UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – EXPEDITED COURSE CHANGE PROPOSAL
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Submitted by: Andrew Dolby  Date Prepared: 11/12/14

Department/Discipline(s) and Course Number(s): BIOL 491

Course Title: Special Problems in Biology

Type of change (check all applicable):
Number* ______ Title ______ Credits ______ Description X ______ Prerequisites ______ 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 ______________________________

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JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)
This change to the Academic Catalog will align the course description with current practice. The department previously agreed that students may not count more than six credits of BIOL 491-Special Problems in Biology toward biology major requirements. However, this practice has never appeared in the Academic Catalog. A limit is necessary so that students are compelled to complete a sufficient number of specific content-based courses within the biological sciences.

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)
No transition plan is necessary.

Approvals

Department Chair  Andrew Dolby  Date: 11/12/14

College Curriculum Chair  Date: 11/20/14

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 Expedited Course Change Cover Sheet (July 2014)