Curriculum Change Proposal Form

Unit proposing the change: Biology

Please check all that apply:

☑ Changes to academic major or minor; course titles, descriptions, number changes within level; prerequisites

Requires:* Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (Copy to Div. Chair.)

☑ Student-designed majors, non-credit workshops.

Requires:* Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (copy to Div. Chair.)

☑ Special courses or credit workshops.

Requires:* Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (Copy to Div. Chair) AND Division Discussion and Signature.

☒ Course additions, cross-listings or deletions; course level changes; change in course credit hours; change in grading S/U to A-F and A-F to S/U

Requires:* Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (copy to Div. Chair) AND Division Discussion and Signature.

☒ Statements of academic philosophy or policy; additions or deletions of majors, minors, or other programs; degree requirements; additions of courses to or deletions of courses from the Gen Ed; or change of category for Gen Ed courses.

Requires:* Dept. Chair or Program Coord. Signature(s) (copy to Div. Chair) AND Division Discussion and Signature.

☐ Other (Explain in 1 below)

See VPAA for details regarding approval requirements.

*Required prior to submission to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

NOTE: See APAP section 110 for more information regarding changes to curriculum.

1. Detailed description of the proposed change:

The proposed change is to add a three-credit hour non-majors biology course to the biology department offerings that will fulfill part of the Gen Ed Scientific Understanding requirement.

2. Justification for change:

This course will allow students to take a non-majors biology course for three credit hours in contrast to the current non-majors biology course (Biology 106: Contemporary Biologic Issues) which is a four credit hour course.

3. Proposed term of initial offering or implementation date: Spring 2016

4. As applicable, please provide or attach the following information:

a) Course subject and number (or proposed number): Biology 1XX

b) Course title: Science and Society

c) Credit hours: 3

d) Recommended level: FR SO JR SR

e) Prerequisites or other special conditions (if any): None

f) Requirements it will satisfy (major, minor, Gen Ed, licensure): Gen Ed

g) Proposed catalog description: is intended for non-science majors, although a total of two credit hours from this course or Biology 106 may be applied toward the biology major. Offerings will focus on an area of the biological
sciences which has an impact on society. Discussions will include the impact this area has on society and will include an exploration of the use of scientific inquiry.

h) Describe any potential impact(s) of this change, such as course prerequisites, majors/minors, interdisciplinary programs, licensure requirements, etc.:

It is not anticipated that this change will have an impact on course prerequisites, majors/minors, interdisciplinary programs or licensure requirements.

REQUIRED: Attach documentation of notification of affected parties. [ ]

i) Staffing considerations:
[X] Can be taught by present staff
[ ] Will require additional staff

j) Anticipated frequency of offering:
[ ] Every semester
[X] Once a year
[ ] Alternate years

k) Resources required (facilities, equipment, supplies, library materials, etc.): No new materials identified.

5. Signatures:
Department Chair or Program Coordinator: [Signature]

Please attach summary of department discussion. [X]

The Biology Department discussion was positive and supportive of the inclusion of this course.

Department Vote:
In favor [ ] Opposed [ ] Abstentions [ ]

Date: 10/30/2014

Vice President of Graduate and Continuing Studies: (if applicable) ______________________

In favor or Opposed or Abstain (circle one)
(Please attach comments)

Date: __/__/____

Teacher Preparation Programs [Initial Licensure]: (if applicable) ______________________

In favor or Opposed or Abstain (circle one)
(Please attach comments)

Date: __/__/____

Division Chair: [Signature]

Please attach summary of division discussion(s). [ ]

Division Vote:
In favor [ ] Opposed [ ] Abstentions [ ]

Date: 11/4/2014

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair (VPAA): ______________________

Curriculum Committee Vote:
In favor [ ] Opposed [ ] Abstentions [ ]

Date: __/__/____