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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 522

Department, College: Biological Sciences

Faculty Member: Professor Jacqueline Webb

Date returned to Faculty: September 29, 2020

Librarian Completing Assessment: Michael A. Cerbo II

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna Burkhardt

This new 3 credit course is titled "Sensory Ecology" and the Professor expects the students to conduct little research for the class. Most of the material will be available through electronic resources placed on e-reserves.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs might arise for the instructor. Our monographic holdings in ecology and ecosystems, biology, as well as the environmental sciences are good and any additional materials can be garnered through interlibrary loan. Currently, one of the two major resources listed by the Professor has not been published as of this statement ("The Senses: A Comprehensive Reference" second edition), but will be ordered by the Library as soon as it becomes available and we currently hold the first edition.

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, Nature and others in the field that are also available online through the Library. As was indicated by the Professor, I concur that the Library's 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
29 September 2020