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Department/Discipline(s) and Course Number(s): BIOL 128

Course Title: Current Topics in Biology

Type of change (check all applicable):
Number* ______ Title_____ Credits_____ Description_____ Prerequisites X_____ Deletion______ Cross list**____
* This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.
**To cross list courses between departments/colleges, there should be two cover sheets submitted with the proposal – one by the chair of each department with signatures from the relevant College Curriculum Committee Chair.

Effective Date: FALL Semester, Year 2015

Current Catalog Entry
Prerequisites: BIOL 121 or 125. Courses will cover topics in biology that are of current interest to non-major students. Topics will be specifically developed to build upon basic biological concepts and will satisfy the second semester of the natural science general education requirement. Does not count toward the biology major.

Proposed Catalog Entry
Prerequisites: BIOL 121. Courses will cover topics in biology that are of current interest to non-major students. Topics will be specifically developed to build upon basic biological concepts and will satisfy the second semester of the natural science general education requirement. Does not count toward the biology major.

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)
BiOL 125-Phage Hunters I was added as a possible prerequisite for BiOL 128 in error. To receive general education and university honors program credit and to satisfy prerequisites for upper-level biology courses, students must take BIOL 125 and 126 as an exclusive sequence. Furthermore, BIOL 125 does not cover the same content as BIOL 121, and therefore, students are not fully prepared to take BIOL 128 if they take BIOL 125. (The full BIOL 125-126 sequence does cover the same content as BIOL 121-132, but topics are organized and delivered in a different way throughout the full academic year.) BIOL 125-128 is currently NOT an approved natural sciences course sequence that satisfies general education requirements.

TRANSITION PLAN (describe how will students who are in Catalogs where the course is required for a major be accommodated; attach additional pages if required)
Any student who took BIOL 125, but did not take BIOL 126 in the spring of 2015, and wishes to take BIOL 128 in the spring of 2016 will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The department does not anticipate many such students.

Approvals

Department Chair Andrew Dolby Date: 1/08/2015

College Curriculum Chair Date: 1/16/15

Expedited course changes are posted for a 10-class day comment period. If no comments are raised during that time, the proposal becomes final. All expedited proposals approved in this way will be noted on the UCC web site.
If comments are raised, the proposal may be reviewed by the UCC and then approved or it may be returned to the CCC for additional deliberation (as required).