

Eastern Illinois University
New/Revised Course Proposal Format
(Approved by CAA on 4/3/14 and CGS on 2/17/15, Effective Fall 2015)

Banner/Catalog Information (Coversheet)

1. ☒ **New Course** or ☐ **Revision of Existing Course**
2. **Course prefix and number:** _____ BCT 5000 _____
3. **Short title:** Techniques in Biotechnology _____
4. **Long title:** ☐ Techniques in Biotechnology _____
5. **Hours per week:** ☐ Class ☐ 9 Lab ☐ 3 Credit
6. **Terms:** ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☒ Summer ☐ On demand
7. **Initial term:** ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☒ Summer Year: ☐ 2015 _____
8. **Catalog course description:** ☐ This course will give students advanced training in laboratory techniques used in biotechnology from both a biological and chemical perspective.
9. **Course attributes:**

General education component: _____ **n/a** _____

☐ Cultural diversity ☐ Honors ☐ Writing centered ☐ Writing intensive ☐ Writing active
10. **Instructional delivery**
Type of Course:

☐ Lecture ☒ Lab ☐ Lecture/lab combined ☐ Independent study/research
☐ Internship ☐ Performance ☐ Practicum/clinical ☐ Other, specify: _____
Mode(s) of Delivery:

☒ Face to Face ☐ Online ☐ Study Abroad

☐ Hybrid, specify approximate amount of on-line and face-to-face instruction _____

Course(s) to be deleted from the catalog once this course is approved. _____ **n/a** _____
11. **Equivalent course(s):** _____ **n/a** _____
 - a. **Are students allowed to take equivalent course(s) for credit?** ☐ Yes ☐ No
12. **Prerequisite(s):** Admission to the Masters in Biochemistry and Biotechnology program or by permission of the Program Coordinator.

a. Can prerequisite be taken concurrently? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b. Minimum grade required for the prerequisite course(s)? ☐

c. Use Banner coding to enforce prerequisite course(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

d. Who may waive prerequisite(s)?

☐ No one ☐ Chair ☐ Instructor ☐ Advisor ☒ Other (Program Coordinator of the Masters in Biochemistry and Biotechnology Program).

13. Co-requisite(s): ☐ n/a _____

14. Enrollment restrictions

a. Degrees, colleges, majors, levels, classes which may take the course: Restricted to students enrolled in the Master's Program in Biochemistry and Biotechnology or by permission of the Program Coordinator.

b. Degrees, colleges, majors, levels, classes which may not take the course: Students not enrolled in the Master's Program in Biochemistry and Biotechnology or by permission of the Program Coordinator.

15. Repeat status: ☒ May not be repeated ☐ May be repeated once with credit

16. Enter the limit, if any, on hours which may be applied to a major or minor: ☐ none

17. Grading methods: ☒ Standard ☐ CR/NC ☐ Audit ☐ ABC/NC

18. Special grading provisions:

☐ Grade for course will not count in a student's grade point average.

☐ Grade for course will not count in hours toward graduation.

☐ Grade for course will be removed from GPA if student already has credit for or is registered in: _____

☐ Credit hours for course will be removed from student's hours toward graduation if student already has credit for or is registered in: _____

19. Additional costs to students:

Supplemental Materials or Software _____

Course Fee ☐ No ☒ Yes, Explain if yes. The course fee is necessary because the reagents, chemicals, and biological supplies needed for this course have very high costs.

20. Community college transfer:

☐ A community college course may be judged equivalent.

___ A community college may not be judged equivalent.

Note: Upper division credit (3000+) will not be granted for a community college course, even if the content is judged to be equivalent.

Rationale, Justifications, and Assurances (Part I)

1. x Course is required for the major(s) of Master's in Biochemistry and Biotechnology

___ Course is required for the minor(s) of _____

___ Course is required for the certificate program(s) of _____

___ Course is used as an elective

2. **Rationale for proposal** : This course has been developed to serve the needs of the new Master's in Biochemistry and Biotechnology being proposed by the Departments of Biological Sciences and Chemistry. This course will serve as the required central techniques course to prepare students for employment in the Biotechnology industry and/or related fields.

3. **Justifications for (answer N/A if not applicable)**

Similarity to other courses: n/a

Prerequisites: The admission to the Master's in Biochemistry and Biotechnology is needed to ensure that students have the necessary background and knowledge for this course.

Co-requisites: n/a

Enrollment restrictions: This course will be limited to six students due to the availability of laboratory equipment.

Writing active, intensive, centered: n/a

4. **General education assurances (answer N/A if not applicable)**

General education component: n/a

Curriculum: n/a

Instruction: n/a

Assessment: n/a

5. **Online/Hybrid delivery justification & assurances (answer N/A if not applicable)**

Online or hybrid delivery justification: n/a

Instruction: n/a

Integrity: n/a

Interaction: n/a

Model Syllabus (Part II)

Please include the following information:

1. Course number and title: BCT 5000, Techniques in Biotechnology
2. Catalog description: This course will give students advanced training in laboratory techniques used in biotechnology from both a biological and chemical perspective.
3. Learning objectives:
Through hands-on laboratory experiments and exercises, students will:
 - A. Demonstrate proficiency in laboratory techniques integral to biochemistry and biotechnology.
*Meets graduate learning goals: a. Depth of content knowledge.
 - B. Analyze data both collected in lab and presented in the scientific literature.
*Meets graduate learning goals: b. Effective critical thinking and problem solving, c. Effective oral and written communication.
 - C. Demonstrate proficiency in quantitative analysis as it applies to biochemistry and biotechnology.
*Meets graduate learning goals: b. Effective critical thinking and problem solving, d. Advanced scholarship through research and creative activity.
 - D. Demonstrate how to make data-driven decisions in order to design experimental approaches to an identified endpoint.
*Meets graduate learning goals: a. Depth of content knowledge, b. Effective critical thinking and problem solving, d. Advanced scholarship through research and creative activity.
 - E. Demonstrate proficiency in communicating scientific results through writing
Meets graduate learning goals: c. Effective oral and written communication.
4. Course materials: Biotechnology, A Laboratory Skills Course (BioRad Laboratories, Inc. 2011; ISBN 978-0-9832396-0-4) and selected primary scientific literature.
5. Weekly outline of content:

Week/contact hours	Content Covered
Department of Chemistry	
1. 22.5 hrs /week	Course Introduction, DNA Manipulation and Protein Expression in Bacterial Systems
2. 22.5 hrs /week	Protein Purification and Protein Structure Analysis
3. 22.5 hrs /week	Protein Function Analysis and Separation Technologies
Department of Biological Sciences	
4. 22.5 hrs /week	Mammalian and Insect Cell Culture Techniques
5. 22.5 hrs /week	Development of advanced Cloning Strategies
6. 22.5 hrs /week	Verification of Cloning Success Using Immunological Applications Techniques

6. Assignments and evaluation, including weights for final course grade.

Laboratory Notebook	(10%)
Laboratory Reports	(30%)
Laboratory Exercises	(30%)
Experimental Design	(20%)
Discussion	(10%)

7. Grading scale.

90-100% - A
80-89% - B
70-79% - C
60-69% - D
50-59% - F

8. Correlation of learning objectives to assignments and evaluation. For correlation of course specific learning goals to graduate school learning goals please see II.3.

	Learning Objective A	Learning Objective B	Learning Objective C	Learning Objective D	Learning Objective E
Notebook			X		X
Reports		X	X	X	X
Exercises	X		X		
Experimental Design	X	X		X	
Discussion		X		X	X

Date approved by the Department of Biological Sciences: May 9, 2014

Date approved by the Department of Chemistry: November 22, 2014

Date approved by the college curriculum committee: December 12, 2014

Date approved by the Honors Council (*if this is an honors course*):

Date approved by CAA: **CGS:**