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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.

Program: BCH 560X

Department, College: Cell and Molecular Biology. CELS

Faculty Member: Professor Jodi Camberg

Date returned to Faculty: August 27, 2015

Librarian Completing Assessment: Michael A. Cerbo II

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna Burkhardt

This new, temporary, 3-credit course is titled "Modern Approaches in Molecular and Cell Biology" and the Professor expects the students to conduct research using current sources in the subject area. This is an advanced graduate level course with students writing a term paper utilizing primary literature.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs might arise for the instructor. Our monographic holdings in biochemistry, molecular and cell biology are adequate and any additional materials can be garnered through the Library.

Access to journals in this field meets the needs of the course. The four required journals have been purchased by the library and are available online. They are Science, Nature, Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences, and the Journal of Biological Chemistry. Our online indexes and abstracts in biochemistry and cell and molecular biology specifically and the sciences generally should more than meet the demands of this course. In particular, access to reference databases such as Science Direct, Environment Abstracts, and the more general Academic Search Complete are available. 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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Cell and Molecular Biology Bibliographer
27 August 2015