

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Inactive BIOL courses

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Specifics (see instructions):

Please make the following courses inactive:

BIOL 123L – Basics Genetic Laboratory

BIOL 295 – Introduction to Bioinformatics & Computational Biology

BIOL 390 – Introduction to the Honors University for Transfer Students in the Life Sciences

BIOL 418 – Human Molecular Biology

Rationale (see instructions):

BIOL 123L:

Our department has not taught BIOL 123L since about 2007, and it is showing up in our catalog offerings without a course description or pre-reqs. By making BIOL 123L inactive, it will help clean up our catalog entries. There have been talks amongst our faculty that they may attempt to offer it again; but, since no course description is currently listed, a UGC proposal will be submitted anyway when that time comes.

BIOL 295:

In 2010, the move was made to make this course an upper level elective for Bioinformatics majors, because of the content covered, pre-reqs required, and skills learned. This led to the creation of BIOL 313 – Introduction to Bioinformatics & Computational Biology. Because the two courses were deemed equivalent at the time, BIOL 295 has not been offered since Spring 2010. We do not yet want to delete the course entirely, in the event there is ever a faculty interest in resurrecting the course with material more in line with its lower-level numbering.

BIOL 390:

Our department has not taught this course since about 2008, and BIOL 390 is showing up in our catalog offerings without a course description or pre-reqs. By making BIOL 390 inactive, it will help clean up our catalog entries and leave room for the course to be offered again, if the need ever arises.

BIOL 418:

In addition to the edits mentioned in a separate proposal (submitted at the same time as this one), we would also like to make this course inactive. Since we have not offered this course since about 2003, we would no longer like it to be viewable in the catalog. By making it inactive, it still gives future faculty a chance to offer it again, if they so choose. In order to clean up the catalog for when the course is reactivated, we would still like to make edits to the pre-req and credits sections.

