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Departmental Request for a Change in Course
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Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences

1. This request is submitted by the Department of

WFSC 609. Wildlife Research Methods.

2. Course prefix, number and complete title of course:

WFSC 609. Wildlife Research Methods.

3. Change requested

a. Prerequisite(s): From: graduate classification or instructor approval. To:

b. Withdrawal (reason):

c. Cross-list with:

Cross-listed courses require the signature of both department heads.

d. Change in course title and description. Enter complete current course title and current course description in item 4; enter proposed course title and proposed course description in item 5.

e. Change in course number, contact hours (lab & lecture), and semester credit hours. Complete item 6. Attach a course syllabus.

4. Complete current course title and current course description:

Wildlife Research Methods. Research methods applied to wildlife management and related subjects. Review of the scientific method; research proposals and data analysis.

5. Complete proposed course title and proposed course description (not to exceed 50 words):

Wildlife Research Methods. Research methods for ecology and conservation. Students will become familiar with the philosophy of natural science and develop skill in study design, grantsmanship, presentation techniques, critical evaluation of others’ work, and publication in refereed journals. Prerequisites: Courses in general ecology and statistics and graduate classification or instructor approval.

6. a. As currently in course inventory:

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Approval recommended by:

William M. Harter, Nov 7, 2008
Head of Department

Chair, College Review Committee

Dean of College

Submitted to Coordinating Board by:

Associate Director, Curricular Services

Questions regarding this form should be directed to Sandra Williams at 845-8201.
Curricular Services – 11/07
January 6, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Faculty Senate

THROUGH: Dr. David W. Reed, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Faculty Development
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

FROM: Dr. Delbert M. Gatlin, Associate Head for Graduate Programs
Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department

SUBJECT: Course Revisions Request

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences has requested a change in prerequisites and a change of course description for WFSC 609 Wildlife Research Methods. The changes are needed to ensure students are prepared to take the course and the new description better explains the purpose of the course.

We also requested a change in the course title and description for WFSC 603 Vertebrate Ecology. The original title did not match the description, so a more descriptive title was used. Also, the new course description is re-worded but it’s focus is the same.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our academic advisor, Amanda Schwede, at arschwede@ag.tamu.edu or phone number 845-5704.