

ADD, CHANGE OR DELETE UNIT, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, OR ACADEMIC POLICIES

Complete this form consistent with the instructions in Academic Policy 1622.20. Use the form to add, change, or delete a program or unit or to change program policies. Proposed additions and changes must be consistent with Academic Policies 1100.40 and 1621.10 and any other policies which apply.

SECTION I: Approvals

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| Department / Program Chair | Date Submitted | Graduate Council Chair | Date |
| College Dean | Date | Faculty Senate Chair | Date |
| Honors College Dean | Date | Provost | Date |
| Core Curriculum Committee | Date | Board of Trustees Approval/Notification Date | |
| University Course and Programs Committee | Date | Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Approval/Notification Date | |

SECTION II: Profile Data - Required Information and Name Change Information

Academic Unit: Major/Field of Study Minor Other Unit _____ Policy
 Level: Undergraduate Graduate Law Effective Catalog Year _____

Program changes are effective with the next available catalog. See Academic Policy Series 1622.20

Current Name **BA, Biology**

College, School, Division **ARSC**

Department Code **BIOL**

Current Code (6 digit Alpha) **BIOLBA**

Proposed Code (6 digit Alpha) _____

Prior approval from the Office of the Registrar is required.

Interdisciplinary Program

CIP Code **26.0101**

Prior assignment from Office of Institutional Research is required.

Proposed Name _____

When a program name is changed, enrollment of current students reflects the new name.

SECTION III: Add a New Program/Unit

For new program proposals, complete Sections II and VII and use as a cover sheet for a full program proposal as described in 'Criteria and Procedures for Preparing Proposals for New Programs in Arkansas.' ADHE

http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/academicaffairs/Pages/aa_academicproposals.aspx

Program proposal uses courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

SECTION IV: Eliminate an Existing Program/Unit

Code/Name _____ Effective Catalog Year _____

No new students admitted to program after Term: ____ Year: _

Allow students in program to complete under this program until Term: ____ Year: _____

SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies

Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: **BIOL 399VH is being deleted, and the catalog requirements reflect the removal of this course from the course inventory. Under the stated requirements for honors students, 399VH is being changed to BIOL 499VH. Also, the listing of BIOL 499V currently in the honors section is a typo, and is being corrected to read BIOL 499VH.**

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

- Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____
- Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

- Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)
- Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change in Program Policies

SECTION VI: Justification

Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)

This course number is inactivated to indicate clearly to Honors students which course number to sign up for to get credit for Honors research (499VH Honors Research in Biological Sciences). Previously, 399VH could be used by students in addition to 499VH to sign up for research credit, which caused confusion that unnecessarily increased the advising load of Biological Sciences faculty.

SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format

In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.

Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.
- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.
- State eight-semester plan requirements

For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.

For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.

For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

For centers, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

Requirements for a B.A. Degree with a Major in Biology:

A minimum of 124 hours is required, including:

1. BIOL 1543/1541L Principles of Biology. Majors may substitute another 1000-level BIOL course (BIOL 1603/1601L Principles of Zoology or BIOL 1613/1611L Plant Biology) for BIOL 1543/1541L; a maximum of four 1000-level credits may be applied toward the major.
2. An additional 26 hours of biological sciences, including:
 - a. Biology Core (13 hours): Cell Biology (BIOL 2533), General Genetics (BIOL 2323), Evolutionary Biology (BIOL 3023), General Ecology (BIOL 3863), and a minimum of one hour of Core Laboratory selected from Cell Biology Laboratory (BIOL 2531L), General Genetics Laboratory (BIOL 2321L), and General Ecology Laboratory (BIOL 3861L).

b. Biology Electives (13 hours): must include at least 9 hours in BIOL courses numbered 3000 or higher and at least one course numbered 2000 or higher with a laboratory. (Laboratory courses also include BIOL 480V, BIOL 480VH, BIOL 499, and BIOL 499VH.)

3. Requirements in cognate science and mathematics include:

a. CHEM 1103/1101L, CHEM 1123/1121L, and either CHEM 2613/2611L or

CHEM 3603/3601L and CHEM 3613/3611L

b. PHYS 2013/2011L, PHYS 2033/2031L

c. MATH 2043 or MATH 2554

d. STAT 2023 or STAT 2303 or STAT 4003/4001L or MATH 2183

4. Requirement in Philosophy: PHIL 2103 or PHIL 2203 or PHIL 3113 or PHIL 4213

[Biology B.A. 8-semester plan not impacted by this change]

Requirements for Departmental Honors in Biology: The biological sciences honors program is designed to provide students an opportunity to investigate questions in biology through an expanded reading program and research experience. Biological science majors may apply to enter the program between the second semester of the sophomore year and the end of the junior year. Application is made through both Honors Studies (MAIN 517) and the Department of Biological Sciences (SCEN 601). Applicants must have a 3.5 grade-point average. Students should consult with their adviser to identify and contact a potential faculty research mentor. The student's research activities will then be directed by the departmental faculty member who agrees to sponsor the student.

Students may enroll for up to four hours of credit in BIOL 499VH during the junior year and up to eight hours of credit in BIOL 499VH during the senior year.

A maximum of six of these credits may be applied toward a major. Participants must complete and defend an honors thesis and take 12 hours in Honors Studies, which may include six hours of thesis. The honors thesis is based on an original research project and presented orally before a committee composed of two faculty from the biological sciences, a person from outside the biological sciences, and a representative from the Honors Council. This committee makes a recommendation concerning the award of the honors distinction to the Honors Council. Students who successfully complete the departmental honors program usually graduate as "Departmental Scholar *Cum Laude*." Higher degree distinctions are recommended only in exceptional cases and are based upon the candidate's entire involvement in the honors program. Completion of an honors thesis fulfills the writing requirement in biological sciences, which precludes credit for BIOL 498V (Senior Thesis) for the same body of work.

Writing Requirement: The college writing requirement for majors in biology may be met by one of the following:

1. Completion of an honors thesis,

2. Completion of a senior thesis (BIOL 498V) supervised by a faculty member in biological sciences,

3. Completion of a *required* term paper with a grade of B or above in a BIOL course numbered 3000 or above on a topic approved by the instructor, or

4. Completion of a paper, supervised by a Biological Sciences faculty member, in Special Problems (BIOL 480V)

NOTE: A student exercising Option 3 or 4 may not use the paper written for that option for credit in BIOL 498V.

SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office

PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

PGRM _____ SUBJ _____ CIP _____ CRTS _____

DGRE _____ PGCT _____ OFFC&CRTY VALID _____

REPORTING CODES

PROG. DEF. _____ REQ. DEF. _____
Initials _____ Date _____

Distribution

Notification to:

(1) College

(2) Department

(3) Admissions

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