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Biodiversity Crisis: Species, Ecosystems and Human Welfare NRS 330G

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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: NRS 330G

Department, College: Natural Resources Science

Faculty Member: Professor Brian Gerber

Date returned to Faculty: October 5, 2017

Librarian Completing Assessment: Michael A. Cerbo II

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna Burkhardt

This “grand challenge” 3 credit general education course is titled “Biodiversity Crisis: Species, Ecosystems and Human Welfare” and the Professor expects the students to conduct research using current resource in the subject area.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs might arise for the instructor. Our monographic holdings in biodiversity and ecosystem are good and any additional materials can be garnered through our Interlibrary Loan Department.

Access to journals in this field meets the needs of the course. All of the required journals are offered online through the library, including Science, Nature, Ecology, Biological Conservation and Conservation Biology. Our online indexes and abstracts in ecology specifically and the sciences generally should more than meet the demands of this course. In particular, access to reference databases such as Web of Science, Environment Abstracts, Biological and Agricultural Index Plus, 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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