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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT  
(New Course Proposal)  
LIBRARIAN’S ASSESSMENT

Subject selectors will complete this form as requested, assessing library materials and collections as detailed below. Send one copy of the assessment to the faculty member who requested it. Send one copy of the assessment to the Collection Management Officer.

Course: _URB 494 Topics in Urban Studies  
Department, College: _CCE  
Faculty Member: _Marshall Feldman/Kat Quina____________  
Date returned to Faculty: _4/4/12____________________  
Librarian Completing Assessment: _Joanna M. Burkhardt____  
Collection Management Officer: _Joanna M. Burkhardt______

Assessment of:  URB 4945 Topics in Urban Studies

Suitability of existing library resources;  
New library resources required to support the program;  
Information skills education required by the students;  
And Funds needed for library materials and services.

Please include:

What library holdings already exist in relevant subject categories, including supporting collections from HELIN. How much money is now allocated in the program area?

Substantial library holdings already exist in relevant subject categories, both in the URI Libraries and in the HELIN consortium collection. We subscribe to many journals in the field, both in online and paper format. Again other HELIN libraries subscribe to additional relevant journal titles that can be accessed by visiting those libraries or via Interlibrary Loan.
Does URI have the essential journals as noted in the Faculty Questionnaire?

The URI Libraries have the essential journals noted in the Faculty Questionnaire with the exception of one.

What new resources are required to support the program (including media, electronic, or other non-print materials)?

The instructor has indicated 5 essential and 13 recommended monographs to support this course. Two journals have been listed as essential. URI receives one of these journals now. The second title (Environment and Planning D) will cost $295 per year to obtain. Associate Dean Quina has earmarked funding for purchase of the monographs. I believe the CCE Library budget can absorb the ongoing cost for the journal needed.

What information mastery sessions will be required for the students?

Students would benefit from a library session focused on journal database searching, if their skills are not current.

What is the approximate cost to acquire the materials necessary? Which of these will be continuing costs?

The approximate cost to acquire the materials necessary will be approximately $600 for monographs and $295 for journals. The cost for the new journal is ongoing. Associate Dean Quina has provided sufficient funding for purchase of the monographs. The CCE library budget will absorb the cost of the new journal. There are minimal new costs for the purchase of library materials to support this course. Associate Dean Quina has agreed to cover the one-time costs.

I support the approval of this course.
Respectfully,
Joanna M. Burkhardt