

## Cover Sheet: Request 12854

### ABE 4XXX Modeling Coupled Natural-Human Systems

#### Info

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#### Actions

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Department	Approved	ENG - Agricultural and Biological Engineering 514907000	Rafael Munoz-Carpena		7/20/2018
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College	Conditionally Approved	ENG - College of Engineering	Heidi Dublin	Conditionally Approved-- Course description in the form and syllabus are different. They must be the same. The one in the syllabus is too long. States there are no makeups for quizzes. Makeups are required for excused absences. The UF policy cannot be modified with "Additionally"	9/18/2018
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Department	Approved	ENG - Agricultural and Biological Engineering 514907000	Kati Migliaccio		9/19/2018
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### Responses

**Recommended Prefix** ABE  
**Course Level** 4  
**Number** XXX  
**Category of Instruction** Joint (Ugrad/Grad)  
**Lab Code** None  
**Course Title** Modeling Coupled Natural-Human Systems  
**Transcript Title** MODELING NAT-HUM SYS  
**Degree Type** Baccalaureate

**Delivery Method(s)** On-Campus  
**Co-Listing** Yes  
**Co-Listing Explanation** Students enrolled in the graduate session will be given additional, more advanced problems in both homework assignments and midterm exam.  
**Effective Term** Earliest Available  
**Effective Year** Earliest Available  
**Rotating Topic?** No  
**Repeatable Credit?** No

**Amount of Credit** 3

**S/U Only?** No  
**Contact Type** Regularly Scheduled  
**Weekly Contact Hours** 3

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**Prerequisites** Basic calculus & college-level probability courses

**Co-requisites** N/A

**Rationale and Placement in Curriculum** Many important engineering problems involves both biophysical and social factors. Effective analysis must draw from both natural and social sciences. This course prepares the students to tackle these problems by introducing them to concepts and tools from natural and social sciences and teaching them how to integrate these elements into models that can be used to study systems of their interest.

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Wellness Coaching

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**Instructor(s)** Rachata Muneeppeerakul

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**Spring 20XX, 3 Credit hours**

**Time & Location: M 9:35-10:25AM & W 8:30-10:25AM, Frazier Rogers 283**

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**Instructor:** Rachata Muneeppeerakul, PhD

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