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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: BIO 401X

Department, College: Biological Sciences

Faculty Member: Professor Brad Wetherbee

Date returned to Faculty: September 18, 2015

Librarian Completing Assessment: Michael A. Cerbo II

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna Burkhardt

This new 3 credit, distance learning, J-term course is titled "Survey of Tropical Ecotourism" and the Professor expects the students to conduct some research in the field. There is no assigned textbook and students will be expected to find journal articles on some aspect of ecotourism.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs might arise for the instructor. Our monographic holdings in ecology, tourism and environmental sciences are good and any additional materials can be garnered through interlibrary loans.

Access to journals in this field meets the needs of the course. Our online indexes and abstracts in ecology and environmental sciences specifically and the sciences generally should more than meet the demands of this course. In particular, access to reference databases such as ScienceDirect, Web of Science, Environment Abstracts, Biological and Agricultural Index Plus, and the more general Academic Search Complete are available. There are many online journals such as Ecology, Journal of Ecotourism, Nature and many others in the field that 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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Biological Sciences Bibliographer
18 September 2015