

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Memorandum

TO: Graduate Curriculum Committee

THROUGH: Dr. David Reed, Associate Dean for Graduate
Programs, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

FROM: Dr. Delbert Gatlin III, Regents Professor &
Associate Department Head for Research and
Graduate Programs, Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries Sciences

RE: Approval of WFSC Graduate Distance Course for Spring
2018



WFSC 623: Aquaculture, is taught to both local and distance sections. The course is structured the same for both sections except the students at a distance can review lecture and laboratory sessions as well as complete assignments on their own schedule. As such, the learning outcomes for the distance section of WFSC 623 are equivalent to the local section taught face-to-face.

The distance section of WFSC 623 meets the same credit hour requirement as the local face-to-face section based on the following:

1. There are 3 hours of lecture for both local and distance sections each week. The lectures are voice over PowerPoint and posted on eCampus for retrieval. Thus, there are 45 hours of instructional time each semester. Laboratory sessions of 3 hours length are another component of this course, which are recorded and must be actively pursued by both local and distance students.
2. Both local and distance students must engage in a variety of other activities equivalent to 2 hours of work for every 1 hour of classroom instruction. These activities include online discussions, critiquing of articles and development of a research paper over the course of the semester.

WFSC 623: Aquaculture is the only course scheduled for Spring 2018 to which paragraphs one and two apply.

Please contact Lindsay Hutchins at lhutchins@tamu.edu or 979.845.5704 with any questions. Thank you.

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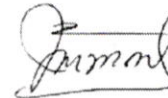
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TO: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

THROUGH: Dr. Kim Dooley, Associate Dean for Academic
Operations, College of Agriculture & Life
Sciences

FROM: Dr. Miguel Mora, Professor & Associate
Department Head for Undergraduate Programs,
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences

RE: Approval of WFSC Undergraduate Distance Courses for
Spring 2018



WFSC 303, 405, and 425 are taught to both local and distance sections and WFSC 420 is taught distance only—although it was previously taught local. All courses are structured the same for both local and distance, except distance students can review lecture and laboratory sessions as well as complete assignments on their own schedule. As such, the learning outcomes for the distance sections are equivalent to the local section taught face-to-face.

The distance sections of all courses meet the same credit hour requirement as the local face-to-face section based on the following:

1. There are 3 hours of lecture per week for both section types. Each lecture is visually or voice over PowerPoint recorded and made available on eCampus for all students immediately after completion. This results in 45 hours of instructional time per semester for both local and distance sections.
2. Both local and distance students must engage in a variety of other activities equivalent to 2 hours of work for every 1 hour of classroom instruction. These activities include online discussions, bi-weekly quizzes, critiquing of articles, development of a web-based research project, and group projects/presentations.

Courses scheduled for Spring 2018 to which paragraphs one and two apply:

- WFSC 303: Fish & Wildlife Laws & Administration
- WFSC 405: Urban Wildlife & Fish
- WFSC 420: Ecology & Society
- WFSC 425: Marine Fisheries

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