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(Requires approval of both departments and deans involved. Add lines at end of form for such signatures.) If yes, Dept. BIOL Course # | 662 5. To be STACKED? YES/NO Yes 6. FREQUENCY OF OFFERING: Spring Fall. Spring. Summer (Every. or Even-numbered Years. or Odd-numbered Years) - or As

	classification appropriately; otherwise leave fields blank.  H = Humanities S = Social Sciences
	Will this course be used to fulfill a requirement for the baccalaureate core? If YES, attach form.
	IF YES, check which core requirements it could be used to fulfill:  O = Oral Intensive, Format 6  W = Writing Intensive, Format 7  Natural Science, Format 8
;	12. COURSE REPEATABILITY:  Is this course repeatable for credit?  YES  NO  X
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# JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize course change and new course applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. This saume in the main field comment of the Austin Diente and Westerlie Deal.

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# Syllabus for NEW COURSE, BIOL 462 / 662, Arctic Vegetation Ecology: Field, Summer 2014

### 1. Course information

Title: Special Topic, Arctic Vegetation Ecology: Excursion

**Number:** BIOL 462 / 662

Credits: 2

Prerequisites: BIOL 115 & 116, Introduction to Plant Biology (BIOL 239) or Principles

of Ecology (BIOL 271) or instructor approval

# 2. Instructor and contact information

Prof. D.A. (Skip) Walker, Alaska Geobotany Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Arctic Health Building, Room 254, X 2460, dawalker@alaska.edu. Office hours: Generally available, call before coming.

# 3. Course readings/Material:

Readings: Numerous papers will be read and are in the assignments listed in the course calendar and will be posted on line at http://www.geobotany.uaf.edu. These three references provide a good overview of the Dalton Highway transect for the Excursion:

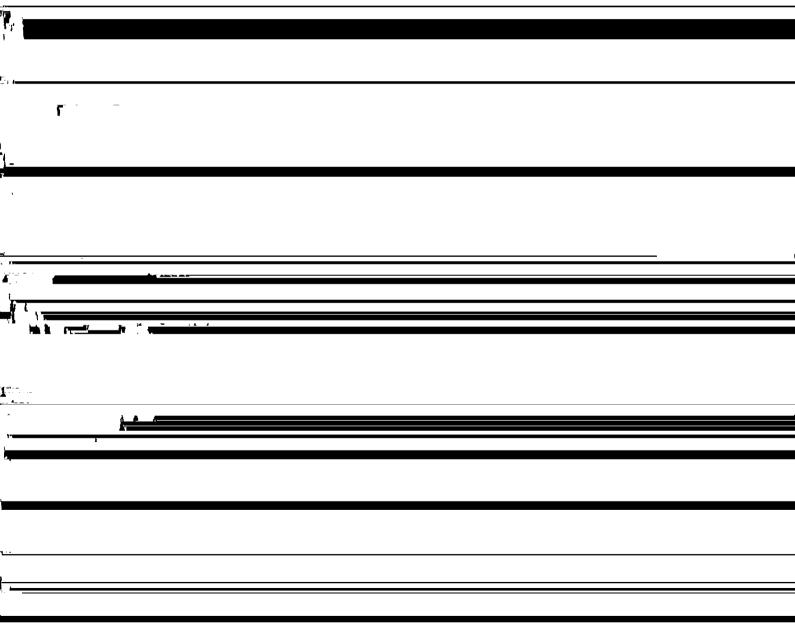
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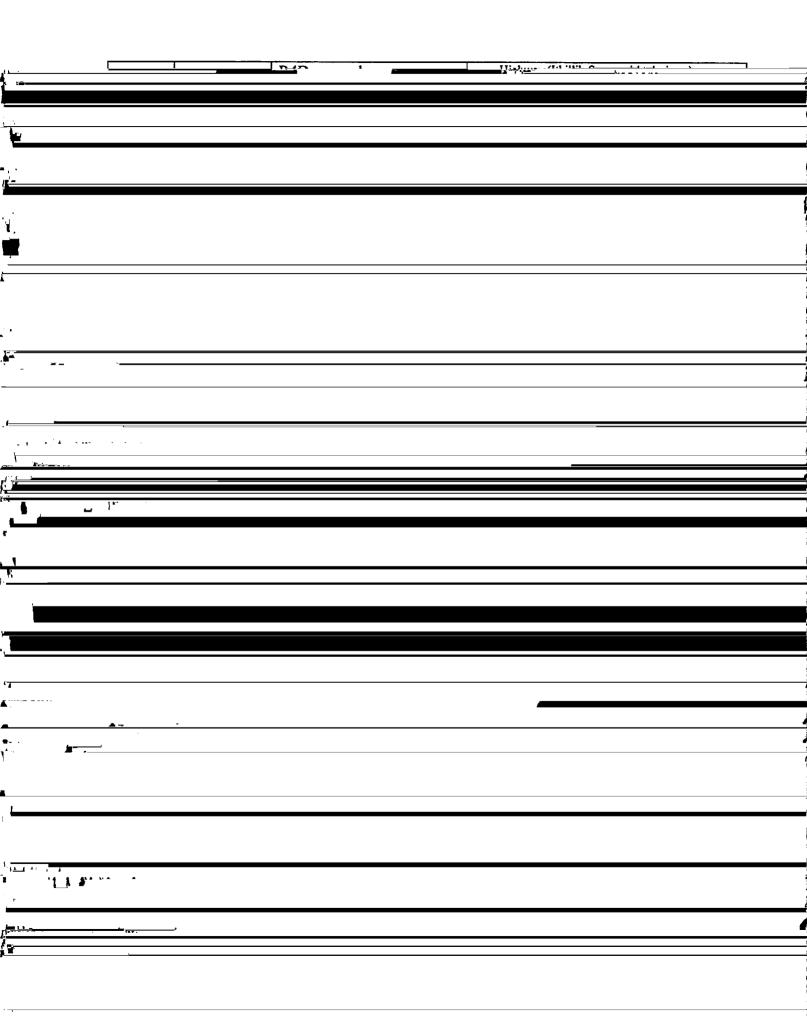
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4	trip will have a strong emphasis on Arctic Vegetation and field sampling.
	5. Course goals and student learning outcomes
7	The goals for the course are to: (1) Provide students with an in-depth field experience of Arctic vegetation and application of vegetation science to current Arctic issues. (2)
1	Provide methods of field sampling of Arctic vegetation in a variety of Arctic plant communities. (3) Visit arctic research sites, including Finger Mountain, Atigun Pass,
	Toolik Lake, Imnavait Creek, Happy Valley, Sagwon, Franklin Bluffs and Prudhoe Bay.
2	6. Instructional method and grading criteria: 2-day preparation
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the course. Graduate students will also write a 10-15 page research paper focused on some aspect of observations during the course, which will be due at end of the summer.

Day	Date	Topic	Assignment:
1	Jun 7	Morning: Arctic Vegetation overview lectures,	
		Afternoon: Development of student research topics	
2	Jun 8	Morning: Arctic vegetation overview lectures.	
		Afternoon: Preparation for field excursion.	
3	Jun 9	Drive to Coldfoot with	Brown J, Kreig RA. 1983. Guidebook to permafrost





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except that the graduate students are required to turn in 10-15 page research paper on an Arctic Vegetation topic of their choice by Aug 15. This paper will be worth 25% of the total grade.

# 10. Support Services:

**Graduate student grading:** 

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Students are encouraged to contact the instructor with any questions, or to clarify the lecture or the assignments. I will be happy to review drafts of assignments and answer questions any time. Arctic Health, Room 254. Phone 474-2460, dawalker@alaska.edu. Home phone: 451-0800.

## 11. Disabilities services:

The instructor will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (203 WHIT, 474 7043, to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.