

FISH500 Waiver Process

The graduate program committee is willing to consider allowing student waivers for FISH500 following evaluation of their having previously met the learning outcomes of FISH 500 through other avenues. Other avenues can include courses (university or otherwise) and collective work / research experience in academic or non-academic environments. Clear evidence must be provided for how these other avenues have met FISH500 course learning outcomes. Given that FISH500 is a required course, waivers must be submitted within the first year of a students' program. If a student completed FISH500 during their MSc program they do not need to complete it again during the PhD.

Assessment of waivers should adhere to the following process:

1. Student discusses the possibility of waiving FISH500 with their supervisor. If the supervisor is supportive and agrees that they have sufficient justification for doing so, the student should proceed to step 2;
2. The student must write a justification for a waiver that specifically addresses how they have previously met the learning outcomes of FISH500 [see below]
3. Supervisor reviews and approves the justification and this is then sent to the IOF Graduate Coordinator and Advisors;
4. Grad Advisors review the justification and can either approve, ask for more information, or deny the request (providing an explanation);
5. If the justification is approved by the Grad Advisors then they will write a memo to grad studies to formally request the waiver. Note that Graduate Studies is not required to approve the waiver.

FISH500 learning outcomes, as approved by G+PS for IOF graduate program curriculum:

FISH 500 Issues in Fisheries Research

- broaden understanding of state-of-the-art scientific approaches and findings in oceans and fisheries;
- improve ability to critically analyze seminar presentations;
- improve oral presentation and communication skills.