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Faculty Members: Professor Austin Humphries

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This 3 credit graduate level course is titled "Ecosystem Science and Sustainability" and requires little, if any, research. The Professor plans to "...use case studies from coupled human-natural systems around the world to focus on issues of sustainability, drawing primarily from examples in the coastal zone."

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs may arise for the instructors. Our monographic holdings in ecology, biology, and natural resource sciences are good and any additional materials can be ordered through the Library or garnered using Inter-Library Loan (ILL).

Access to journals in this field meets the needs of the course. Our online indexes and abstracts in ecology specifically and the sciences generally should more than meet the demands of this graduate course. In particular, access to reference databases such as Science Direct, Web of Science, Biology Abstracts (BIOSIS), Environment Abstracts and the more general Academic Search Complete are available. There are many online journals such as Ecology, Nature, and Science which are also available online through the Library. We are unable to add any new journal titles except through a drop/add policy that requires the department to identify a journal title (of equal value) it would like to drop from its serials list to permit the addition of another. However, our current holdings in this field seem sufficient.

Therefore, the librarian believes that the Library can support, bibliographically, the needs of the students to be able to acquire the most out of this course.

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