Submit originals (including syllabus) and one copy and electronic copy to the **Faculty Senate Office**See <a href="http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures-/">http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures-/</a> 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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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 **and** the appropriate Faculty Senate curriculum committee. Furthermore, any core course compressed to less than six weeks must be approved by the core review committee.

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# 7. COMPLETE CATALOG DESCRIPTION AS IT WILL APPEAR WITH THESE CHANGES:

(<u>Underline new wording</u> strike through old wording and use complete catalog format including dept., number, title, credits and cross-listed and stacked.) PLEASE SUBMIT NEW COURSE SYLLABUS. For stacked courses the syllabus must clearly indicate differences in required work and evaluation for students at different levels.

F371 is the new approved course number.

BIOL F271 3XX Principles of Ecology (n)

4 Credits

Offered Fall

Basic principles in physiological, ecosystem, population and community ecology. Environmental factors and their influence on plants and animals. Structure, growth and regulation of populations. The ecosystem concept, biogeochemical cycles, and the structure and function of major terrestrial biomes. Special fees apply. Prerequisites: BIOL F115X; BIOL F116X; LS F100 or LS F101 or successful completion of library skills competency test; or permission of instructor. (3+3)

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#### 10. ESTIMATED IMPACT

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

The change in frequency will free up faculty to teach other courses, including new ones under the new undergraduate curriculum.

#### 11. 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			No change to library needs
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#### 12. 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)

This course is required by the following other programs: Fisheries BS, Natural Resource Management BS, Wildlife Biology & Conservation BS. It also appears in lists of optional course requirements for the Geography BS and Rural Development BA. In spring 2012, we contacted the following program representatives about the proposed change:

 Mark Lindberg, chair of Wildlife Biology and Conservation Program, Dept of Biology & Wildlife, CNSM. The proposed change is awkward for this program, as there are wildlife courses at the 300 level that use Principles of Ecology as a prerequisite. However, the Wildlife program has not formally objected to this change.

- Trent Sutton, chair of Fisheries, SFOS. Trent discussed with faculty and had no objections.
- Dave Valentine, chair of Natural Resource Management, SNRAS. We received no response to an email informing NRM of this change.
- Patricia Heiser, Geography, SNRAS. We received no response to an email informing Geography of this change.

### 13. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS

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

The proposed change in course level could have a positive impact on students majoring in fisheries, NRM, and geography by providing a slightly more sophisticated introduction to ecological science, and by helping students to accumulate upper division credits. It would have a negative impact if changes to the course made it more difficult for these students succeed. However, both course instructors agree that, if students have fulfilled the prerequisites, they will be able to succeed in the course when it is taught at the 300 level.

The primary positive impact of the change in frequency will be that faculty will be freed up to teach other courses that will form part of the new undergraduate curriculum. The primary negative outcome will be that students will need to plan ahead a bit more, and will need to wait a year to repeat the course if they fail it.

## 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.

Under the current Biological Sciences B.A. and B.S. curricula, all undergraduates are required to take Principles of Ecology. We therefore needed to teach the course twice annually, in order to meet demand with existing lab space. Under the new curriculum some students will no longer be required to take Principles of Ecology. In addition, with the Life Sciences building coming on board we will have space available to teach a larger lab course if necessary. Faculty are needed to teach other courses, including courses that contribute to the new "capstone" requirement. It therefore makes more sense to reduce the frequency of offering to once a year.

The change from 200 to 300 level is sought for two reasons. First, student performance has increased over time. In the spring offering of the course, I have seen a 20% increase in the proportion of students earning A and B grades in the course since 2008. Similarly, Richard Boone, the instructor for the fall offering, reports that the number of students who struggle with the course material have declined in recent years. Both instructors hypothesize that the more restrictive prerequisites adopted by the Fundamentals of Biology courses (BIOL F115X and 116X) in 2006 and 2008 have improved the preparedness of students entering Principles of Ecology. Whatever the cause, we think that students can handle, and in fact will enjoy, engaging the subject of ecology at a higher level of sophistication and detail.

The second reason for changing the course level is to assist students majoring in biological sciences to earn a sufficient number of upper division credits in order to graduate in a timely manner. Some of our majors, especially those in the B.A. program, have found it challenging to accumulate 39 upper division credits within four years. We reason that if the course can successfully be taught at the upper division, then it should be taught at upper division.

The primary change I (Diane Wagner) would make in my offering of the course would be to adopt a more detailed and sophisticated text book, probably "Ecology 4th edition" by Ricklefs and Miller, a text that covers the material in a more rigorous and quantitative manner than my current text. The current labs and lab assignments, which include exploratory work, data analysis and written assignments, are already sufficiently challenging for the upper division. However, students will be

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# PRINCIPLES OF ECOLOGY BIOL F3XX

(Draft for 2013/2014 academic year or later)

## Meetings

Lecture Tue & Thu 9:45-11:15, Schaibel Auditorium

Labs: F01 - Wed 9:15-12:15, 402 Bunnell (CRN 35129)

F02 - Wed 2:15-5:15, 402 Bunnell (CRN 34130) F03 - Thu 2:00-5:00, 402 Bunnell (CRN 35131)

#### Instructor

Prof. Diane Wagner
163 Arctic Health Research Building, <a href="mailto:diane.wagner@alaska.edu">diane.wagner@alaska.edu</a>, 474-5227
Office hours XXX or by appointment

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TA contact information, office hours, and locations will also be posted on Blackboard

## **Catalog Description**

Basic principles in physiological, ecosystem, population, and community ecology. The course covers environmental variation and how organisms cope with that variation; the structure, growth and regulation of populations; and ecosystem structure and function.

## **Required Text**

Ricklefs, R.E. and G.L. Miller (1999) Ecology, Fourth Edition. W.H. Freeman. The text is available in paperback or casebound form in the UAF Bookstore. A copy of the text will also be available on reserve in Rasmuson library.

#### Website

The course website is administered through Blackboard at <u>classes.uaf.edu</u>. Please log on to Blackboard and confirm that you are can access course materials during the first week of class.

Your textbook provides an companion website at

http://www.whfreeman.com/Catalog/static/whf/ricklefsmiller/. On this website you will find answers to guiding questions in the text, flashcards, and links to relevant journal and popular articles.

#### **Instructional Methods**

Instructional methods include lectures, discussion, and laboratory work. Students should read the assigned portion of the text book before lecture. During most lectures, we will break for a short period to engage in problem-solving activities in smaller groups.

## **Prerequisites**

Biology 115X or 106X; BIOL 116X or 105X; LS F100X or LS F101X or successful completion of library skills competency test; or permission of instructor

## Prior knowledge expected

The course material will build on concepts skills you should have learned in previous courses; particularly the following:

- Basic chemical concepts (atomic and molecular structure, stoichiometry, oxidation-reduction reactions, acid-base reactions)
- Elemental composition, basic structure, and function of proteins, carbohydrates, lipids and nucleic acids
- Osmosis and diffusion
- Cell structure and function
- Mechanisms of photosynthesis and cellular respiration
- Mendelian genetics and mutation
- Biological classification system (domain, kingdom, phylum, etc.)
- Phylogenetic trees
- Sexual and asexual reproduction
- Plant and animal structure and function, including homeostasis
- Basic mathematics (percents, averages, unit conversions, probability, logarithms, algebra)
- The structure of a scientific paper / lab report
- Basic understanding of how to find journal articles and books using the library's online resources

#### **Course Goals**

The goals of BIOL 271 are to provide students with (a) an understanding of the basic patterns, mechanisms and concepts central to the science of ecology and (b) the ability to design, implement, interpret, and communicate simple ecological experiments using the scientific method.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

More specifically, students completing the course should able to explain the following concepts and draw on them to solve problems:

- Mechanisms that produce variation in Earth's climate at global and regional scales, and effects of climate on soils, vegetation, and communities
- Major environmental challenges faced by organisms on land and in water, and physiological and behavioral mechanisms by which animals and plants deal with those challenges
- The role of environment, population size, and genetic diversity in evolutionary change
- Patterns of variation in the life history traits of plants and animals, and tradeoffs among those traits
- How populations grow under ideal conditions and what factors limit population growth under real conditions
- The structure of natural communities and changes in community composition and ecosystems over time
- Pathways and transformations of energy and matter
- Human influences on ecosystems, in particular on the carbon and nitrogen cycles, and implications for global change

Students who complete the course should also be able to apply the following skills:

- Measure the abundance, density, and dispersion of plant and animal populations
- Apply exponential, geometric, and logistic mathematical models of population growth
- Design, interpret, and communicate a simple ecological experiment

Assessment	Midterm 1	15%
	Midterm 2	15%
	Final exam	20%
	Essay	6%
	Homework (3 assignments)	9%
	Lab assignments	30%
	Participation	5%

### Grading

Grades will be assigned based on the percentage of points you earn in class. Grades will not be assigned on a curve. No extra credit assignments are available.

Grade	% of Total Points
Α	90 - 100
В	80 – 89
С	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	0 - 59

#### **Exams**

Exams emphasize reasoning, problem-solving, and clarity of expression. The format will include short-answer, essay, and math problems. The final exam will emphasize material presented since the last midterm, but will also incorporate earlier material. You may not use your own calculator on exams. Departmental calculators will be distributed when needed. You will have a chance to familiarize yourself with the departmental calculators prior to the exam, if you wish.

Missing exams - If you need to miss an exam for a scheduled activity (e.g. sports event), you must schedule a makeup at least one week before the exam. If you are ill on the day of the exam, you must a) contact the instructor by email or phone before the exam begins, b) take a makeup exam within 48 hours, and c) bring to the makeup exam a note from a medical professional explaining your absence.

#### Lectures

Lectures will cover the concepts and facts you will need to know in order to do well in the course. PowerPoint presentations will accompany most lectures, and the slides will be posted to Blackboard later that day. PowerPoint slides are intended to illustrate lecture topics and may be useful study aids. However, viewing the slides is not a substitute for attending lecture. Plan to attend class and take notes. Some lectures, notably those which introduce population growth models and associated calculations, will be delivered using the overhead projector, so there will be no electronic summary to fall back on if you miss lecture. If you cannot attend lecture, you should obtain the notes from a classmate. During many lectures, we will break for problem solving activities. While lecture attendance is not mandatory, participation in these problem solving activities during lecture will contribute to your overall participation score (see below).

### Labs

Labs will illustrate concepts from lecture and allow you the opportunity to pursue your own questions about ecology by designing and implementing experiments. <u>Lab attendance is required.</u>

There are graded assignments associated with each full lab exercise. Lab reports, written in the format of a scientific paper, are required for two of the labs, and you will have the option to re-write the first paper assignment. Detailed instructions about how to write an effective lab report will be given in a separate handout. Less demanding worksheets are required for the remainder of the lab exercises. Due dates are listed on the schedule. Quizzes (see below) will take place at the beginning of most labs, so it is important to be on time.

Missing labs -- If you need to miss a lab, you should arrange to attend another lab that week. Contact both your own TA and the TA of the lab section you wish to attend. Only rarely can make-up labs can be arranged. If you miss a lab entirely, you may receive zero points for any associated assignments or papers. Please keep in mind that many of the lab exercises will be carried out in teams. If you do not attend lab, you will place your team members at a disadvantage.

#### Late assignments

Late assignments will be marked down by 5% per day, with a maximum penalty of 50%.

#### Homework

There will be 3 homework assignments. Each is due the week before an exam (see schedule). Homework assignments will be posted on Blackboard on Monday and are due Thursday at 5pm of the same week. Homework assignments will cover some of the material that will be covered on the next exam and are intended to help you study effectively.

#### Essay

Students are expected to write a single short essay (500-1000 words). For this assignment, you will choose a single species found in interior Alaska and write about how its physiology, morphology, and/or behavior allow it to survive the winter at high latitude. You must include at least 3 references from journal articles. A more detailed description of this assignment will be provided in class.

### **Participation**

Students are expected to be active participants at all class meetings, both lecture and lab. Lectures will frequently incorporate short problem-solving activities, and effective participation in these activities is tracked. Participation in lab is crucial. Many of our experiments are conducted in teams; if you are absent, your team members will have to do your share of the work. Please note that some experiments will require maintenance and data collection outside class hours. Your willingness to contribute to the success of your team's experiments counts toward your participation grade. At the end of the course, the instructor will work with TAs to evaluate participation in the course.

## Academic dishonesty

Acts of academic dishonesty include cheating on exams, helping others to cheat, plagiarizing (see the next paragraph), feigning illness to obtain an extension, turning in work that was written for another class without permission, and receiving credit for a group project to which you did not contribute. Please read the UAF Student Code of Conduct in the UAF Catalog. Students who behave dishonestly will receive an F for the class and the case will be presented to the University Disciplinary and Honor Code Committee for review.

Plagiarism means presenting someone else's ideas or text – published or unpublished – as if they were your own. Instances of plagiarism include failing to cite your sources properly and copying someone else's work. Please note that making small alterations to someone else's text to obscure the

resemblance still constitutes plagiarism. Students are welcome to work in groups to discuss lab assignments and homework and are encouraged to review each other's work, but unless otherwise specified, each student must prepare his or her own assignments.

## **Student Support Services**

**Writing Center -** Students are encouraged to take advantage of the Writing Center on campus in 801 Gruening, 474-5314.

Student Support Services Program – Tutors, laptops, and calculator checkout services are available to eligible low-income and first-generation students, as well as those with disabilities. <a href="http://www.uaf.edu/sssp">http://www.uaf.edu/sssp</a>, 512 Gruening, 474-6884, fysssp@uaf.edu.

Academic Advising Center – The Academic Advising Center offers free workshops on how to succeed in college. <a href="http://www.uaf.edu/advising/student">http://www.uaf.edu/advising/student</a>, 509 Gruening, 474-6396, advising@uaf.edu.

#### **Disabilities**

The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act and insures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials. The instructor will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (<a href="http://www.uaf.edu/disability/">http://www.uaf.edu/disability/</a>, 208 Whitaker Bldg, 474-5655, uaf-disabilityservices@alaska.edu) to provide accommodation to students with disabilities. If you have a physical or learning disability, please inform the instructor during the first 2 weeks of class.

# Principles of Ecology, BIOL 3XX Spring 201X Course Schedule

Reading:\* Week 1 Introduction Ch 1 R Date and 2 No labs Week 2 Ţ Date Life & the Physical Environment – Water & Solutes Ch 3 & 4 R Life & the Physical Environment – Energy & Heat Date Ch 5 LAB: Allelopathy Experiment – Begin; plus Lab Report Expectations **DUE IN LAB:** nothing Week 3 Date Т Response to Variation in the Environment Ch 6 R Date **Biological Factors in the Envronment** Ch 7 LAB: **Data Analysis & Ecological Literature** Allelopathy Data to TA **DUE IN LAB:** (Fri, <date> is the deadline to drop a course without it appearing on the transcript) Week 4 Date Climate, Topography, & Diversity Ch 8 Т R Date **Ecosystems: Introduction and Energy Flow** Ch 9 LAB: Allelopathy Experiment – End Worksheet from lab **DUE IN LAB:** Week 5 T Date Pathways of Elements in Ecosystems Ch 10 Date Nutrient Regeneration and Regulation of Ecosystem Function Ch 12 & 13 LAB: Interactions in Ecology: Planning Greenhouse Experiment (meet in the usual room, 402 BUNN) **DUE IN LAB:** Your team's experimental design DUE ON BLACKBOARD: Homework assignment 1, due Friday 17 Feb 5pm Week 6 T Date Exam 1 R Date **Population Structure** Ch 14 LAB: Interactions in Ecology: Greenhouse Experiment - Begin (meet in Institute of Arctic Biology Greenhouse on West Ridge) room: 402 BUNN) **DUE IN LAB:** nothing

Week 7

T Date Population Growth

Ch 15

R Date Population Regulation

Ch 16

Date: Measuring Population Abundance & Dispersion

DUE IN LAB: Allelopathy lab report

T Date Metapopulations, Population Fluctuations Ch 17 & 18

R Date Population Dynamics & Metapopulations

Ch 19

LAB: Life Tables and Human Demography

DUE IN LAB: Population Abundance and Dispersion Worksheet

DUE IN LECT: Essay on traits of a species adapted to the Fairbanks area

Week 9 <dates>, Spring break, no classes

Week 10

T Date Resources and Consumers

Ch 20

R Date Competition Ch 21 &

22

LAB: Population Growth
DUE IN LAB: Life Tables Worksheet

(Fri, <date> is the deadline for student- and faculty-initiated withdrawals; "W" on transcript)

Week 11

T Date Predation

Ch 23

R Date Herbivory & Parasitism

Ch 24

LAB: Temperature Acclimation in Fish

DUE IN LAB: Fish data

DUE ON BLACKBOARD: Homework assignment 2, due <date and time>

Week 12

T Date Exam 2

R Date Coevolution and Mutualism

Ch 25

LAB: Interactions in Ecology: Greenhouse Experiment - End (meet in Institute of

Arctic Biology Greenhouse on West Ridge)

DUE IN LAB: Fish Acclimation Worksheet

Week 13

T Date Communities and Their Structure Ch 26 &

27

R Date Community Development

Ch 28

LAB: Interactions in Ecology: Greenhouse Experiment – Analysis and Interpretation

DUE IN LAB: Graph(s) and major conclusions

Week 14

T Date Biodiversity

Ch 29

R Date Evolution and Adaptation Ch

30 & 31

LAB: Forest Ecology

DUE IN LAB: Interactions in Ecology: Greenhouse Experiment Lab Report

Week 15

T Date Evolution of Life Histories Ch

32

R Date Evolutionary Ecology of Sex Ch

33

LAB: Forest Ecology continuation, and Aquatic Ecology

DUE IN LAB: Forest Ecology Worksheet

Week 16

T Date Evolutionary Ecology of Social Behavior

Ch 34

R Date Human Influences on Ecosystems – Class Discussion handouts

LAB: Permafrost tunnel field trip

DUE IN LAB: nothing

DUE ON BLACKBOARD: Homework assignment 3, due <date and time>:

## Final exam - < Where and When>

\* Chapters in Ricklefs & Miller, Ecology 4th Edition