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Library Impact Statement for NRS/BIO 517 Herpetology

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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/BIO 517

Department, College: Natural Resources Science

Faculty Member: Professor Nancy E. Karraker

Date returned to Faculty: March 7, 2012

Librarian Completing Assessment: Michael A. Cerbo II

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna Burkhardt

This new 4 credit graduate course is titled "Herpetology" and the Professor expects the students to conduct research using current resource in the subject area. This interdisciplinary course is cross-listed with Biological Sciences and will serve the needs of graduate students in both fields.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs that might arise for the instructor. Our monographic holdings in on amphibians and reptiles with respect to biology, ecology, and conservation are good and any additional materials can be garnered though our library consortium (HELIN).

Access to journals in this field meets the needs of the course. Our online indexes and abstracts in ecology and biology specifically and the sciences generally should more than meet the demands that are required here. In particular, access to reference databases such as Environment Abstracts, Biological and Agricultural Index Plus, and the more general Academic Search Complete are available. The required journals: *Journal of Herpetology*, *Herpetologica*, *Copeia*, *Conservation Biology* and *Biological Conservation* are all 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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Natural Resources Science Bibliographer
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