

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Biological Sciences Minor

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Specifics (see instructions):

Biological Sciences Minor

Current:

Required BIOL classes (16 cr.):

BIOL 141 (4) Foundations of Biology: Cells, Energy, & Organisms

BIOL 142 (4) Foundations of Biology: Ecology & Evolution

BIOL 302 (4) Molecular & General Genetics

BIOL 303 (4) Cell Biology

Elective courses (choose 1) (2-4 cr.):

Any BIOL 3XX or 4XX level course.

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Any BIOL 3XX or 4XX level lecture or laboratory course (except BIOL 396, BIOL 397, BIOL 398, BIOL 399, BIOL 495, BIOL 497H, BIOL 499, BIOL 499H, or BIOL 499L). Students may use BIOL 300L as the minor elective.

Rationale (see instructions):

Currently, Degree Audit simply states students must take any BIOL 3XX or 4XX level course to meet the BIOL minor elective. The online Undergraduate Catalog lists the exceptions of BIOL 495, BIOL 497H, or BIOL 499. This petition aims to clarify conflicting information between the two places.

We are also including a few more exceptions (BIOL 396-Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship, BIOL 398-off-campus internship, and BIOL 399-independent research), as they are all variable credit. They do not satisfy requirements for the BIOL elective. BIOL 397 is a one-credit ethics course and does not meet credit requirement for minor.