Submit originals (including syllabus) and one copy and electronic copy to the Faculty Senate Office. See [http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/] for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

**CHANGE COURSE (MAJOR) and DROP COURSE PROPOSAL**
Attach a syllabus, except if dropping a course.

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1. **COURSE IDENTIFICATION:** As the course now exists.
   - Dept: ENVE
   - Course #: F646
   - No. of Credits: 3

2. **ACTION DESIRED:** √ Check the changes to be made to the existing course.
   - Change Course: X
   - Drop Course: 

   **NUMBER**
   **TITLE**
   **DESCRIPTION**

   **PREREQUISITES***
   **FREQUENCY OF OFFERING**

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

3. **CREDITS (including credit distribution)**

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   **STACKED LEVEL**
   **ADD NEW CROSS-LISTING**
   **STOP EXISTING CROSS-LISTING**
   **OTHER (specify)**

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

   Requires notification of other department(s) and mutual agreement. Attach copy of email or memo.

4. **COURSE FORMAT**

   **COURSE FORMAT:**
   - 1
   - 2
   - 3
   - 4
   - 5
   - X 6 weeks to full semester

   Mode of delivery (specify lecture, field trips, labs, etc.)
   - Lecture
4. COURSE CLASSIFICATIONS: (undergraduate courses only. Use approved criteria found in Chapter 12 of the curriculum manual. If justification is needed, attach separate sheet.)

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\begin{array}{ccc}
H = \text{Humanities} & S = \text{Social Sciences} \\
\text{Will this course be used to fulfill a requirement} & \text{YES} & \text{NO} & \text{X} \\
\text{for the baccalaureate core?} & & & \\
\text{IF YES*, check which core requirements it could be used to fulfill:} & \text{O = Oral Intensive,} & \text{W = Writing Intensive,} & \text{X = Baccalaureate Core} \\
\text{*Format 6 also submitted} & \text{submitted} & & \\
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4.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.

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5. COURSE REPEATABILITY:

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\text{Justification: Indicate why the course can be repeated (for example, the course follows a different theme each time).} & & & \\
\text{How many times may the course be repeated for credit?} & \text{TIES} & & \\
\text{If the course can be repeated with variable credit, what is the maximum number of credit hours that may be earned for this course?} & & \text{CREDITS} \\
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6. COMPLETE CATALOG DESCRIPTION including dept., number, title, credits, credit distribution, cross-listings and/or stacking, clearly showing the changes you want made. (Underline new wording strike through old wording and use complete catalog format including dept., number, title, credits and cross-listed and stacked.)

Example of a complete description:

PS F450 Comparative Aboriginal Indigenous Rights and Policies (s)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Case study Comparative approach in assessing Aboriginal to analyzing Indigenous rights and policies in different nation-state systems. Seven Aboriginal situations Multiple countries and specific policy developments examined for factors promoting or limiting self-determination. Prerequisites: Upper division standing or permission of instructor. (Cross-listed with ANS F450.) (3+0)

ENVE F646 Biological Unit Processes—Biological
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
Theoretical and applied aspects of biological wastewater treatment, including waste-activated sludge processes, trickling filters, lagoons, sludge digestion and processing, nutrient removal, biology of polluted waters, state and federal regulations. Recommended: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. Stacked with ENVE F446(3+0)

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3 Credits.
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
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8. GRADING SYSTEM: Specify only one.
   LETTER: X  PASS/FAIL: □

9. ESTIMATED IMPACT
   WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.
   None

10. 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  9/10/2015

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)
    Positive impact on Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Biology

12. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS
    Please specify positive and negative impacts on other courses, programs and departments resulting from the proposed action.
    Positive impact: Will offer opportunity for students in CNSM and CEM to enroll in a semester long dedicated on biological unit processes in environmental systems.
    No negative impact.

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.

Need for stacking

Biological treatment processes is an essential component of environmental engineering coursework needed for those working in the field of wastewater- urban or rural. Currently civil engineering undergraduate students do not have a way to access this material in detail via the undergraduate class CE 341. This will also help with student enrolments and getting the class offered on a regular basis, providing opportunity for graduate students in other departments (from CNSM) and local agencies (e.g., Department of Environmental Conservation) to take the class.

Differences in 400/600 courses

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3. The homework assignments and exams will be handed out in two categories: requiring demonstration of deeper understanding of the concepts for the graduate students.

[Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:]
[Date]

[Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:]
[Date]

[Signature, Dean, College/School of:]
[Date]

Offerings above the level of approved programs must be approved in advance by the Provost (e.g., non-graduate level program offering of a 600-level course):
[Date]

Signature of Provost (if applicable)

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

[Signature, Chair]
[Date]

Faculty Senate Review Committee: [__]Curriculum Review  [__]GAAC  
[__]Core Review  [__]SADAC

ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES: (As needed for cross-listing and/or stacking; add more blocks as necessary.)

[Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:]
[Date]

[Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:]
[Date]

[Signature, Dean, College/School of:]
[Date]

Note: If removing a cross-listing, you may attach copy of email or memo to indicate mutual agreement of this action by the affected department(s).
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APPROVALS: Add additional signature lines as needed.

[Signatures with dates and notes]

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[Signature of Provost with date]

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[Signature with date]

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

[Signature with date]
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.
4. Course description:
   ☐ Content of the course and how it fits into the broader curriculum;
   ☐ Expected proficiencies required to undertake the course, if applicable.
   ☐ Inclusion of catalog description is strongly recommended, and
   ☐ Description in syllabus must be consistent with catalog course description.
5. ☐ Course Goals (general), and (see #6)
6. ☐ Student Learning Outcomes (more specific)
7. Instructional methods:
   ☐ Describe the teaching techniques (e.g. 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 semester.
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”:
11. Support Services:
   ☐ Describe the student support services such as tutoring (local and/or regional) appropriate for the course.
12. Disabilities Services: Note that the phone# and location have been updated, http://www.uaf.edu/disability/
The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and ensures that UAF students
have equal access to the campus and course materials.
   ☐ State that you will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (208 WHITAKER BLDG, 474-5655) to
   provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.

5/21/2013
ENVE F446 Unit Processes: Biological  
3-credits  
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Spring 2016

Instructor:  
Dr. Srijan Aggarwal, Assistant Professor,  
Water & Environmental Research Center  
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Room 271 Duckering, Tel 474-6120, saggarwal@alaska.edu

Pre-requisites: CE F341 or instructor permission

Lectures:  
Tuesday & Thursday 15:40-17:10, Duck 306

Office Hours:  
Tues. 11:00-12:00, Thurs. 11:00-12:00, but feel free to stop by any time

Textbook:  

Further reading materials may be assigned / handed out in class.

Course Description:  
This course is useful for students or professionals interested in the field of environmental engineering and science, and specifically in processes related to biological wastewater treatment. The course discusses various theoretical and applied aspects of biological wastewater treatment, including waste-activated sludge processes, trickling filters, lagoons, sludge digestion and processing, nutrient removal, biology of polluted waters, state and federal regulations.

Course goals:  
➢ To equip students with engineering design and troubleshooting skills related to wastewater treatment  
➢ To make students aware of the current advances and challenges in bioprocesses  
➢ To impart effective and clear communication skills

Student learning outcomes:  
After going through this course students will be:  
• able to apply mathematical principles to wastewater treatment  
• aware and familiar with federal and state regulations in wastewater field  
• approach analysis and design of systems for rural wastewater treatment  
• more comfortable in reading and critique of primary scientific literature
Instructional methods: Lectures with supporting reading from textbooks and primary scientific literature will form the knowledge base of the course. Relevant journal articles will be assigned for critical group discussion.

Evaluation/Grading Policy:

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Final grades will be awarded according to the following scale:
- 95-100 A;
- 90- <95 A-;
- 85 - <90 B+;
- 80 - <85 B;
- 75-<80 B-;
- 70 - <75 C+;
- 65 - <70 C;
- 55-<65 D;
- <55 F

Either the weighted percentages or a curve maybe used, whichever gives best grades.

Course Policies

1. **Academic integrity.** Each student must become aware of UAF’s policy on academic integrity as detailed in the Student Code of Conduct, p. 50 of the 2014-2015 catalog. The FIRST violation of the student code will result in immediate failure of the course and/or disciplinary action as per UAF policy.

2. **Communication.** Outside of scheduled lectures and office hours, email is the official form of communication. When sending a message to the instructor, please use CE446 in the subject line. Students are expected to check their UAF email accounts for course updates. In addition, UAF Blackboard will be used for general announcements, distribution of course materials and posting of grades.

3. **Exams.** One mid-term exam and a final will be given during the semester (see course calendar). Each will be designed to test your understanding of critical concepts and your ability to solve problems. Exams are closed book/closed notes, however you may use a single 8.5” by 11” cheat sheet of your own creation.

4. **Quizzes.** Six to eight surprise quizzes (open book and notes) will be conducted during the course of the semester. Best five quizzes will be considered for the final grade. No make-up quizzes.

5. **Homeworks.** Regular homework problems will be assigned throughout the semester (see course calendar). Homework assignments are due at the 5:00 PM on the due date. Late homework will NOT be accepted without prior approval from the professor.

6. **Make up exams:** Exams must be taken on the assigned dates (see course calendar) and in general there will be no makeup exams. Makeup will be given only under extreme circumstances. It is expected that the student will contact the instructor sufficiently in advance of an exam or have sufficient reason that they could not do so. Valid reasons include severe sickness (attested by physician’s certificate), bereavement, or travel on university business (a letter in advance from the supervisor or responsible official).
7. **Absence.** If you are absent from any class it is your responsibility to inform yourself about the class material or any announcements. If you miss a quiz or homework you receive a "zero grade", except when you have made arrangements beforehand for reasons as stated above.

8. **Attendance.** Class attendance at all lectures is **required** and will be monitored. The professor reserves the right to adjust final grades up or down based on a student's course participation. You are welcome to ask questions in class or during office hours. Class participation and discussion makes the course lively and interesting for everyone.

9. **Homework Format:** It is imperative that engineering work be well organized and neatly presented in order to convey the desired information to peers, clients, and other interested parties in a clear, logical manner. Developing these skills of written communication is critical to career development. Pay close attention to these while submitting homework and exams.

10. **Journal Article Discussion.** Articles from scientific wastewater literature will be assigned for reading at the beginning of the semester. You are expected to read these before the discussion date (see schedule) and participate in the discussion. Graduate students or instructors will lead the discussion.

11. **Incomplete.** An "incomplete" will not be given unless severe illness, family tragedy, or a sudden transfer is involved. A written explanation and the completion of the appropriate UAF paperwork must be submitted in all cases.

12. **Disabilities.** If you have specific physical, psychiatric or learning disabilities and require reasonable accommodations, please let me know early in the semester so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. You will need to provide documentation of your disability to 'Disability Services' in room 208 of the Whitaker Building and request a letter of accommodation.

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**General course outline**

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ENVE F646 Unit Processes: Biological
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Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Spring 2016

Instructor:
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Room 271 Duckering, Tel 474-6120, saggarwal@alaska.edu

Pre-requisites: None
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Textbook:
Required: Metcalf & Eddy, revised by G. Tchobanoglous, F.L. Burton and H.D Stensel: Wastewater

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➢ To impart effective and clear communication skills

Student learning outcomes:
After going through this course students will be:
• able to apply mathematical principles to wastewater treatment
• aware and familiar with federal and state regulations in wastewater field
• approach analysis and design of systems for rural wastewater treatment
• more comfortable in reading and critique of primary scientific literature
Instructional methods
Lectures with supporting reading from textbooks and primary scientific literature will form the knowledge base of the course. Relevant journal articles will be assigned for critical group discussion.

Evaluation/Grading Policy:

Quizzes 10 %
Homework 20 %
Journal Discussion 10 %
Project 20 %
Midterm Examination 20 %
Final Examination 20 %

Final grades will be awarded according to the following scale:
95-100 A; 90-<95 A-; 85-<90 B+; 80-<85 B; 75-<80 B-;
70-<75 C+; 65-<70 C; 55-<65 D; <55 F

Either the weighted percentages or a curve maybe used, whichever gives best grades.

Course Policies

1. **Academic integrity.** Each student must become aware of UAF’s policy on academic integrity as detailed in the *Student Code of Conduct*, p. 50 of the 2014-2015 catalog. The FIRST violation of the student code will result in immediate failure of the course and/or disciplinary action as per UAF policy.

2. **Communication.** Outside of scheduled lectures and office hours, email is the official form of communication. When sending a message to the instructor, please use ENVE646 in the subject line. Students are expected to check their UAF email accounts for course updates. In addition, UAF Blackboard will be used for general announcements, distribution of course materials and posting of grades.

3. **Exams.** One mid-term exam and a final will be given during the semester (see course calendar). Each will be designed to test your understanding of critical concepts and your ability to solve problems. Exams are closed book/closed notes, however you may use a single 8.5” by 11” cheat sheet of your own creation.

4. **Quizzes.** Six to eight surprise quizzes (open book and notes) will be conducted during the course of the semester. Best five quizzes will be considered for the final grade. No make-up quizzes.

5. **Homeworks.** Regular homework problems will be assigned throughout the semester (see course calendar). Homework assignments are due at the 5:00 PM on the due date. Late homework will NOT be accepted without prior approval from the professor.

6. **Make up exams:** Exams must be taken on the assigned dates (see course calendar) and in general there will be no makeup exams. Makeups will be given only under extreme circumstances. It is expected that the student will contact the instructor sufficiently in advance of an exam or have sufficient reason that they could not do so. Valid reasons include severe sickness (attested by physician’s certificate), bereavement, or travel on university business (a letter in advance from the supervisor or responsible official).
7. **Absence.** If you are absent from any class it is your responsibility to inform yourself about the class material or any announcements. If you miss a quiz or homework you receive a “zero grade”, except when you have made arrangements beforehand for reasons as stated above.

8. **Attendance.** Class attendance at all lectures is **required** and will be monitored. The professor reserves the right to adjust final grades up or down based on a student’s course participation. You are welcome to ask questions in class or during office hours. Class participation and discussion makes the course lively and interesting for everyone.

9. **Homework Format:** It is imperative that engineering work be well organized and neatly presented in order to convey the desired information to peers, clients, and other interested parties in a clear, logical manner. Developing these skills of written communication is critical to career development. Pay close attention to these while submitting homework and exams.

10. **Journal Article Discussion.** Articles from scientific wastewater literature will be assigned to each student, and a class discussion will be led by the student on his/her assigned paper on a pre-decided date (see schedule).

11. **Course Project.** The course includes a project, evaluated in the form of an oral presentation at the end of the semester. Students may work in groups of up to 2 people. Projects must have a clear research question or problem statement, and then provide quantitative analysis addressing that question. Presentation will approximately be 10 minutes. Each student will provide an evaluation of the contribution of other students in his or her group and of the quality of other group’s projects.

    **Deadline for group projects:**

1. March 1 – By class time, decide groups and topics.
2. April 1 – By 5:00 PM, turn in a sheet with project title and a half page summary of proposed research question and analysis approach.
3. Group presentations will occur approximately during the last two weeks of classes; the exact date will be selected later in the semester.

12. **Incomplete.** An “incomplete” will not be given unless severe illness, family tragedy, or a sudden transfer is involved. A written explanation and the completion of the appropriate UAF paperwork must be submitted in all cases.

13. **Disabilities.** If you have specific physical, psychiatric or learning disabilities and require reasonable accommodations, please let me know early in the semester so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. You will need to provide documentation of your disability to ‘Disability Services’ in room 208 of the Whitaker Building and request a letter of accommodation.
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