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## PROPOSAL FOR COURSE CHANGE

To: **Curriculum Committee**

From: **Biology, Fisheries and Wildlife Program**

Date submitted: **August, 23, 2007**

Request for: **Course change**  
(Excluding course credit hour changes)

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If this is a deletion or other minor change, describe and give rationale.

### **Conversion of existing six-hour credit course to two lower credit courses.**

Fisheries and wildlife internship (FW 4116) is a six-credit course that traditionally consisted of a summer work experience in fisheries or wildlife (i.e., a full-time summer job). Internship opportunities have expanded to include other opportunities. For example, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has dedicated an internship program to students interested in natural resource related careers. The *maximum* number of hours allowed for that internship is 400, and preference is given to students who are enrolled for college credit. Other internships sometimes allow an even lower maximum number of hours. For example, we created a 2-credit version of FW internship this past summer via our Advanced Topic course (FW 4881-4) to permit one of our students to participate in an internship-trainee program that allowed only 20 hours per week (approximately 200 hours total). A *requirement* for the position was concurrent enrollment for college credit. Part-time positions with natural resource agencies are also available during the school year, but they do not currently qualify as internship opportunities. It would be beneficial to our students to accommodate these nontraditional types of internship/learning opportunities. To do this, we propose to convert FW 4116 Internship to a 2-hour and a 4-hour credit course. This change, in addition to allowing our students the traditional accumulation of internship credits for summer jobs, will allow our students to take advantage of student trainee programs and other part-time positions to earn college credit.

Our proposal provides one hour of credit for every 100 hours of clock time. The credit-clock hour and the other requirements (proposal, log book, and reports) are in line with other internships on campus (Table 1).

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