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**New Course Request**

SDSU	<b>College of Agriculture, Food &amp; Environmental Sciences / Natural Resource Management</b>
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Division/Department</b>
Dennis D. Hedge	3/24/2021
<b>Institutional Approval Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Section 1. Course Title and Description**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
NRM 475	Natural Resource Law Enforcement Investigations and Report Writing	2
NRM 475L	Natural Resource Law Enforcement Investigations and Report Writing Lab	1

**Course Description**

This writing intensive course will focus on conducting and documenting a variety of natural resource related criminal investigations. Major topics will include setting up and conducting criminal investigation, interviewing witnesses and suspects, taking verbal and written statements, writing case reports and search warrant affidavits, collecting and preserving evidence, completing citations, and using a variety of investigative tools to solve cases.

**Course Description**

Lab to accompany NRM 475.

**NRM 475 Pre-requisites or Co-requisites**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-Req/Co-Req?
NRM 475L	Natural Resource Law Enforcement Investigations and Report Writing Lab	Co-Req

**Registration Restrictions**

Senior Standing

**Section 2. Review of Course**

**2.1. Will this be a unique or common course?**

**Unique Course**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
CJUS 313	Crime Scene Investigation	3
CJUS 334	Criminal Investigations	3
CJUS 433	Criminal Procedures	3

Provide explanation of differences between proposed course and existing system catalog courses below:

NRM 475-475L will focus on wildlife and natural resource related crimes and violations. The course content, criminal wildlife and natural resource investigations, is not available in any other course. While there would be some similarities to CJUS 313, CJUS 334, and CJUS 433, the proposed course requires students to possess and apply a wide variety of wildlife and natural resource related laws and regulations to conduct and successfully solve the investigation. In addition, students will learn to investigate hunting and boating accidents.

### **Section 3. Other Course Information**

#### **3.1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?**

No. Schedule Management, explain below: This course will replace ABS 475-S02 Integrated Natural Resource Management taught by the same instructor. Thus, the Department will no longer teach ABS 475-S02 in spring semesters.

**3.2. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered:** Natural Resource Law Enforcement (B.S.)

**3.3. Proposed instructional method by university:** NRM 475: R – Lecture; NRM 475L: L - Laboratory

**3.4. Proposed delivery method by university:** 001 – Face to Face Term Based Instruction

**3.5. Term change will be effective:** Spring 2022

**3.6. Can students repeat the course for additional credit?**  Yes  No

**3.7. Will grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)?**  Yes  No

**3.8. Will section enrollment be capped?**  Yes, max per section: 30  No

**3.9. Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course system database in Colleague and the Course Inventory Report?**  Yes  No

**3.10. Is this prefix approved for your university?**  Yes  No

### **Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)**

**4.1. University Department Code:** SNAR

**4.2. Proposed CIP Code:** 22.0207

Is this a new CIP code for the university?  Yes  No

### **NEW COURSE REQUEST Supporting Justification for On-Campus Review**

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<b>School/College Dean</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

1. Provide specific reasons for the proposal of this course and explain how the changes enhance the curriculum.

The course material is being delivered experimentally through ABS 475-S02 in the spring semester, but is not consistent with the catalog description. This creates confusion for NRLE majors and non-NRLE majors. It is time for the Department to create a separate capstone course for NRLE majors. The course content, criminal wildlife and natural resource investigations, is not available in any other course. The students learn to conduct a criminal wildlife and natural resource investigations and compose increasingly complex case reports.

2. Note whether this course is:  Required  Elective

3. In addition to the major/program in which this course is offered, what other majors/programs will be affected by this course?  
None.

4. If this will be a dual listed course, indicate how the distinction between the two levels will be made.  
N/A

5. Desired section size      30

6. Provide qualifications of faculty who will teach this course. List name(s), rank(s), and degree(s).  
Don McCrea, Instructor, M.S.
7. Note whether adequate facilities are available and list any special equipment needed for the course.  
Facilities are available and no special equipment is needed.
8. Note whether adequate library and media support are available for the course.  
Library and media support is adequate and available.
9. Will the new course duplicate courses currently being offered on this campus?  Yes  No
10. If this course may be offered for variable credit, explain how the amount of credit at each offering is to be determined.  
N/A