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Predictive Modeling WLF / BIOL 6XX (Fall 2013)

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=	Office hours: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	on Tuesday	

Lecture:

Monday 11:45 -12:45 p.m., 103 Irving 1

Wednesday 12:00 -1:00 p.m., 103 Irving 1

Lab:

Wednesday 2:15 – 5:15 p.m., 208 Irving 1

Course Web Page (Blackboard) http://courses.uaf.edu

Course Description: Predictive Modeling allows for new scientific insights as well as for sustainable management of the earth. Many modern modeling algorithms such as machine learning exist, helping to re-define the spatial distribution of species and biodiversity over time. Integrated and data hungry research projects emerge that require new skills and expertise such as R and use of large online data. This course follows a problem-based learning and critical thinking approach and is based on hands-on

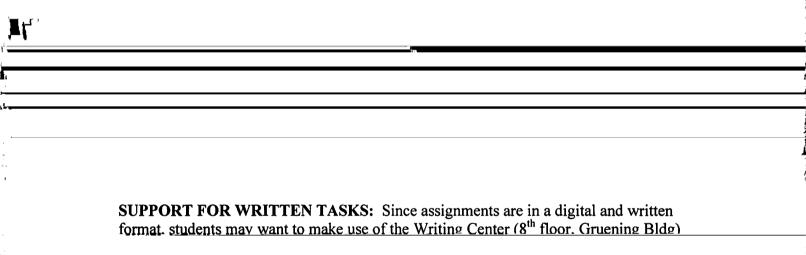
	Student-led Discussions and Reading Assignment: Each student will lead two app. 20 minute discussions on latest research tonics relevant to Predictive GLS Modeling
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Office of Disability Services (907 474-5655). Please meet with me during office hours so that we can collaborate with the Office of Disability Services to provide the appropriate accommodations and supports to assist you in meeting the goals of the course.

PARTICIPATION: I expect students to participate and contribute actively in this class in order to improve the individual as well as the overall group performance. Lecture participation is required, e.g. for the paper discussions. Labs can be carried out elsewhere and at any time suitable to the student.

ETHICS: I believe in team work, high ethical standards and fair judging. I will follow the Code of Honor outlined in the UAF documents. Plagiarism and any other unethical approaches will not be tolerated in this course and will result into failure.

SUPPLIES REQUIRED: Field and outdoors gear, notebook, pen, computer (word



(I keep the right to modify any of the points outlined in this document, whenever required by the course and circumstances)

Lecture Schedule BIOL6XX, WLF6XX

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	Date		General Topic*	Specific Topic	٦
	September	10	Introduction	Capturing Ecological Relationships quantitatively	
		12	Quantitative Ecology Statistical Issues I	Applying quantitative relationships elsewhere Linear vs Non-linear relationships	-
		19	Definitions and Terms	20 min Student Presentations (A) and Review with Lecturer	
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