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Physiology and Behavior of Marine Mammals AVS 442X

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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT (New Course Proposal)
LIBRARIAN'S ASSESSMENT

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Program: AVS 442X

Department, College: Animal and Veterinary Science. CELS

Faculty Member: Professor Becky Sartini/Justin Richard

Date returned to Faculty: February 16, 2017

Librarian Completing Assessment: Michael A. Cerbo II

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna Burkhardt

This new "J-Term" course is titled "Physiology and Behavior of Marine Mammals" and the Professor expects the students to conduct some research using current periodicals in the subject area. Much of the course will be on experiential learning in URI laboratories at Mystic Aquarium and the Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences in Roatan, Honduras.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs might arise for the instructor. Our monographic holdings in the fisheries, animal and veterinary sciences are good and any additional materials can be garnered through our inter-library loan.

Access to journals in this field meets the needs of the course. Our online indexes and abstracts in plant, animal and veterinary sciences specifically and the sciences generally should more than meet the demands of this course. In particular, access to reference databases such as Oceanic Abstracts, Environment Abstracts, Web of Science, and the more general Academic Search Complete are available. There are many online journals such as Marine Mammal Science, Aquatic Mammals 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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