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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 FISH Course # 694 No. of Credits 3

Justify upper/lower division status & number of credits: This class meets for 3 hours per week for an entire semester. It is a graduate-level course because it contains complex material and is oriented toward graduate students. Diverse backgrounds are required owing to the multi-disciplinary nature of the material (e.g., physical and biological sciences).

3. PROPOSED COURSE TITLE: Physical Processes in Freshwater Ecosystems

4. To be CROSS LISTED? YES/NO YES If yes, Dept: BIOL Course # 694

NOTE: Cross-listing requires approval of both departments and deans involved. Add lines at end of form for additional required signatures.

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

How will the two course levels differ from each other? How will each be taught at the appropriate level?:

Stacked course applications are reviewed by the (Undergraduate) Curricular Review Committee and by the Graduate Academic and Advising Committee. Creating two different syllabi—undergraduate and graduate versions—will help emphasize the different qualities of what are supposed to be two different courses. The committees will determine: 1) whether the two versions are sufficiently different (i.e. is there undergraduate and graduate level content being offered); 2) are undergraduates being overtaxed?; 3) are graduate students being undertaxed? In this context, the committees are looking out for the interests of the students taking the course. Typically, if either committee has qualms, they both do. More info online - see URL at top of this page.

6. FREQUENCY OF OFFERING: Spring semester, odd-numbered years
Fall, Spring, Summer (Every, or Even-numbered Years, or Odd-numbered Years) - or As Demand Warrants

7. SEMESTER & YEAR OF FIRST OFFERING (AY2013-14 if approved by 3/1/2013; otherwise AY2014-15) Spring 2015

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 all that apply) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☒ 6 weeks to full semester

OTHER FORMAT (specify)

Mode of delivery (specify lecture, field trips, labs, etc) Lecture plus student- and instructor-led discussion of required readings

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9. CONTACT HOURS PER WEEK:

3 hrs

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-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures-guidelines-for-computing/> for more information on number of credits.

OTHER HOURS (specify type)

10. COMPLETE CATALOG DESCRIPTION including dept., number, title, credits, credit distribution, cross-listings and/or stacking (50 words or less if possible):

Example of a complete description:

FISH F487 W, O Fisheries Management
3 Credits Offered Spring

Theory and practice of fisheries management, with an emphasis on strategies utilized for the management of freshwater and marine fisheries. Prerequisites: COMM F131X or COMM F141X; ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; ENGL F414; FISH F425; or permission of instructor. Cross-listed with NRM F487. (3+0)

FISH 694 Physical Processes in Freshwater Ecosystems

3 Credits Offered Spring, odd years

Theoretical background of habitat dynamics in freshwaters with focus on response of biota and practical application of current sampling methods. Prerequisites: BIOL 483 or FISH 425 or FISH 650 or permission of instructor, and graduate standing. Cross-listed with BIOL 694. (3+0).

11. COURSE CLASSIFICATIONS: Undergraduate courses only. Consult with CLA Curriculum Council to apply S or H classification appropriately; otherwise leave fields blank.

H = Humanities

S = Social Sciences

Will this course be used to fulfill a requirement for the baccalaureate core? If YES, attach form.

YES:

NO:

X

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

O = Oral Intensive,
Format 6

W = Writing Intensive,
Format 7

X = Baccalaureate
Core

11.A Is course content related to northern, arctic or circumpolar studies? If yes, a "snowflake" symbol will be added in the printed Catalog, and flagged in Banner.

YES

NO X

12. COURSE REPEATABILITY:

Is this course repeatable for credit?

YES

NO

X

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 for credit, what is the maximum number of credit hours that may be earned for this course?

CREDITS

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: Specify only one. Note: Changing the grading system for a course later on constitutes a Major Course Change - Format 2 form.

LETTER:

X

PASS/FAIL:

RESTRICTIONS ON ENROLLMENT (if any)

14. PREREQUISITES

BIOL 483 or FISH 425 or FISH 650 or permission of the instructor, and graduate standing.

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

15. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS

Students must attend the course in person or by videoconference.

16. PROPOSED COURSE FEES

\$0

Has a memo been submitted through your dean to the Provost for fee approval?

Yes/No

17. PREVIOUS HISTORY

Has the course been offered as special topics or trial course previously?

Yes/No

No

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

18. ESTIMATED IMPACT

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

Course requires classrooms and videoconferencing for 3 hours per week every other spring semester.

19. LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Have you contacted the library collection development officer (kljensen@alaska.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

X

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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)

Students from the Biology & Wildlife and Natural Resources Management Departments would likely take this course.

21. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS

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

This course provides positive impact by enriching the SFOS fisheries program with a course on physical habitats in freshwaters. Because there is little to no overlap in content between this course and others, this course will not negatively affect other courses or programs. It will complement other courses offered by the department such as FISH 487 Fisheries Management and FISH 650 Fish Ecology.

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.

Knowledge of how physical processes form and maintain habitats, and how organisms adapt and respond to these dynamic habitats, is critical for conservation and management in aquatic systems. Prospective employers, especially state and federal natural resource agencies, increasingly look for knowledge and experience with habitat dynamics and sampling techniques as conditions for employment. This new course will provide a solid background into the theory behind physical processes in freshwater ecosystems as well as knowledge regarding sampling techniques and their practical implementation in the real world. There are currently no physical habitat courses at UAF.

APPROVALS: Add additional signature lines as needed.

See attached	Date	
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:	FISHeries	
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:	Date	9-30-14
	CNSM	
Signature, Dean, College/School of:	Date	9/30/14
	CNSM	

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

	Date	
Signature of Provost (if above level of approved programs)		

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

	Date	
Signature, Chair Faculty Senate Review Committee: <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Review <input type="checkbox"/> GAAC <input type="checkbox"/> Core Review <input type="checkbox"/> SADAC		

ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES: (As needed for cross-listing and/or stacking)

Intdd	Date	9/2/14
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:	Fisheries Division	
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:	Date	9/8/14
	SFOS	
PAW	Date	9/23/14
Signature, Dean, College/School of:	SFOS	

_____, Biology + Wildlife 9/23/14

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Christina Neumann <cneumann@alaska.edu>

Deadline approaching for trial/special topic course paperwork

Shannon Atkinson <shannon.atkinson@alaska.edu>

Fri, Aug 1, 2014 at 1:28 PM

To: Christina Neumann <cneumann@alaska.edu>

Cc: Jeff Falke <Jeffrey.Falke@alaska.edu>

Hi Christina- Here are the comments that the graduate committee had on Jeff's new course proposal. Pls use this email as my signature on the form. Thanks!

Shannon

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Shannon Atkinson** <shannon.atkinson@alaska.edu>

Date: Mon, Jul 21, 2014 at 1:04 PM

Subject: Fwd: [Faculty] Deadline approaching for trial/special topic course paperwork

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2 attachments

**FISH 694 Physical Processes in Freshwater Ecosystems.docx**

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**FISH 694 PPFE New_Course_Form July 2014.docx**

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FISH 694/BIOL 694: Physical Processes in Freshwater Ecosystems

Course Syllabus

Course number/title: FISH 694/BIOL 694: Physical Processes in Freshwater Ecosystems

Credits: 3.0 Credits (letter grade)

Prerequisites: BIOL 483 or FISH 425 or FISH 650 or permission of the instructor, and graduate standing.

Location and meeting time: Classes meet on for 3 hours per week during the spring semester in odd-numbered years. Class sessions meet in Lena 101 (Juneau), ONL 214 (Fairbanks), and other videoconference locations on request.

Instructor: Dr. Jeffrey A. Falke, phone: (907) 474-6044; email: Jeffrey.Falke@alaska.edu

Office location/hours: 209B Irving I, Wednesdays (1-2PM), or by appointment.

Course readings/materials:

No text is required for this course. Required and supplementary readings will be provided in class or posted weekly on Blackboard (<http://classes.uaf.edu/>).

Course catalog description: *Theoretical background of habitat dynamics in freshwaters with focus on response of biota and practical application of current sampling methods.*

Course introduction: The overall goal of aquatic ecology is to better understand the interactions among aquatic taxa and their environments. As such, knowledge of how physical processes form and maintain habitats, and how organisms adapt and respond to these dynamic habitats, is critical for conservation and management in aquatic systems. Recent advances in quantifying the characteristics and distribution of habitats (e.g., remote sensing, GIS, etc.) have increased our understanding of the importance of habitat dynamics on population regulation, community composition, and ecosystem function across spatial and temporal scales. A combination of lectures, readings, and group projects will cover these topics with specific applications from around the world and Alaska.

Course goals: The goal of this course is for students to develop a broad understanding of physical processes that form and maintain freshwater habitats.

Student learning outcomes:

By the end of the semester, students enrolled in this class will have the following:

1. An understanding of how physical processes create, maintain, and structure habitats for freshwater taxa
2. Knowledge of current methods to classify, measure, and sample physical habitats in freshwaters.
3. Familiarity with current important topics in the field: environmental flows, ecological/process-based restoration, climate impacts

4. Appreciation of the technical literature as related to physical processes in freshwater ecosystems
5. Improved ability to be creative, synthesize, and present complex information through a group proposal writing exercise.

Instructional methods: Each week, two class meetings will consist of lectures by the instructor or guest speakers, and the other meeting will be a paper discussion and/or time set aside to work on group projects. Lectures will provide background on physical processes in freshwater ecosystems, whereas readings will focus on specific examples of the effects of said processes on a biological response. Required readings include journal articles, book chapters, agency sampling protocols and other relevant documents. Electronic copies of all readings will be placed on Blackboard (<http://classes.uaf.edu/>). Each student will lead and co-lead class discussions on 1-2 topics, depending on class size. Other class discussions will be led by the instructor. All lectures will be given by the instructor or an occasional guest speaker. For each discussion, students are expected to be conversant on the required readings as demonstrated through their active participation. Additionally, a group project will be required. Half-way through the semester, students will be divided into groups of 3-5 individuals with diverse interests and experiences. Each group will be tasked with using what they have learned in this and other courses to develop a multi-scale habitat survey design for a specific physical process and biological response in an Alaskan hydroecosystem (e.g., effects of sediment regimes on coastal cutthroat trout distribution in Southeast Alaska).

Course policies: Students are expected to attend all lectures and discussions. Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty are unacceptable. Please adhere to the UAF Student Code of Conduct (http://uaf.edu/catalog/catalog_13-14/academics/regs3.html). Violations of the UAF Student Code of Conduct will result in immediate failure of the course.

Evaluation: The following letter grading system will be applied based on absolute scores:

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F < 60

The following is the overall grading basis for this course:

50%	Group proposal
25%	Group presentation
15%	Attendance and active participation in discussions
10%	<u>Leadership of class discussion</u>
100%	Total Grade

Group proposal points allocation (20% each):

- 1) Grammar, format, and presentation
- 2) Organization
- 3) Well-developed idea and perspective
- 4) Incorporates concepts covered in class
- 5) Citations and references

Group presentation points allocation (20% each):

- 1) Equal member participation
- 2) Clear and focused delivery
- 3) Presentation is well-organized
- 4) Presentation includes details
- 5) Visuals complement and do not detract from message

Discussion leadership evaluation (33% each):

- 1) Preparation
- 2) Discussion facilitation
- 3) Quality of questions

Students are expected to attend all class sessions (unless absence is approved in advance) and demonstrate comprehension of assigned reading materials by active participation in discussion sessions by answering questions posed by the instructor and by asking informed questions about the reading material. Each student is also expected to lead and co-lead 1-2 class discussions (depending on class size) on assigned readings. Assignments for leaders and co-leaders of class discussions will be arranged during the first class session. Group project proposals will be graded based on ability of the group to integrate concepts presented in the course, logic, presentation, and grammar. Group presentations will be scored based on content, clarity, and professionalism. There are no exams.

Fees: N/A.

Support services: The Writing Center (<http://www.uaf.edu/english/writing-center/>) offers tutorial and fax-tutorial assistance with grammar, composition, and style. Students connected to the UAF network (Ethernet or wireless on-campus or through VPN off-campus) have access to UAF Library catalogs, electronic journal holdings, and interlibrary loan resources. Miscellaneous support services (e.g., tutorial services, instruction in mathematics skills, academic advising, mentoring and personal support, cultural and social engagement, use of laptop computers, labs, and other technology resources, and direct financial assistance to qualified low-income participants) are available through UAF Student Support services (<http://www.uaf.edu/ssss/>).

Disabilities services: The instructor will work with the UAF Office of Disability Services (208 WHITAKER BLDG, 907-474-5655) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.

Course calendar: The class meets for the entire semester. Classes are not held during spring break week. The course will cover the following topics in the following draft order:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
January		
16	Course Overview	No readings
19	No class – Alaska Civil Rights Day	No readings
21	Fluvial geomorphology	Wetzel 2001 (p 9-22)
23	Discussion	Ward 1998
26	Lacustrine geomorphology	Wetzel 2001 (p 22-42)
28	Drainage networks	Knighton 1998 (p 9-56)
30	Discussion	Benda et al. 2004
February		
2	Catchment and channel processes	Knighton 1998 (p 65-95)
4	Sediment dynamics	Montgomery et al. 1996
6	Discussion	Bowerman et al. 2014
9	Groundwater dynamics – regional	Winter 2007
11	Hyporheic flows – microhabitat to reach	Boulton et al. 1998
13	Discussion	Baxter & Hauer 2000
16	Hydrology & hydrologic regimes	Olden & Poff 2003
18	Climate impacts – hydro	Coopersmith et al. 2014
20	Discussion	Wenger et al. 2011
23	Thermal regimes & heat budgets	Cassie 2006
25	Climate impacts – thermal	Arismendi et al. 2013
27	Discussion	Johnson & Jones 2000
March		
2	Disturbance I – hydrologic	Resh et al. 1998
4	Disturbance II – fire, geologic	Dunham 2003
6	Discussion	Reeves et al. 2005
9	Environmental flows – theory	Poff et al. 1997
11	Environmental flows – practice	Poff et al. 2009
13	Discussion	Arthington et al. 2006
16	No class – Spring Break	No readings
18	No class – Spring Break	No readings
20	No class – Spring Break	No readings
23	Human impacts on physical processes	Karr 1999
25	Process-based restoration	Palmer et al. 2005
27	Discussion	Beechie et al. 2012
30	Habitat classification – pattern	Bisson et al. 1982
April		

May	1	Habitat classification – process	Montgomery & Buffington 1998
	3	Discussion	Poole et al. 1997
	6	Sampling methods – site-based	Bain & Stevenson 1999
	8	Sampling methods – reach-scale	CHaMP 2014
	10	Group proposal development	No readings
	13	Sampling methods – watersheds	
	15	New approaches to habitat sampling	
	17	Group proposal development	No readings
	20	Synthesis and new directions	Thorp 2014
	22	OPEN (catch-up)	No readings
	24	No classes – SpringFest	No readings
	27	Group proposal presentations	No readings
	29	Group proposal presentations	No readings
	1	Group proposal presentations	*Group proposals due*

Required readings:

- Arismendi, I., S. L. Johnson, J. B. Dunham, and R. Haggerty. 2013. Descriptors of natural thermal regimes in streams and their responsiveness to change in the Pacific Northwest of North America. *Freshwater Biology* 58(5):880-894.
- Arthington, A. H., S. E. Bunn, N. L. Poff, and R. J. Naiman. 2006. The challenge of providing environmental flow rules to sustain river ecosystems. *Ecological Applications* 16(4):1311-8.
- Bain, M. B., and N. J. Stevenson. 1999. Aquatic habitat assessment: Common methods. American Fisheries Society, Bethesda.
- Baxter, C. V., and F. R. Hauer. 2000. Geomorphology, hyporheic exchange, and selection of spawning habitat by bull trout (*salvelinus confluentus*). *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 57(7):1470-1481.
- Beechie, T., J. S. Richardson, A. M. Gurnell, and J. Negishi. 2012. Watershed processes, human impacts, and process-based restoration. *Stream and Watershed Restoration: A Guide to Restoring Riverine Processes and Habitats*:11-49.
- Benda, L., N. L. Poff, D. Miller, T. Dunne, G. Reeves, G. Pess, and M. Pollock. 2004. The network dynamics hypothesis: How channel networks structure riverine habitats. *Bioscience* 54(5):413-427.
- Bisson, P. A., J. L. Nielsen, R. A. Palmason, and L. E. Grove. 1982. A system of naming habitat types in small streams, with examples of habitat utilization by salmonids during low streamflow. Acquisition and utilization of aquatic habitat inventory information. American Fisheries Society, Western Division, Bethesda, Maryland:62-73.
- Boulton, A. J., S. Findlay, P. Marmonier, E. H. Stanley, and H. M. Valett. 1998. The functional significance of the hyporheic zone in streams and rivers. *Annual Review of Ecology and Systematics* 29:59-81.
- Bowerman, T., B. T. Neilson, P. Budy, and C. T. Marshall. 2014. Effects of fine sediment, hyporheic flow, and spawning site characteristics on survival and development of bull trout embryos. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 71(7):1059-1071.
- Caissie, D. 2006. The thermal regime of rivers: A review. *Freshwater Biology* 51(8):1389-1406.
- Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program [CHaMP]. 2014. Scientific Protocol for Salmonid Habitat Surveys within the Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program (CHaMP) v4.0. Available: <https://www.champmonitoring.org/Program/Details/1#protocol~#protocol2020>.
- Coopersmith, E. J., B. S. Minsker, and M. Sivapalan. 2014. Patterns of regional hydroclimatic shifts: An analysis of changing hydrologic regimes. *Water Resources Research* 50(3):1960-1983.
- Dunham, J. B., M. K. Young, R. E. Gresswell, and B. E. Rieman. 2003. Effects of fire on fish populations: Landscape perspectives on persistence of native fishes and nonnative fish invasions. *Forest Ecology and Management* 178(1-2):183-196.

- Johnson, S. L., and J. A. Jones. 2000. Stream temperature responses to forest harvest and debris flows in Western Cascades, Oregon. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 57:30-39.
- Karr, J. R. 1999. Defining and measuring river health. *Freshwater Biology* 41(2):221-234.
- Knighton, D. 1998. *Fluvial Forms and Processes: A New Perspective*. Arnold, London.
- Kondolf, G. M., and M. G. Wolman. 1993. The sizes of salmonid spawning gravels. *Water Resources Research* 29(7):2275-2285.
- Montgomery, D. R., J. M. Buffington, N. P. Peterson, D. Schuett-Hames, and T. P. Quinn. 1996. Stream-bed scour, egg burial depths, and the influence of salmonid spawning on bed surface mobility and embryo survival. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 53(5):1061-1070.
- Montgomery, D. R., and J. M. Buffington. 1998. Channel processes, classification, and response. *River Ecology and Management*. Springer-Verlag, New York:13-42.
- Olden, J. D., and N. L. Poff. 2003. Redundancy and the choice of hydrologic indices for characterizing streamflow regimes. *River Research and Applications* 19(2):101-121.
- Palmer, M. A., E. S. Bernhardt, J. D. Allan, P. S. Lake, G. Alexander, S. Brooks, J. Carr, S. Clayton, C. N. Dahm, J. Follstad Shah, D. L. Galat, S. G. Loss, P. Goodwin, D. D. Hart, B. Hassett, R. Jenkinson, G. M. Kondolf, R. Lave, J. L. Meyer, T. K. O'Donnell, L. Pagano, and E. Sudduth. 2005. Standards for ecologically successful river restoration. *Journal of Applied Ecology* 42(2):208-217.
- Poff, N. L., J. D. Allan, M. B. Bain, J. R. Karr, K. L. Prestegard, B. D. Richter, R. E. Sparks, and J. C. Stromberg. 1997. The natural flow regime. *Bioscience*:769-784.
- Poff, N. L., B. D. Richter, A. H. Arthington, S. E. Bunn, R. J. Naiman, E. Kendy, M. Acreman, C. Apse, B. P. Bledsoe, M. C. Freeman, J. Henriksen, R. B. Jacobson, J. G. Kennen, D. M. Merritt, J. H. O'Keeffe, J. D. Olden, K. Rogers, R. E. Tharme, and A. Warner. 2010. The ecological limits of hydrologic alteration (ELOHA): A new framework for developing regional environmental flow standards. *Freshwater Biology* 55(1):147-170.
- Poole, G. C., C. A. Frissell, and S. C. Ralph. 1997. In-stream habitat unit classification: Inadequacies for monitoring and some consequences for management. *Journal of the American Water Resources Association* 33(4):879-896.
- Reeves, G., L. Benda, K. Burnett, P. A. Bisson, and J. Sedell. 1995. A disturbance-based ecosystem approach to maintaining and restoring freshwater habitats of evolutionarily significant units of anadromous salmonids in the Pacific Northwest. Pages 334-349 in *American Fisheries Society Symposium*.
- Resh, V. H., A. V. Brown, A. P. Covich, M. E. Gurtz, H. W. Li, G. W. Minshall, S. R. Reice, A. L. Sheldon, J. B. Wallace, and R. C. Wissmar. 1988. The role of disturbance in stream ecology. *Journal of the North American Benthological Society* 7(4):433-455.

- Thorp, J. H. 2014. Metamorphosis in river ecology: From reaches to macrosystems. *Freshwater Biology* 59(1):200-210.
- Ward, J. V. 1998. Riverine landscapes: Biodiversity patterns, disturbance regimes, and aquatic conservation. *Biological Conservation* 83(3):269-278.
- Wenger, S. J., D. J. Isaak, C. H. Luce, H. M. Neville, K. D. Fausch, J. B. Dunham, D. C. Dauwalter, M. K. Young, M. M. Elsner, B. E. Rieman, A. F. Hamlet, and J. E. Williams. 2011. Flow regime, temperature, and biotic interactions drive differential declines of trout species under climate change. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A* 108(34):14175-80.
- Wetzel, R. G. 2001. *Limnology: lake and river ecosystems*. Academic Press, San Diego.
- Winter, T. C. 2007. Role of ground water in generating streamflow in headwater areas and in maintaining base flow. *Journal of the American Water Resources Association* 43(1):15-25.

Curriculum Committee SFOS

Members: Trent Sutton (Chair)
Brenda Konar
Ana Aguilar-Islas
Andres Lopez

25 August 2014

Trial Course

Course Number: FISH 694

Course Title: Physical Processes in Freshwater Ecosystems

Instructor: Falke

First Time of Offering: Yes

General Comments and Recommendations:

Given the lack of freshwater habitat courses available at UAF (other than what is offered in FISH 487 Fisheries Management), would the instructor be willing to allow upper-level undergraduate students to take this course?

I would be willing to allow upper-level undergraduates take the course, though I am not (at this point, but could change my mind after teaching the course once or twice) interested in “stacking” the course. I’m not sure what other options there are. Perhaps adding “junior or senior level undergraduates with instructor permission” to the course description/prerequisites?

Faculty Senate Form:

Clarify and Address the following:

- Frequency of offering – change “off-numbered” to “odd-numbered”.
Fixed
- Semester and year of first offering needs to state Spring 2015, not AY2014-15.
Fixed
- For the course format (point 8), check the box 6 weeks to full semester (not 3 weeks).
Fixed
- Since FISH 650 Fish Ecology is a prerequisite for this course, why not also include FISH 425 Fish Ecology as well? The two courses will be cross-listed in the future. Note that FISH 650 has not been taught in three years and will not be taught again for at least two more years. If you add FISH 425 as a prerequisite, please be sure to change this throughout the form.
Added FISH 425 as a prerequisite.
- Prerequisites need to be clarified. As they are worded, it looks like students could take BIOL 483/FISH 650 or be a graduate student or get instructor permission. Is that what you want?
Changed to clarify as “Prerequisites: BIOL 483 or FISH 425 or FISH 650 or permission of instructor, and graduate standing.”, here and in Point 14.

- Impacts – Since the course will be cross listed with Biology, that program will be affected by offering this course. Would students from NRM potentially be interested in this course? You will need to list all programs from which students might take this course.

Changed to “Students from the Biology & Wildlife and Natural Resources Management Departments would likely take this course. “

- Justification – To strengthen your argument for this class, you should include a statement that there are no freshwater fisheries habitat classes (aside what is offered for 1/3 of the semester in FISH 487) at UAF. Also, you state that the course will cover sampling techniques. Is this theory or in practice? If the latter, then that would be laboratory time which counts differently toward your minutes of instruction.

Added “There are currently no physical habitat courses at UAF.”

There is no experiential learning component of the course it will be entirely lecture and paper discussion-based. So technically discussion of sampling techniques will be theoretical.

Syllabus:

- The location for the course in Fairbanks is listed as 245 ONL (should be 214 ONL).

Fixed.

- Please list the required course readings or the sources for the readings (e.g., textbooks, journal articles, etc.).

Clarified as “No text is required for this course. Required and supplementary readings will be provided in class or posted weekly on Blackboard (<http://classes.uaf.edu/>).”.

Discussion readings are listed in the draft weekly schedule and required readings sections.

- The course description must match the catalog description.

Fixed. Added “General course description” section with old text.

- Course learning objectives are very vague – need to spell out and be specific. This is a significant area of focus at the next level of review (UAF GAC).

Added detail to objectives:

By the end of the semester, students enrolled in this class will have the following:

1. An understanding of how physical processes create, maintain, and structure habitats for freshwater taxa
2. Knowledge of current methods to classify, measure, and sample physical habitats in freshwaters.
3. Familiarity with current important topics in the field: environmental flows, ecological restoration, climate impacts
4. Appreciation of the technical literature as related to physical processes in freshwater ecosystems
5. Improved ability to be creative, synthesize, and present complex information through a group proposal writing exercise.

- For the instructional methods, you indicate that a group project is required. Because group projects are considered as outside activities to lecture and in-class discussion, be aware that if the groups meet during actual class time that they are considered as lab/recitation time (which counts differently toward time you need to meet, e.g., 3 minutes of lab time equals 1 minute of lecture time). Just something to be aware of for the course.
I have two one-hour sessions scheduled for group meetings to work on proposals. These meetings will take the place of discussion those weeks. I am not sure how to code this.
- Schedule is too vague – need a description of activities for each topic to justify the hours and credits. Also need to include readings and assignment due dates. I've added a detailed schedule (course calendar) with dates, topics, and required readings as well as a literature cited section.
- The course policies are very vague. What do you mean by stating that students “are responsible for absences”? You should also reference the UAF academic honesty policy – either state it in your syllabus or provide a link to it so that it is explicitly spelled out for students (this can save you a lot of problems if there is an issue with student cheating or plagiarism).
Added link to UAF student code of conduct and revised “Course Policies” section.
- Evaluation – Half of the grade is based on a group proposal. While that is fine, UAF GAC is going to want to see details on how that is evaluated (e.g., what are the explicit requirements, how are points allocated, need a grading rubric, etc.). How will leadership be evaluated and what are the criteria for different point/percentage assignments for students?
Allocation for points assigned for group proposal and presentation, as well as individual discussion leadership added.
- Support Services – Please include the following (cut-and-paste this blurb): The Writing Center (<http://www.uaf.edu/english/writing-center/>) offers tutorial and fax-tutorial assistance with grammar, composition, and style. Students connected to the UAF network (Ethernet or wireless on-campus or through VPN off-campus) have access to UAF Library catalogs, electronic journal holdings, and interlibrary loan resources. Miscellaneous support services (e.g., tutorial services, instruction in mathematics skills, academic advising, mentoring and personal support, cultural and social engagement, use of laptop computers, labs, and other technology resources, and direct financial assistance to qualified low-income participants) are available through UAF Student Support services (<http://www.uaf.edu/ssss/>).
Added.