SYLLABUS

Climate Change Seminar Series
FISH 492/692, BIOL 492/692
Fall Semester

Credits: 1 (or none), pass/fail
Prerequisites: none
Location: 201 O’Neill, Fairbanks; 101 17101 Pt. Lena Loop Rd, Juneau
Meeting time: 1-2pm, Wed

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Course readings/materials: Occasionally as suggested
Supplementary readings: As recommended

Course description: Climate change seminar series. Course content will focus on a wide range of climate change topics – ecological, biological, political, and social, across marine, freshwater, terrestrial, and atmospheric systems. Class will meet once weekly and will consist entirely of seminars given by guest speakers specializing on climate change topics and issues. Students taking the seminar for credit will be required to attend class. Pass/fail grades will be based on attendance.

Course goals: Provide students with a fundamental understanding of the many facets of climate change, including causes and consequences, and potential political and social implications.

Instructional methods: One-hour seminar which includes a Q&A session and discussion, based from Fairbanks and Juneau. Class is video-conferenced (VCON) to Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, Homer, Dillingham, and Anchorage campuses.

Course calendar: Meet for one 1-hr seminar per week. There is no exam.

Course policies: Attendance is required for those taking the course for credit.

Evaluation: Pass- all classes attended, with the exception of pre-excused absences. Fail- one or more seminars not attended.

Support Services: Negotiated upon request.

Disabilities Services: The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and insures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials. The instructor will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (203 WHIT, 474-7043) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.