

MEMORANDUM

SENATE

From. SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject. New Course Proposal - Biological Sciences

Date. June 16, 1982

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting on June 15, 1982 gives rise to the following motion:-

MOTION:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.82-73 the proposed new course BISC 414-3 - Limnology."

## NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

1. Calendar InformationDepartment: Biological ScienAbbreviation Code: BISC Course Number: 414 Credit Hours: 3 Vector: 2-0-4Title of Course: LIMNOLOGY

## Calendar Description of Course:

Biological, chemical and physical features of lakes and other inland waters. Particular attention will be directed to an examination of lakes in Western Canada and the impact of human activities on them. Local field trips form part of the laboratory work.

Nature of Course Lecture and Limnology Laboratory

Prerequisites (or special instructions):

Recommended that students have BISC 306 and/or BISC 326 and/or BISC 329.

What course (courses), if any, is being dropped from the calendar if this course approved: NONE

2. SchedulingHow frequently will the course be offered? One semester per year or as required.

Semester in which the course will first be offered?

Which of your present faculty would be available to make the proposed offering possible? Dr. Glen H. Geen3. Objectives of the Course

1. To teach students about inland waters with an emphasis on the flora and plankton communities and the impact of biological, chemical and physical parameters on their productivity.
2. To make students aware of the impact of human activities on inland waters.
3. To familiarize students with representative plants and animals in inland water and to introduce them to appropriate methods for working in lakes and streams.

4. Faculty and Space Requirements (for information only)

What additional resources will be required in the following areas:

Faculty NONEStaff NONELibrary NONEAudio Visual NONESpace NONEEquipment NONE5. ApprovalDate: Dec. 30, 1981January 23/82

Khurais  
Department Chairman

J.F. Cochran  
Dean

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Chairman, SCUS

### Lectures

These are intended to introduce the student to the biological, physical, and chemical features of lakes and streams.

1. Introduction to relevance of limnology and recent trends.
2. Structure of water and its characteristics of particular limnological interest.
3. Lake and stream origin.
4. Lake morphometry and its use as a predictor of production.
5. Light, temperature and water movements in lakes.
6. Dissolved gases.
7. Total dissolved solids, nutrient cycles and eutrophication.
8. Lake communities and food webs.
9. Stream organisms and their adaptations.
10. Major Canadian lake studies.

### Laboratories

Laboratory work will focus on

- a) Physical and chemical features of lakes (4 laboratory sessions).
- b) Field survey and sampling methods (2 field trips).
- c) Identification of principal components of the plant and animal populations in coastal B. C. lakes and streams.
- d) Assessment of variability in samples obtained in lakes and streams.

### Reserve Book List for Limnology

- Colterman, H. 1975. Physiological limnology: an approach to the physiology of lake ecosystems. QH 96 G 64
- Hutchinson, G. E. A Treatise on Limnology V. 1, V. 2, V. 3.
- Ruttner, F. Fundamentals of Limnology.
- Vollenweider, R. 1969. A manual on methods for measuring primary production in aquatic environments.
- Welch, P. S. 1948. Limnological Methods.
- Hynes, H. B. N. 1970. The ecology of running waters.
- Hynes, H. B. N. Biology of polluted waters.
- Frey, D. G. 1963. Limnology in North America.
- Wetzel, R. G. 1975. Limnology.
- Wetzel, R. G. and Libens, G. E. 1979. Limnological Analyses.
- Vallentyne, J. R. 1974. The Algal Bowl.
- Fogg, G. E. 1965. Algal Cultures and Phytoplankton Ecology.

Relevant Periodicals for Limnology Course

Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Science  
Limnology and Oceanography  
Ecology  
Ecological Monographs  
Journal of Plankton Biology  
American Scientist  
American Naturalist  
Science  
Hydrobiologia  
Journal of Ecology  
Journal of Fisheries Research Board of Canada  
Transactions of the American Fisheries Society  
Canadian Journal of Zoology  
Dikos  
International Rev. ges. Hydrobiologie  
Archiv fur Hydrobiologie

PLEASE NOTE:

THIS COURSE HAS BEEN OFFERED AS SPECIAL TOPICS IN  
78-2, 79-1, 79-3 and 81-1 WITH ENROLMENTS OF  
7, 17, 9 and 7 respectively.