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Origins: Life, the Universe and Everything HPR 201

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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: HPR 201

Department, College: Honors Program

Faculty Members: Professors Holly Dunsworth, Dawn Cardace, and Joel Chandlee

Date returned to Faculty: January 19, 2017

Librarian Completing Assessment: Michael Cerbo II

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna Burkhardt

This 4 credit interdisciplinary, general education course is titled "Origins: Life, the Universe, and Everything" and require some research. Several departments will be involved including Sociology and Anthropology as well as Cell and Molecular Biology and Geosciences. Topics will include many disciplines including anthropology, biology, cell and molecular biology, astronomy, geology, geosciences, psychology and neuroscience. The research component will include the use of a wide breathe of different resources.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs may arise for the instructors. Our monographic holdings in anthropology and the biological sciences are good and any additional materials can be ordered through the Library or garnered using Inter-Library Loan (ILL).

Access to journals in this field meets the needs of the course. Our online indexes and abstracts in the sciences are adequate. In particular, access to reference databases such as BIOSIS, GeoRef, Scopus, and the more general Academic Search Complete are available. Specific journal publications, such as Scientific American, Nature and Atlantic are 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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Biological Sciences Bibliographer
19 January 2017