# TRIAL COURSE OR NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

(Attach copy of syllabus)

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## 1. ACTION DESIRED

(CHECK ONE):

- Trial Course
- New Course ✗

## 2. COURSE IDENTIFICATION:

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<th>RD</th>
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<td>RD</td>
<td>340</td>
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Justify upper/lower division status & number of credits:

This course is part of the Rural Development core sequence of skill building classes and gives students the research skills needed to do community-based work. It meets the requirements for a three credit class.

## 3. PROPOSED COURSE TITLE:

Community Research Toolbox

## 4. To be CROSS LISTED?

YES/NO ✗

If yes, Dept: Course #

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 ✗

If yes, Dept. Course #

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

* Use only one Format 1 form for the stacked course (not one for each level of the course!) and attach syllabi. Stacked course applications are reviewed by the (Undergraduate) Curricular Review Committee and 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
| Fall, Spring, Summer (Every, or Even-numbered Years, or Odd-numbered Years) — or As Demand Warrants |

## 7. SEMESTER & YEAR OF FIRST OFFERING (Effective AY2015-16 if approved by 3/31/2015; otherwise AY2016-17)

Spring 2020 - this course is a new core requirement. We do not expect students under the new catalog requirements to reach this level until 2020. We will adjust start as necessary.

## 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.

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OTHER FORMAT (specify)

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<th>Mode of delivery (specify lecture, field trips, labs, etc)</th>
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9. CONTACT HOURS PER WEEK:

- LECTURE hours/weeks: 3
- 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)

RD F340  Community Research Toolbox (a)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Community research approaches and techniques. Emphasis on the role and need for community-based research and ethical issues associated with it. Students use a hands-on approach to learn about research techniques including interviewing, surveying, and utilizing existing data in support of community-based research. This course will emphasize academic writing as well as written and oral communication with community audiences.

Prerequisites: RD 225.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 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.

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14. PREREQUISITES

- RD 225.

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

15. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS

| None |

16. PROPOSED COURSE FEES

- None

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

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

18. ESTIMATED IMPACT

What impact, if any, will this course have on budget, facilities, space, faculty, etc.

Rural Development has the faculty and facilities to offer this course.

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.

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No additional materials are required. It would be very helpful if the Library could subscribe to Sage Research Methods, as UAA does, but they indicate they do not have the funds.

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)

None anticipated.

21. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS

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

This course supports the restructuring of the RD core to emphasize skill building and spread oral and written communication development throughout the program. It is possible that students who take a significantly longer time to graduate may find that their required course, RD 350 (which this course will ultimately replace), is no longer offered. We will deal with that situation through petitions. Otherwise, there should be no other negative impacts.

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.

This course is part of the redesign of Rural Development Core courses to emphasize building students’ community and rural development toolkits through skill building. It expands the research methods portion of RD 350 Community Based Research in Indigenous Contexts. RD 350 will be dropped when the majority of students are in the AY 17/18 catalog or later.

Currently RD 350 fulfills multiple roles in the Rural Development program. It is an oral intensive course, introduces students to research techniques, and provides students with the opportunity to design their senior project. This is too much to do well in one course.
As a part of our new Communications plan the oral communication learning outcomes will be shared between a series of courses. A new course, RD 225 Communicating for Rural Development, has been created to introduce students to the oral and written communication styles needed in the rural development field. In addition, courses throughout the Rural Development curriculum are being designated as emphasizing some aspect of oral communication and RD 475 Senior Project will be the capstone course for both the written and oral communication learning outcomes. RD 340, as part of the Rural Development core curriculum, will emphasize academic writing and written and oral communication with community audiences.

Senior project course design will be moved to the new course RD 474 Applied Community Research. This course will allow students to fully design their senior project building upon the tools provided in RD 340.

What remains with RD 340 will be the techniques. Students will be able to practice the research techniques learned in the class as well as look more closely at community based research as an approach. By spreading students’ learning of research techniques, design, and application over three semesters students will be able to come closer to the type of community research the department promotes.

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

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

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

| Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: | Date |
| Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development |

| Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: | Date |
| Rural and Community Development |

| Date |
Signature, Dean, College/School of: Rural and Community Development
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.

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