

**BIO SCI 928 Seminar: Aquatic Biology: Kinnickinnic River Watershed Initiative**  
2 credits

Wednesdays 2:00-4:50 pm.

Instructor: Rebecca Klaper

Retakable w/chg in topic to 9 cr max. Graduate students, upper level undergrads with permission of instructor

**KK Initiative Course**

Goals of the course: The KK River Initiative is a course to provide an opportunity for students to apply their knowledge of environmental science, environmental design and policy, to problems being faced locally in Milwaukee river watersheds. In addition they will be introduced to the challenges faced when bringing science into the decision-making processes. Students will work with stakeholders in the area to identify problems in the river basin and to provide unbiased information for stakeholders involving the river and its watershed.

The KK Initiative links graduate students and upper level undergraduates from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with community stakeholders. These community groups may be aware of environmental problems or unaware of environmental issues facing their community. Improving water quality, improving public access to aquatic habitats and communication of the best environmental information available to stakeholders in policy decisions are key goals for this hands-on program. The end goal of the course is to involve students in the policy decisions in the KK and eventually elsewhere in the region. Various lectures will discuss urban environmental issues, science and public policy, ordinances and laws, and environmental sociology. Students will develop publications and presentations to be distributed to community stakeholders, government officials and others who would like to learn of the issues surrounding the watershed.

Students from all disciplines are invited to participate in the course.