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No	Yes	X	For the original course, I spoke with Karen Jensen on 9/8/2011 and also informed Flora Grabowska. The reserve books are held at Mather Library.

11. 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)

The change means that Applied Seismology (GEOS 626) will require computational labs from now onwards. This is a major undertaking for teaching the class, whether it is I or someone else. But this is what is needed to train graduate students in seismology.

This change will increase my teaching workload for this course from 3 to 4 units. In principle, this makes me slightly less available to fill in where teaching units are needed in the Department of Geology and Geophysics.

12. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS

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

I do not see impacts on other courses, programs, or departments, though there could be some impact on students. The positive impact is that a MS student taking this class will get the 4 credits that the work amounts to; this extra credit can be used to fulfill the degree requirement (MS only). The negative impact is potentially that some students might be deterred from the workload implied by the 4 credits instead of 3. However, all students thus far have been graduate students who need applied experience in seismology; my sense is that the number of credits would be no deterrent.

13. 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. If you ask for a change in # of credits, explain why; are you increasing the amount of material covered in the class? If you drop a prerequisite, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? If course is changing to stacked (400/600), explain higher level of effort and performance required on part of students earning graduate credit. Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the course is not compromised as a result.

I taught Applied Seismology in 2012 (6 graduate students) and in 2014 (7 graduate students). Based on the design of the course and the feedback from the students (to each problem set and within the 2012 course evaluations), I have come to realize that a formal lab is needed in order to (1) reflect the nature of the course, which has regular computational labs (each student is given a Linux account) and (2) better reflect the high workload demand of the course. The course is centered on 10 challenging problems sets, all of which have separate computational lab exercises associated with them. I ask the students how many hours each problem set takes, and the average is about 15 hours. This number can be reduced by introducing formal computational lab exercises to give the students targeted training for the problem sets. Applied training in seismology requires considerable hands-on experience with computer programs and real seismic waveforms. I do not believe that this can be achieved without the high workload and computational lab sessions. Therefore I am seeking to formally introduce computational lab sessions, thereby increasing the credits from 3 (3+0) to 4 (3+3).

I encourage the reviewer of this proposed course change to examine the course content (problem sets and labs) that are posted on this website:

http://www.giseis.alaska.edu/input/carl/teaching/seis/aseis.html

The minor change in the prerequisites reflects the fact that what is needed for this class is linear algebra and vector calculus. There is the possibility that a student could take GEOS 631 (the current prerequisite) while not having taken linear algebra. The proposed prerequisites make this explicit. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions (carltape@gi.alaska.edu). APPROVALS: (Additional signature blocks may be added as necessary.) 9-18-14 Date Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: GEOSCIENCES Date Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: NSM Date Signature, Dean, College/School of: Offerings above the level of approved programs must be approved in advance by the Provost: Date Signature of Provost (if applicable) ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE. Date Signature, Chair Faculty Senate Review Committee: ___Curriculum Review ___Core Review ___SADAC ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES: (As needed for cross-listing and/or stacking; add more blocks as necessary.) Date Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: Date Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: Date

This helps to convey the importance of the computational labs within the course. (Note: not all labs are

posted.)

Note: If <u>removing</u> 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.

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QUICK REFERENCE: Section 8 contains the calendar of topics and deadlines.

Last compiled: April 4, 2014

1. Course information.

GEOS 626

Applied Seismology, 4 credits (3+3), Spring 2016

Lecture times:

Tuesday and Thursday, 9:45-11:15

Lab time

Tuesday, 11:30-14:30

Meeting location:

TBA

Prerequisites:

MATH 314 (Linear Algebra) and MATH 202 (Calculus III)

GEOS 604 (Seismology) is a recommended prerequisite

2. Instructor information.

Instructor:

Carl Tape

Office:

413D Elvey (Geophysical Institute)

Email:

carltape@gi.alaska.edu

Phone:

(907) 474-5456

Office hours:

Wednesday, 10:00-11:00, or by appointment

3. Course materials.

(a) **Textbooks.** The required (R) and supplemental (S) textbooks are (see "References" at the end of this syllabus) listed in the following table. The G.I. Mather library is located in the IARC/Akasofu building.

			Availability				
Textbook	R	S	UAF	Mather		UAF	
			bookstore	reserve	PDF	e-book	
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- (b) Journal articles assigned as reading will be available as PDFs through the course website on UAF Blackboard.
- (c) Students will need computers for their homework. General-use computers in UAF labs will be made available to students if needed.
- (d) Matlab will be the primary computational program for the course. Matlab is available via a UAF-wide license.

4. Course description.

Seismology combines observational data (seismograms) with numerical modeling methods to obtain powerful inferences about earthquake sources and the three-dimensional structure of Earth's interior. *Applied Seismology* will provide essential training for students' interested in academic, industrial, or governmental careers in seismology.

Catalog description: Presentation of modeling techniques for earthquakes and Earth structure using wave propagation algorithms and real seismic data. Covers several essential theories and algorithms for applications in seismology, as well as the basic tools needed for processing and using recorded seismograms. Topics include the seismic wavefield (body waves and surface waves), earthquake moment tensors, earthquake location, and seismic tomography. Assignments require familiarity with linear algebra and computational tools such as Matlab.

5. Course goals.

We will explore the study of earthquakes and Earth's interior structure using seismological theories and algorithms. The underlying physical phenomenon we will examine is the seismic wavefield: the time-dependent, space-dependent elastic waves that originate at an earthquake source (for example, a fault slips) and propagate though the heterogeneous Earth structure, then are finally recorded as time series at seismometers on Earth's surface. Students will examine real seismic data and use computational models to estimate properties about earthquake source and Earth structure. Students will acquire practical, advanced seismological training that will prepare them for seismological investigations in the future, whether in academic, industry, or government jobs.

6. Student learning outcomes.

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- (a) Understand the relevant temporal, spatial, and magnitude scales in the field of seismology.
- (b) Describe the physical quantities that govern seismic wave propagation.
- (c) Describe the seismic phases that arise in a regional or global layered Earth model.
- (d) Describe the seismic moment tensor, the fundamental model of an earthquake source.
- (e) Understand the basic framework of inverse problems within the context of seismology.
- (f) Describe several different seismological tools that can be used to investigate an individual earth-quake.
- (g) Understand the connection between earthquakes, continental deformation, and plate tectonics.
- (h) Understand the distinction between one-dimensional and three-dimensional Earth structure, and how this affects theory and algorithms in seismology.
- (i) Read seismological journal articles and summarize the content efficiently.
- (j) Write, improve, and run simple computational algorithms in Matlab.
- (k) Plot and manipulate recorded seismograms.

7. Instructional methods.

- (a) Assignments and grades (along with general course information and handouts) will be posted on Blackboard: classes.uaf.edu.
- (b) Lectures will be the primary mode of instruction. Some lectures will be supplemented with computational examples to prepare students for homework problems.

8. Course calendar (tentative).

-	Day	Date	Topic	Reading	Hom	ework
				Due [†]	Due	Assigned
1	Thurs		Seismology in 1916, 2016, and 2116	SW1, S1	_	HW-1
2	Tues		Introduction to Seismology	SW1, S1		
	Tues		LAB: Linux and Matlab	ļ		
3	Thurs		Linear algebra and vectors	SW-A, S-B	HW-1	HW-2
4	Tues		Linear algebra and vectors	SW-A, S-B		
	Tues		LAB: linear algebra			
5	Thurs		Seismic moment tensor	SW4.4, S9	HW-2	HW-3
6	Tues		Seismic moment tensor	notes		
	Tues		LAB: Seismic moment tensors (lab_mt.pdf)		•	
7	Thurs		Fourier transform	SW6, S-E	HW-3	HW-4
8	Tues		Fourier transform	notes		
	Tues		LAB: Fourier transform, seismic spectra (lab_fft.pdf)			
9	Thurs		The 2004 Sumatra earthquake	[10, 11, 12, 13]		
10	Tues		Processing seismic data	SW6, [14]		
	Tues		LAB: Instrument response (lab_response.pdf)		ļ	
11	Thurs		Waves on a string	SW2	HW-4	HW-5
12	Tues		Normal modes: theory and observations	SW2.9, S8.6		
	Tues		LAB: spherical harmonics; toroidal modes			
13	Thurs		Normal modes: theory and observations	DT10.5	HW-5	
14	Tues		Review HW4 and HW5			HW-6
	Tues		LAB: Analyzing seismic data (lab_seismo_rs.pdf)			
15	Thurs		Seismic data analysis			
16	Tues		The 2004 Sumatra earthquake	[10, 11, 12, 13]		
	Tues		LAB: Sumatra earthqquake			
17	Thurs		Great earthquakes since 2000		HW-6	HW-7
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18	Tues		Surface waves: theory and observations	SW2.7-2.8, S8		
	Tues		LAB: Love waves layer-over-halfspace model			
19	Thurs		Surface waves: theory and observations	SW2.7-2.8, S8	HW-7	HW-8
20	Tues		Introduction to inverse problems	SW7		
	Tues		LAB: least squares (lab_linefit.pdf)			
21	Thurs		Introduction to least squares	SW7, notes	HW-8	HW-9
22	Tues		Seismic tomography: global	S5, SW7.3		
	Tues		LAB: seismic tomography			
23	Thurs		Seismic tomography: crustal	SW3.2-3.3	HW-9	HW-10
24	Tues		Least-squares inverse theory	Т3		
	Tues		LAB: Newton method (lab_newton.pdf)	,		
25	Thurs		Iterative methods	T6.22		
26	Tues		Adjoint methods in seismology	[15, 16]	HW-10	
	Tues		LAB: surface wave dispersion (lab_dispersion.pdf)			
27	Thurs		Finite source models	S9.8, WS4.5		
28	Tues		Seismology in the oil industry	S7, WS3.3		
	Tues		LAB: TBD			
29	Thurs		Seismic monitoring for nuclear activity	[17]		

 † SW = Ref. [1]; S = Ref. [2]; DT = Ref. [5]; T = Ref. [18]

For example, "SW2.9" means Section 2.9 of Stein and Wysession (Ref. [1])

Some Important Dates:

First class:	Thursday	January XX
Last day to add class:	Friday	January XX
Last day to drop class:	Friday	January XX
Last day for student- or faculty-initiated withdraw:	Friday	March XX
Last class:	Thursday	May XX

9. Course policies.

- (a) Attendance: All students are expected to attend and participate in all classes.
- (b) Participation and preparation: Students are expected to come to class with assigned reading and other assignments completed as noted in the syllabus.

(c) Assignments:

- i. All assignments are due at the start of class on the due date.
- ii. Late assignments will be accepted with a 10% penalty per day late, up to five days late; an assignment that is ≥ 5 days late will receive a zero. (An assignment that is "one day late" would be handed in less than 24 hours after the start time of class on the due date.)
- iii. No digital submission of assigments will be accepted (e.g., email or Blackboard).

Homework Tips: Please type or write neatly, keep the solutions in the order assigned and staple pages together. Include only relevant computer output in your solutions (a good approach is to cut and paste the relevant output for each problem into an editor such as MS Word or Latex). Also clearly circle or highlight important numbers in the output, and label them with the question number.

I also suggest that you to include the most relevant portions of your Matlab code in your answers, especially in cases when you think your code is not working. Display numerical answers with a reasonable number of significant figures and with *units* if the quantity is not dimensionless.

Homework scores are based on clarity of work, logical progression toward the solution, completeness of interpretation and summaries, and whether a correct solution was obtained.

- (d) Graded Assignments: Assignments will be graded for students within seven days of their receipt.
- (e) Reporting Grades: All student grades, transcripts and tuition information are available on line at www.uaonline.alaska.edu.
- (f) Consulting fellow students: Students are permitted to discuss with each other general strategies for particular homework problems. However, the write-up that is handed in—including any computer codes—must be individual work.
- (g) Plagiarism: Students must acknowledge any sources of information—including fellow students—that influenced their homework assignments or final project. Any occurrence of plagiarism will result in forfeiture of all points for the particular homework assignment. If the plagiarism is between two students, then both students will potentially receive the penalty.
- (h) All UA student academics and regulations are adhered to in this course. You may find these in the UAF catalog (section "Academics and Regulations").

10. Evaluation.

(a) Grading is based on:

5%	Attendance and participation in lectures and labs
95%	Homework assignments

(b) Overall course grades are based on the following criteria:

A	$x \ge 93$	excellent performance:
A-	$90 \le x < 93$	student demonstrates deep understanding of the subject
B+	$87 \le x < 90$	strong performance:
В	$83 \le x < 87$	student demonstrates strong understanding of the subject,
B-	$80 \le x < 83$	but the work lacks the depth and quality needed for an 'A'
C+	$77 \le x < 80$	mediocre performance:
C	$73 \le x < 77$	student demonstrates comprehension of some
C-	$70 \le x < 73$	essential concepts only
D	$60 \le x < 70$	poor performance:
		student demonstrates poor comprehension of concepts
F	x < 60	Failure to complete work with 60% quality

(c) Research Project. Students have the option of of substituting a research project for any 2 homework assignments. The project will involve independent research into one aspect of seismology. It will require some computation and will be presented in the form of a written report, due on the last lecture class of the semester, and a short in-class presentation at the end of the semester. The report will be written in manuscript-submission style and format, using the guidelines for Geophysical Research Letters. Additional details, including project suggestions, will be provided by the instructor midway through the course.

11. Support Services.

The instructor is available by appointment for additional assistance outside session hours. UAF has many student support programs, including the Math Hotline (1-866-UAF-MATH; 1-866-6284) and the Math and Stat Lab in Chapman building (see www.uaf.edu/dms/mathlab/ for hours and details).

12. Disabilities Services.

The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and it ensures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials. The Geophysics Program will work with the Office of Disability Services (208 Whitaker, 474-5655) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.

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