

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: BIOL BS Degree Upper Level Laboratory Electives

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Specifics (see instructions):

Biological Sciences BS degree: Upper Level Laboratory Electives

Current: Students must choose two of the following courses: any 300 Level BIOL Laboratory Course (BIOL 3XXL), or two semesters of BIOL 499, plus either BIOL 499L or BIOL 497H

Proposed: Students must choose any two of the following courses: any 300 Level BIOL Laboratory Course (BIOL 3XXL) **except BIOL 300L, OR BIOL 422L, OR [two semesters of BIOL 499 AND (BIOL 499L or BIOL 497H)].**

Rationale (see instructions):

BIOL 422L—Microscopy & Imaging Techniques fulfills all the requirements for the BIOL upper level lab elective. Current wording for the major does not allow for students to use the course in fulfillment of upper level lab elective as it is a 4XX level lab. This proposal adds BIOL 422L as an option for students.

Degree Audit has had some issues distinguishing the BIOL 499/499L/497H sequence for students. Currently, DA reads completing two semester of BIOL 499 and either BIOL 499L or BIOL 497H as completing both lab electives. The BIOL 499 sequence should only satisfy one lab elective. We are hoping adding the new punctuation will assist in policing DA.