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# 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.

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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

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.

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Christina Neumann <clneumann@alaska.edu>

# Course Proposal: FISH 694- Physical Processes in Freshwater Ecosystems

Shannon Atkinson <shannon.atkinson@alaska.edu> To: Christina Neumann <clneumann@alaska.edu>

Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 4:47 PM

Hi Christina- Pls accept this email as my signature on the FISH 694 revised course proposal.

thanks!

Shannon

[Quoted text hidden]

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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 for 3 hours per week during the fall semester in odd-numbered years. Class sessions meet in Lena 101 (Juneau), ONL 214 (Fairbanks), and other videoconference locations by 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 quest 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 (<a href="http://uaf.edu/catalog/catalog\_13-14/academics/regs3.html">http://uaf.edu/catalog/catalog\_13-14/academics/regs3.html</a>). 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:

45% Group proposal

20% Group presentation

10% Personal and peer evaluations

15% Attendance and active participation in discussions

10% Leadership of class discussion

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. Each student and group will evaluate themselves as part of the proposal and presentation development process. At the end of the semester each student will submit an anonymous evaluation of the other members in their group, as well as document and evaluate their own contributions to the team. These evaluations will count for 25% of the combined group presentation and proposal grade (i.e., 10% of overall grade). 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/sss/).

**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. The course will cover the following topics in the following draft order:

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

	18	Sampling methods – reach-scale	CHaMP 2014
	20	Group proposal development	No readings
	23 25 27	Sampling methods – watersheds New approaches to habitat sampling No class – Thanksgiving	No readings
December	30	Synthesis and new directions	Thorp 2014
December	2	OPEN (catch-up)	No readings
	4	Group proposal development	No readings
	7	Group proposal presentations	No readings
	9	Group proposal presentations	No readings
	11	Group proposal presentations	*Group proposals due*

## Required readings:

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