Submit original with signatures + 1 copy + electronic copy to Faculty Senate (Box 7500).

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.

## TRIAL COURSE OR NEW COURSE PROPOSAL (Attach copy of syllabus)

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Prepared by	Cary de Wit			Phone		x7141	x7141			
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#### 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)

This course has been developed through collaboration between the Geography and Geoscience programs within the Geosciences Department. The course will serve majors and graduate students in all of the Geosciences programs.

#### 21. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS

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

This course will add to the Arctic/Alaska emphasis in the Geography and Geoscience programs, and will also contribute to the overall Arctic teaching and research focus at UAF. It will diversify course offerings in both programs, especially in the Landscape Analysis and Climate Change Studies concentration of the Geography B.S. degree.

No negative impacts anticipated.

#### 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.

Alaska (Beringia) had a complex and fascinating history during the ice ages (the last 2 my). To understand these legacies, an interdisciplinary approach is needed. Ice Age Alaska will combine field trips with lecture-and discussion-based reviews of the foundational scientific literature concerning the glacial history, paleoclimate, archaeology, and paleontology of Beringia. It is designed as a capstone, synthesis course for seniors and graduate students in Geography, Geology, Anthropology, Atmospheric Sciences, and Biology.

Ice Age Alaska will fill a gap in existing course offerings. Because it is an overview/synthesis class, it incorporates subsets of the subject matter addressed in other courses. What is unique about this course is its temporal and spatial focus: it concerns the last 2 million years of paleoenvironmental changes in Alaska.

Below are existing courses with some degree of overlap with Ice Age Alaska. These existing courses either have a narrower subject focus, or cover a different period of Earth's history, or lack a hands-on field component.

GEOS F315 W Paleobiology and Paleontology: the entire history of life on Earth.

**GEOS F330 The Dynamic Alaskan Coastline** 

GEOS F351 W Field Geology: collecting and presenting basic geologic field data:

**GEOS F380 Geological Hazards** 

GEOS F452 /ANTHR 451 Quaternary Seminar (similar in concept to Ice Age Alaska but no field component. Also, this is solely an article-review course. Ice Age Alaska will be in part a lecture class in order to introduce and connect disparate scientific papers).

GEOS F453 Palynology and Paleopalynology

**GEOS F456 Paleopedology** 

GEOS F463 Glacial and Periglacial Geology

**GEOS F477** Ice in the Climate System

GEOS F485 Mass Extinctions, Neocatastrophism and the History of Life

**GEOS F605 Geochronology** 

**GEOS F612 Geologic Evolution of Alaska** 

**GEOS F616 Permafrost** 

**GEOS F617 Glaciers** 

**GEOS F629 Geologic Hazards and Natural Disasters** 

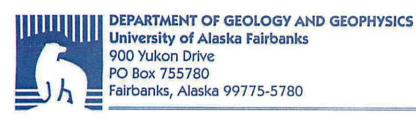
**ANTH F214 World Prehistory** 

ANTH F302 Siberia: Past, Present, Future

**ANTH F309 Circumpolar Archaeology** 

**ANTH F465 Geoarchaeology** 

APPROVALS: Add additional signature lines as needed.								
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#### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

September 30, 2015

TO:

Susan Henrichs, Provost

Through:

Paul Layer, Dean CNSM

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FROM:

Cary de Wit, Geography Program Coordinator

RE:

Course fee request for New Course: GEOG/GEOS 44/8/678 Ice Age Alaska

I am writing to request the inclusion of a course fee for a new course being proposed for Fall 2016: GEOG/GEOS 478/678 Ice Age Alaska, to be taught by Daniel Mann.

This is a 3-credit course that includes several weekend field trips that will require van rental, fuel purchases, and camping fees. I propose a course fee of \$100 per student to cover these costs.



## SYLLABUS GEOG/GEOS 478: ICE AGE ALASKA Fall 2016 3 credits MWF 9:15-10:15 204 Reichardt

Instructor: Dr. Daniel Mann email: dhmann@alaska.edu
Office: 366 Reichardt Building

**Phone:** 474-6929

**Office Hours:** MW 10:30-12:30

#### **Course Description**

This course provides an interdisciplinary overview of the paleoenvironments of ice age Alaska from 130,000 years ago to the present. It weaves together the diverse knowledge-threads from geography, geology, ecology, anthropology, and climatology that together describe the paleoenvironments of ice age Alaska. Emphasis is on events and processes in the past that have left continuing legacies on the present-day landscape. This is an upper division course because it relies on students having prior training in one or more of the above disciplines. Furthermore, it requires students to expand their interests and knowledge into fields they may know little about when the class begins. This class is intended for mature students who are ready to synthesize what they have learned so far and then add to it in creative ways.

#### **Course Prerequisites:**

Senior standing in Anthropology, Biological Sciences, Earth Science, Geography, Geoscience, or Northern Studies; or permission of instructor.

#### **Course Objectives**

To provide an interdisciplinary synthesis of what is known about biota, climate, glaciers, geomorphology, and archaeology during the last ice age including the last interglacial and the first few millennia of the Holocene, the present interglacial. The other main objective of this class is to explore the numerous unanswered questions that remain. Students will come away with a broadened perspective on how environments changed during the last ice age, the processes causing these changes, and the legacies of these changes in the present day. Although the focus is on Alaska and the Yukon, we will range more widely into other parts of the Arctic and its adjacent seas.

Instructional / Teaching Methods: This is a combined field, lecture, and discussion course that requires students to attend the field trips and keep up with assigned readings. Lectures and directed readings will give students a sound background in what we now know about ice age Alaska. There will be 3-5 guest lecturers over the course of the semester.

**Field Trips:** These are 2-day trips (Friday night through Sunday evening) that will depart Fairbanks in late afternoon on Fridays. In the field, we will collect data and test hypotheses. Attendance is mandatory for everyone. We will camp out in public campgrounds. Students should be comfortable scrambling over rough terrain and working in the rain.

**Regarding the mandatory field trips:** Please notify the instructor of any special needs that may require accommodation on the field trips. If you have any concerns about your ability to participate in the field trips, please notify the instructor before or on the first day of class.

**Required Text:** NONE. There is no upper division textbook that is relevant. Instead we will read a wide range of scientific papers: some old "classics" and others new developments in the fields of paleoecology, paleoclimatology, and Quaternary geology.

Attendance: attendance at lectures and on field trips is mandatory.

#### STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS

**Field Trip Reports:** Following each field trip, students will submit a report analyzing the data collected during the class field trips.

**Readings:** Undergraduate readings will ordinarily consist of two scientific articles every week. There will be weekly quizzes on the readings.

**Term Paper:** A 5-10 page term paper (including illustrations) is required. Topics vary according to individual students' interests. Each student will also develop a proposal describing his/her topic prior to writing the term paper. Detailed guidelines for the term paper will be given in lecture.

**Information on Exams and Assignments:** Examination format will include a mixture of multiple choice, short answer / diagram / map, and essay.

Extra Credit: Extra credit is not an option in this course except under unusual circumstances.

#### Grading

Quizzes on readings: 20% Midterm Exam: 20% Final Exam: 20%

Class and Field Trip Participation (attendance + discussion: 20%)

Term Paper: 20%

Course grades will be assigned as indicated in the table below. Grade point values are indicated in the table as well. Please see "Academics and Regulations" section of UAF 2014-15 Catalog.

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A+	100-97	4.0
Α	96-92	4.0
A-	91-90	3.7
B+	89-87	3.3
В	86-82	3.0
B-	81-80	2.7
C+	<i>7</i> 9-77	2.3
C	76-72	2.0
C-	71-70	1.7
D+	69-67	1.3
D	66-62	1.0
D-	61-60	0.7

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Plagiarism/Academic Integrity: University Standards and Policies apply (see UAF Catalog).

#### SCHEDULE OF LECTURES, EXAMINATIONS, AND TERM PAPER

(NOTE: The following schedule is based on the fall 2013 academic calendar)

Week 1: Friday Sept 6: What is this class about? Requirements, expectations.

Week 2: Sept 9, 11, 13: Basics of geochronology (radiocarbon, cosmogenic nuclides); Glacial history of Alaska

Field Trip #1: Delta Junction and Isabel Pass area. GOALS: 1) periglacial depositional environments (moraines, outwash, loess); 2) basic glaciology of debris-covered and surging glaciers; 3) field methods: relative age dating moraines, describing a stratigraphic section; 4) how to core a lake; 5) lake-sediment stratigraphy (tephras); 6) the Alaska Range glacial sequence as it is currently known.

Week 3: Sept 16, 18, 20: Permafrost geomorphology; Glacial geology with emphasis on field mapping

Field Trip #2: Parks Highway to Cantwell. GOALS: 1) vegetation zonation, treelines; 2) landslides; 3) glacial landforms; 4) stream planforms; 5) wildland fire; 6) method of multiple working hypotheses as applied to geomorphic mapping; 7) loess stratigraphy; 8) how to core a tree

Week 4: Sept 23, 25, 27: Basics of glaciology with emphasis on interpreting glacial geology

Week 5: Sept 30, Oct. 2, 4: Aeolian processes and depositional environments

Week 6: Oct 7, 9, 11: Alaska's loess and sand dune records (remote sensing exercise)

Week 7: Oct 14, 16, 18: Fluvial processes and depositional environments

Week 8: Oct 21, 23, 25: Alaska's fluvial record (remote sensing exercise); Sea-level history and processes

Week 9: Oct 28, 30: Vegetation history (exercise: interpreting a real data set in terms of paleoenvironment)

#### Friday Nov. 1 MIDTERM EXAM

Week 10: Guest Speakers TBA

Week 11: Nov 11, 13: Alaska's Archaeological past

Week 12: Nov 18, 20, 22: Ice-age biogeography: dispersal, evolution, extinction

Week 13: Nov 25, 27: The Bering Land Bridge and the Ice-Free Corridor

Week 14: Dec. 2, 4, 6: Graduate student presentations

Week 15: Dec 9, 11, 13: Ongoing climate change: perspectives from the past

Week 16: Dec 16 Monday: final examination, term papers due

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Class Presentations: Graduate students will make a 1/2-hour presentation of their term paper topics.

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## Additional Expectations for Graduate-level Credit (GEOG/GEOS 678)

It is important that those enrolled for graduate credit understand the different standards (rubrics) for the different graduate and undergraduate levels of this course. Students who are enrolled for graduate credit will be graded at a significantly different and higher standard than those enrolled for undergraduate credit. I expect students who are enrolled for graduate credit to display a high degree of integration and creativity in the classroom, on field trips, as well as when answering examination questions and writing their term papers. The 600-level students are expected to take leading roles in classroom discussions and on the field trips. My expectation is that their enthusiasm, interest, and specialty knowledge will help guide the class and contribute to its overall success.

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Field Trip #1: Delta Junction and Isabel Pass area. GOALS: 1) periglacial depositional environments (moraines, outwash, loess); 2) basic glaciology of debris-covered and surging glaciers; 3) field methods: relative age dating moraines, describing a stratigraphic section; 4) how to core a lake; 5) lake-sediment stratigraphy (tephras); 6) the Alaska Range glacial sequence as it is currently known.

Week 3: Sept 16, 18, 20: Permafrost geomorphology; Glacial geology with emphasis on field mapping

Field Trip #2: Parks Highway to Cantwell. GOALS: 1) vegetation zonation, treelines; 2) landslides; 3) glacial landforms; 4) stream planforms; 5) wildland fire; 6) method of multiple working hypotheses as applied to geomorphic mapping; 7) loess stratigraphy; 8) how to core a tree

Week 4: Sept 23, 25, 27: Basics of glaciology with emphasis on interpreting glacial geology

Week 5: Sept 30, Oct. 2, 4: Aeolian processes and depositional environments

Week 6: Oct 7, 9, 11: Alaska's loess and sand dune records (remote sensing exercise)

Week 7: Oct 14, 16, 18: Fluvial processes and depositional environments

Week 8: Oct 21, 23, 25: Alaska's fluvial record (remote sensing exercise); Sea-level history and processes

Week 9: Oct 28, 30: Vegetation history (exercise: interpreting a real data set in terms of paleoenvironment)

#### Friday Nov. 1 MIDTERM EXAM

Week 10: Guest Speakers TBA

Week 11: Nov 11, 13: Alaska's Archaeological past

Week 12: Nov 18, 20, 22: Ice-age biogeography: dispersal, evolution, extinction

Week 13: Nov 25, 27: The Bering Land Bridge and the Ice-Free Corridor

Week 14: Dec. 2, 4, 6: Graduate student presentations

Week 15: Dec 9, 11, 13: Ongoing climate change: perspectives from the past

Week 16: Dec 16 Monday: final examination, term papers due

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