

## EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUEST

**TO:** Harold Ornes, Dean, College of Sciences  
**FROM:** Karen Gaines, Chair, Biological Sciences  
**DATE:** 9-28-15

### **Requested Change:**

Re: Change of credit designation

Course Name: **BIO 5980 - Graduate Internship in Biological Sciences**

### **Requests:**

- 1. Allow students to enroll in this course multiple times**
- 2. Allow student to take between 1 and 6 credit hours in a given semester.**

### **Current Catalog description:**

#### **BIO 5980 - Graduate Internship in Biological Sciences.**

(Arr.-Arr.-6) (Credit/No Credit) A graduate-level employment experience in the biological sciences with an agency, firm or facility approved by a faculty advisor and the coordinator of the Biological Sciences Graduate Program Committee. A written report on the internship experience is required.

#### **Prerequisites & Notes**

At least 20 semester hours of graduate credit in the Biological Sciences Graduate Program. NOTE: May not be repeated for credit. For internship option students, a maximum of nine semester hours in a combination of

5980 and 5990 may be applied to the graduate program.

Credits: 6

### Requested changes (in Red text):

## **BIO 5980A - Graduate Internship in Biological Sciences.**

(Arr.-Arr.-**1-6**) (Credit/No Credit) A graduate-level employment experience in the biological sciences with an agency, firm or facility approved by a faculty advisor and the coordinator of the Biological Sciences Graduate Program Committee. A written report on the internship experience is required **at the completion of 6 credit hours**.

### **Prerequisites & Notes**

**For internship option students, at** least 20 semester hours of graduate credit in the Biological Sciences Graduate Program. **May be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours in BIO 5980A, BIO 5980B and BIO 5980D.** NOTE: For internship option students, a maximum of nine semester hours in a combination **of 5980A/B/D and 5990** may be applied to the graduate program.

Credits: **1-6**

## **BIO 5980B - Graduate Internship in Biological Sciences.**

(Arr.-Arr.-**1-6**) (Credit/No Credit) A graduate-level employment experience in the biological sciences with an agency, firm or facility approved by a faculty advisor and the coordinator of the Biological Sciences Graduate Program Committee. A written report on the internship experience is required **at the completion of 6 credit hours**.

### **Prerequisites & Notes**

**For internship option students, at** least 20 semester hours of graduate credit in the Biological Sciences Graduate Program. **May be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours in BIO 5980A, BIO 5980B and BIO 5980D.** NOTE: For internship option students, a maximum of nine semester hours in a combination **of 5980A/B/D and 5990** may be applied to the graduate program.

Credits: **1-6**

## **BIO 5980D - Graduate Internship in Biological Sciences.**

(Arr.-Arr.-**1-6**) (Credit/No Credit) A graduate-level employment experience in the biological sciences with an agency, firm or facility approved by a faculty advisor and the coordinator of the Biological Sciences Graduate Program Committee. A written report on the internship experience is required **at the completion of 6 credit hours**.

### **Prerequisites & Notes**

**For internship option students, at** least 20 semester hours of graduate credit in the Biological Sciences Graduate Program. **May be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours in BIO 5980A, BIO 5980B and BIO 5980D.**

NOTE: For internship option students, a maximum of nine semester hours in a combination of **5980A/B/D** and 5990 may be applied to the graduate program.

Credits: **1-6**

**Justification:** Presently, students are required to take all 6 hours of BIO 5980 in a single semester - meaning they cannot divide the 6 hours into multiple semesters. Some students cannot afford to take 6 hours of this course in one semester, due to various reasons, including financial constraints. We request the credit hours be changed from 6 to 1-6 as follows. Allowing students to register in 1 to 6 hours is common in courses of this nature, including BIO 5900 and BIO 5950.

### **Effective Year/Term:**

**SP16**