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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: Graduate Certificate in Science Writing

Department, College: Natural Resources Science. CELS

Faculty Member: Professor Nancy E. Karraker

Date returned to Faculty: November 17, 2017

Librarian Completing Assessment: Michael A. Cerbo II

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna Burkhardt

This new "Graduate Certificate in Science Writing" will be open to any graduate student in any science discipline. It does not have a research element, so there will be little demand for specific journals and monographic materials.

Based on this, the Library believes it does have the basic materials to support this certificate program. We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs might arise for instructors. Our monographic holdings in the sciences, are good and any additional materials can be garnered through our interlibrary loan office.

Access to journals in this field meets the needs of this certificate program. Our online indexes and abstracts in the sciences, as well as access to reference databases such as ScienceDirect, Web of Science, 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 program.

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Natural Resources Science Bibliographer
17 November 2017