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   c. Cross-list with: MARB 681 and MARS 681
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   Chair, College Review Committee
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   (if cross-listed course)
   Date
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   Date

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   Associate Director, Curricular Services

   Date

   Effective Date

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Curricular Services – 12/08
Course title and number  Seminar, OCNG 681  
Term (e.g., Fall 200X)  Fall 2009  
Meeting times and location  TBA

Course Description and Prerequisites
OCNG 681. Seminar (1-0). Credit 1. Presentation of recent research by students, faculty and visiting faculty. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

Learning Outcomes or Course Objectives
1. Students will identify key findings from seminar presentations.
2. Students will synthesize key findings from the oral presentations.
3. Students will create a written abstract of the presentation that conforms to standard abstract formats used by professional societies and scientific journals.

Instructor Information
Name  Robert Hetland
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Office location  618D O&M

Textbook and/or Resource Material
None

Grading Policies
Grading for the 1 credit hour OCNG 681 is pass/fail. All abstracts will be marked and returned to students to assist them in learning to prepare abstracts that capture the key points of a scientific presentation. Students will receive a satisfactory grade if they attend the seminars and satisfactorily complete the writing assignments.

Course Topics, Calendar of Activities, Major Assignment Dates
The seminar schedule will be posted on the website, see the following location:
http://ocean.tamu.edu/content/view/281/239/

Other Pertinent Course Information
Copyright and Plagiarism Policy:
As commonly defined, plagiarism consists of passing off as one’s own the ideas, words, writings, etc., which belong to another. In accordance with this definition, you are committing plagiarism if you copy the work of another person and turn it in as your own, even if you should have the permission of that person.
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25 June 2009

This is to certify that we are seeking to cross-list OCNG 681 with MARB/MARS 681 classes at Galveston. While each institution runs separate seminar series, it is currently a requirement that students from Galveston take the OCNG 681 class for two semesters. This may force such students to travel to and from College Station on a regular basis for a one-hour class, which seems unnecessary. We are requesting that the courses be cross-linked, so that students at Galveston can substitute the MAR/MARS class for OCNG 681. The only difference between the classes at present is that students taking OCNG 681 have to write discussion papers on the seminars they attend while those taking MARB/MARS 681 do not. In future, students wishing to substitute classes at Galveston for OCNG 681 will also be required to write such papers.

Signed:

[Signature]

Piers Chapman
Head, Department of Oceanography