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Authority to Offer an Existing Course

BHSU — **Institution**

School of Natural Sciences BSNS, GS — **Division/Department**

Pamela Canivean — **Institutional Approval Signature**

4/16/26 — **Date**

1. **Is this a request to offer an existing common course or an existing unique course (approval will change course status from unique to common)?**

Common Course	
Unique Course	X

2. **Provide the complete description as it appears in the system database including pre-requisites and co-requisites.**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
BIOL 477	Wildlife Conservation and Management	3
BIOL 477L	Wildlife Conservation and Management Lab	1

Course Description

The course examines the theory and methods of management of wildlife populations with an emphasis on the wildlife resources of the United States.

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites (add lines as needed, make sure to copy boxes in Pre-req and Co-req cells)

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-req	Co-req
BIOL 153	General Biology II	X	
BIOL 153L	General Biology II Lab	X	

3. **Universities currently offering this course, or any equated courses (*place an "X" in the appropriate boxes*):** *Please consult any universities indicated below, and attach correspondence with the campus response. Communication and approval should include the Provost's office at the universities currently offering the course.*

☐ BHSU ☐ DSU ☒ NSU ☐ SDSMT ☐ SDSU ☐ USD

4. **Does Offering the Course Create FTE Implications?** No
If no, Replacement of BIOL 492 Topics for 4 credits. It will not be deleted.

5. **Does Offering the Course Create Schedule Management Implications?** No
Explain: This has been offered as a Topics course for more than two years and is being formalized as an elective in the Biology curriculum.

6. **Existing program(s) in which course will be offered:**
BS Biology

7. **CIP Code for the course:** ~~261305~~ 380101

8. **Is the university currently authorized to use the course prefix (i.e., the prefix is used for a minimum of 6 courses, not counting x9x courses)?** Yes

   If the university is not authorized to use the current prefix, please indicate the prefix your university will use for the course, which will be equated to the requested course. The university must be approved to use this prefix.:
   (*Note: If the institution wishes to offer the course with the current prefix, but is not authorized to do so, AAC Guidelines Form 2.4.1.H – New Prefix Request Form must be submitted along with this request.*)

9. **Proposed instructional method by this university:** ~~E~~ R, L

10. **Proposed delivery method by this university:** ~~X01~~ B01

11. **University Dept. Code:** School of Natural Sciences
    Banner Department Code: BSNS

12. **Authority to offer effective beginning in what term?** ~~Spring 27~~ Fall 2026

13. **Section Restriction: none**

XXX Approval:

Outlook

[EXT] FW: Course Request

From Long, John A <John.Long@northern.edu>
Date Mon 3/9/2026 3:57 PM
To Asunskis, Dan <Dan.Asunskis@bhsu.edu>
Cc Ramsay, Jodie <jodie.ramsay@northern.edu>; Pulis, Eric E <eric.pulis@northern.edu>; Kiesow, Alyssa <alyssa.kiesow@northern.edu>

Hi Dan,

NSU has no objections here. Good luck.

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Associate Professor of Environmental Physics
605-626-2629

From: Pulis, Eric E <Eric.Pulis@northern.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 4:35 PM
To: Ramsay, Jodie <Jodie.Ramsay@northern.edu>
Cc: Long, John A <John.Long@northern.edu>
Subject: Re: Course Request

Agree - as it is in person should not impact us or them.
Eric Pulis

> On Mar 9, 2026, at 15:36, Ramsay, Jodie <Jodie.Ramsay@northern.edu> wrote:
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> I don't think it's a problem if they want to offer it in person. It would not interfere with any of our students taking it here.
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> **From:** Long, John A <John.Long@northern.edu>
> **Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2026 12:49 PM
> **To:** Pulis, Eric E <Eric.Pulis@northern.edu>; Ramsay, Jodie <Jodie.Ramsay@northern.edu>
> **Subject:** FW: Course Request
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> Any objections here?
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> **JOHN LONG**, Ph.D.
> *Department Chair, Science & Mathematics*
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> **From:** Asunskis, Dan <Dan.Asunskis@bhsu.edu>
> **Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2026 12:46 PM
> **To:** Long, John A <John.Long@northern.edu>
> **Subject:** Course Request
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> Hi John,
> I wanted to reach out to first introduce myself. My name is Dan Asunskis, I serve as the Chair of the School of Natural Sciences at BHSU. The other reason I am reaching out is a course request that BHSU would like to submit to the BOR requesting permission to offer BIOL 477/L, Wildlife Conservation and Management. We'd like to make your course into a common course moving forward. We have been offering this course as a topics class and would like to formalize it into our curriculum. Our plan is to offer it as a F2F field course each spring. I wanted to make you aware of our plans and give you an opportunity to give any feedback. Our hope is this request will move forward this spring for implementation in spring of 2027.
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> Best Wishes,
>
> Dan Asunskis