UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – PROGRAM CHANGE PROPOSAL
Electronically submit this completed form with attachments in one file to the Chair of the College Curriculum Committee.

COLLEGE (check one):  Arts and Sciences  x  Business  Education
Department /Program: Biological Sciences

Note: for any program change entailing the addition any new courses, or revisions to existing courses, separate proposal for those course actions must also be submitted.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE EXISTING PROGRAM (check no than one of the following)
Revise requirements for existing major  x
Revise requirements for a concentration within an existing major
Revise requirements for an existing degree program
Revise requirements for existing certificate program
Revise requirements for existing minor
Implementation Date: FALL semester, year:

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR CHANGES TO EXISTING PROGRAMS:
1. Rationale statement (Why is this program change needed? What purposes will it serve?)
2. Impact Statement (Provide details about the Library, space, budget, technology, and impacts created by this program change. Supporting statements from the Library, IT Department, etc. evaluating the resource impact and feasibility of the program change are required.)
3. Catalog Copy (Provide the existing Catalog Description and the complete statement of the proposed new Catalog description that reflects the program changes)

PROPOSAL TO CREATE NEW PROGRAM NOT REQUIRING STATE ACTION
(check no more that one of the following)
New concentration within existing major  Name:
New minor  Name:
New Major but NOT a new degree*  Name:
*Use ONLY for interdisciplinary majors that will be grouped as part of the “Special Majors/General Liberal Arts and Sciences” degree (CIP Code 24.0101) or reported as a BLS degree (CIP Code 24.0199)
Implementation Date (semester and year):

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR NEW PROGRAMS NOT REQUIRING STATE APPROVAL:
1. Rationale statement (Why is this additional program needed? What purposes will it serve?)
2. Impact Statement (Provide details about the Library, space, budget, technology, and impacts created by this program change. Supporting statements from the Library, IT Department, etc. evaluating the resource impact and feasibility of adding the new program are required.)
3. Catalog Copy (Provide the complete Catalog Description for the proposed new program)

Department Chair Approval: Andrew Dolby  Date: 10/14/14
CCC Chair Approval:  Date:
Dean Approval:  Date:
UCC Chair Approval:  Date:
*Provost Approval:  Date:
*Required only in cases of proposals for new concentrations, new minors, or new majors that do not involve a new degree

Program Change Proposal Cover Sheet (July 2013)
**Required Attachments**

1) **Proposed change**
   
   Remove the Research Intensive (RI) course designation from BIOL 311 – Plant Ecology.

2) **Rationale for Remove the Research Intensive (RI) course designation from BIOL 311**
   
   This request to remove the RI designation from BIOL 311 will not change the course content, syllabus, and lab from how it is currently taught. I will teach a Research Intensive course under the theme of plant ecology, but not this existing course. I do not wish to offer BIOL 311 as a research intensive course because the RI requirements would require me to substitute some research skills topics in place of course content coverage. So, I will continue to teach BIOL 311 as it is currently taught. In a separate request, describing the addition of BIOL 471 A1, a research intensive course with a plant ecology theme, to the Biology major.

   Also, BIOL 311 is, partly, a service course for Earth and Environmental Sciences majors. I do not wish to change the content and coverage expected by these students in EESC.

3) **Impact of the change**
   
   Resource requirements will decrease for this course, as we will drop one of the two sections taught in the past.

4) **Catalog Copy**
   
   Does not require a change in the current catalog copy.