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Department/Discipline and Course Number: BIOL 451

Course Title: Seminar

Type of change (check all applicable):
Course Number* _____ Title _____ Credits _____ Description _____ Prerequisites __ X __ Deletion
*This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.

Effective Date: FALL Semester, Year _______________________

Current Catalog Entry
Prerequisites: BIOL 210, 340, 341

Proposed Catalog Entry
Prerequisites: BIOL 210, 260, 340, 341

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)
The purpose of BIOL 451-Senior Seminar is to provide a capstone experience for the biology major. Since it is a capstone course, students entering it must be previously exposed to the full range of core knowledge and skills required by the major. The department is currently pursuing a proposal to add BIOL 260-The Research Process to these major core requirements because of its anticipated value to all biology students. It would also equip all biology majors with new tools to help them successfully complete the assignments required by BIOL 451. Thus, adding BIOL 260 to the prerequisites for BIOL 451 would be appropriate if it is added to the biology major, and it would enhance the performance of all students in the course.

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)
The department would increase the maximum enrollment for each section from 20 to 35 students, and three additional sections of the course would be offered each academic year (and possibly a fourth section during the summer). If the plant requirement is dropped from the biology major as proposed, faculty would be re-deployed to cover these additional sections of BIOL 260.

Approvals
Department Chair ___Andrew Dolby_________________________ Date: ___9/13/2013_____

College Curriculum Chair _____Tim ODonnell_______________ Date: ___9-19-13_____

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).

Expedited Course Change Cover Sheet (July 2013)