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**New Course Request**

<u>USD</u>	<u>Arts &amp; Sciences/Biology</u>
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Division/Department</b>
<u>Elizabeth M. Freeburg</u>	<u>3/20/2017</u>
<b>Institutional Approval Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Section 1. Existing Course Title and Description**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
BIOL 711	Foundations of Ecology and Conservation	3

Course Description
Graduate-level reading and discussion course focused on contemporary and classic papers in Ecology and Conservation Biology. The course will familiarize students with the foundational ideas that underlie the fields of Ecology and Conservation Biology. It will emphasize critical analysis of published works on central concepts in both fields.

**Pre-requisites or Co-requisites (add lines as needed) N/A**

**Registration Restrictions N/A**

**Section 2. Review of Course**

**2.1. Was the course first offered as an experimental course?**

- Yes (if yes, provide the course information below)       No

**2.2. Will this be a unique or common course (place an "X" in the appropriate box)?**

- Unique Course**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
BIOL 510	Conservation Biology	3

*Provide explanation of differences between proposed course and existing system catalog courses below:*

The proposed course differs from BIOL 510 (cross listed as BIOL 410) in that it will focus more broadly on the development of central concepts in both Ecology and Conservation Biology. The discussion format will allow for student participation and the development of critical thinking skills. The discussion is expected to be at a higher level than in the primarily undergraduate Conservation Biology course.
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**Section 3. Other Course Information**

**3.1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?**

- No.** Schedule Management, explain below: Course will be taught with existing faculty (has been taught as BIOL 792 Topics in the past). Deletion of BIOL 511.

**3.2. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered:** M.S. in Biology

- 3.3. **Proposed instructional method by university:** D Discussion/Recitation
- 3.4. **Proposed delivery method by university:** 001 Face-to-face Term Based Instruction
- 3.5. **Term change will be effective:** Fall 2017
- 3.6. **Can students repeat the course for additional credit?**  
 Yes, total credit limit: \_\_\_\_\_  No
- 3.7. **Will grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)?**  
 Yes  No
- 3.8. **Will section enrollment be capped?**  
 Yes, max per section: Sections capped at 15  No
- 3.9. **Will this course equate with any other unique or common courses in the common course system database in Colleague and the [Course Inventory Report](#)?**  
 Yes  No
- 3.10. **Is this prefix approved for your university?**  
 Yes  No

**Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)**

- 4.1. **University Department Code:** UBIOL
- 4.2. **Proposed [CIP Code](#):** 26.1307

*Is this a new CIP code for the university?*  Yes  No