guest: Dr. William Schneider, Professor of Library Science, Emeritus	Bernard Ch 9 Huntington 1998 Spradley 1979 Schneider forthcoming	A3: Research design & sampling		
5	Text Analysis and Introduction to Atlas.ti*	Bernard Ch 17 Ryan & Bernard 2003	A4: Interviews Download free Atlas.ti tutorial		
6	Survey Research Design; Scales and Scaling; Survey Analysis	Bernard Ch 10, 12, 16	A5: Text analysis		
7	Participant Observation; Fieldnotes	Bernard Ch 13-14	A6: Surveys		
8	Break, No Class				
9	Cognitive Models, Ethnoecology, LTK; Introduction to UCINET*	Bernard Ch 11, 18 Stepp 2005; Paolisso & Dery 2010; Georgette & Schiedt 2005 (methods sec. 7-17)	A7: Participant observation Download free trial of UCINET		
10	Cultural Consensus Analysis*	Romney et al. 1986; Miller et al 2002; Weller 2007	A8: Ethnoecology		
11	Behavioral Observation & Analysis	Bernard Ch 15; Paolisso & Hames	A9: Cultural Consensus Final Paper Outline		
12	Social Networks*	Borgatti et al. 2009; Ramirez-Sanchez and Pinkerton 2009	A10: Behavioral Observation		
13	Visual Methods	Crowder 2007; Atwell et al. 2009 + Atwell supplemental 1&2; Harper 2002	A11: Social Networks		
14	Data & methods reporting; Class-proposed topic; Course review	ТВА	A12: Visual methods		
15	Student Presentations of Research Projects		Final Project Due		

# **Curriculum Committee SFOS**

Members: Trent Sutton (Chair)

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21 August 2013

**Stacked Course** 

Course Number: FISH 412/612

Course Title: Human-Environment Research Methods

**Instructor:** Carothers

First Time of Offering: No

#### **General Recommendations:**

No general comments from the SFOS Curriculum Committee other than any comments regarding the course syllabi pertain to both FISH 412 and 612.

### **Faculty Senate Form:**

# Clarify and Address the following:

- Will need permission from Anthropology for cross listing.
- Catalog Description. Please use the UAF catalog description. The Committee recommends changing "junior or senior standing" to "upper level standing". For the FISH 412 description, you must include language that says "This course is stacked with FISH 612". Similar language must be included for FISH 612 (stacked with FISH 412). All of these changes pertain to Sections 6 and 7.
- A concern was raised that having no prerequisites for this class will cause it to be questioned by the UAF Curriculum Review Committee. The Committee recommends that some prerequisites be listed to justify this course to be offered at the 400 level. In the past, the UAF CRC has recommended that 400-level courses without prerequisites be offered at a 200 or 300 level (hence our reason for recommending adding prerequisites to bypass this issue).
- The section on Estimated Impact must be completed impact on workload, need for videoconference room, etc.
- For Library Collections, since adding the stacked course (FISH 612), must contact the library to make sure the necessary library resources are available.
- For Impacts on Programs/Depts, there must be a program impacted. This change impacts Fisheries; wat about other programs? Likewise, there has to be a positive/negative impact. In this case, an increase in enrollment?
- For the Justification, students asking for a 600-level course to be offered when a 400-level course exists of similar content was not considered to be adequate justification. Please provide a more thorough justification for this change/addition. What does the 600-level course fulfill that the 400-level course did not? What is the justification for moving the course to the fall semester? What impact might that change cause?

### Syllabus:

- The two versions of the syllabi (FISH 412/612) were very similar and the Committee felt that there was not adequate differentiation on the syllabi to differentiate the two versions. While this information was clear in the Faculty Senate form, it was not as explicit in the syllabi and must be made clearer for when this course is reviewed by GAAC.
- Instructor contact information needs to be updated to reflect dual locations (Fairbanks and Anchorage). Explanation needs to be provided on the syllabus on where the instructor will be located during the semester and where students can contact the instructor. Based on how the syllabi read, it appears that the instructor will be in Fairbanks every Monday from 10-12. Obviously that will not be the case, but this is the type of clarification that must be made on the syllabi in terms of your availability.
- The course description on the syllabus must match the course description on the Faculty Senate form.
- Course objectives/learning outcomes need to be different between FISH 412 and 612. Only having differences in assignments and readings does not constitute justification for course differentiation. Note that UAF is more critically evaluating stacked courses.
- For grading, the Committee wondered why the final paper/presentation was worth the same number of points for students in FISH 411 and 611, yet it is a much longer and more significant assignment for students in FISH 611.
- Is it necessary to list all of the chapters for the textbook?
- Given that you will not be co-located with the majority of the students in your course, you should provide additional explanation on how students can contact you.