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## Environmental Crisis Communication NRS 542

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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: \_NRS 542 Environmental Crisis Communication\_\_\_\_\_

Department, College: \_NRS, CELS\_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Member: \_Sunshine Menezes\_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_1/29/2020\_\_\_\_\_

Date returned to Faculty: \_1/29/2020\_\_\_\_\_

Librarian Completing Assessment: \_Joanna M. Burkhardt\_\_\_\_\_

Collection Management Officer: \_Joanna M. Burkhardt\_\_\_\_\_

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Assessment of:

- 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:

1. What library holdings already exist in relevant subject categories. How much money is now allocated in the subject area?

The library holds materials in communication and environmental communication, but no monographs specific to environmental crisis communication. Materials of this nature could be bought from the allocations of a number of subject areas. The 2019-20 allocation for purchase of monographs for NRS is approximately \$2,000. The allocation for Communications is approximately \$9,000. The allocation for Journalism is approximately \$2,000. There is sufficient money to purchase any monographic resources that might be needed to support this course. The cost of journal subscriptions is not broken out by department.

2. Does URI have the essential journals as noted in the Faculty Questionnaire?

URI has *Environmental Communication* online from 2007 – present. We also have *Science Communication* in paper from 1998-2005 and online from 2010-2018. We own a hard copy and an electronic copy of the textbook listed.

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

No new library resources are required to support the course.

4. What information mastery sessions will be required for the students?

No information mastery sessions are required for students. Instructors may request library instruction for their class at the beginning of any semester.

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

There are no new costs to the library for the support of this class.