



MEMORANDUM

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To: Angela Jacobs, Chair, CGS
Date: Oct 9, 2019
RE: Executive Action Taken at the CLAS Curriculum Committee Meeting on Oct 9, 2019

The following request was approved by executive action at the CLAS Curriculum Committee meeting on Oct 9, 2019. The request would be effective Fall 2020. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

Request:

Revise the name and prerequisites for BIO 4984 (Organic Evolution).

Rationale for change:

BIO 4984 (Organic Evolution) was a required capstone course in the BIO core curriculum until 2017, when it was moved to a BIO elective. Due to course content, an understanding of basic biological concepts learned in BIO 1500 and BIO 1550G (General Biology I and II) provides the background needed to take this course. In addition, the course name does not convey course content for many students. The phrase "Evolutionary Biology" adequately conveys the course content.

Effective Year/Term:

Fall 2020

Current Course Description

BIO 4984 - Organic Evolution. (3-0-3) Fundamental principles of organic evolution stressing historical fact, evidences for and processes common to all biota. WI Credits: 3 Prerequisites & Notes BIO 1550G, 3200, and senior-level standing.
3.000 Credit hours

Requested Modification

BIO 4984 - ~~Organic Evolution~~ Evolutionary Biology (3-0-3) Fundamental principles of organic evolution stressing historical fact, evidences for and processes common to all biota. WI Credits:

3 Prerequisites & Notes BIO 1550G ~~3200, and senior level standing.~~
3.000 Credit hours