

EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUEST

TO: Douglas Klarup, Interim Dean, College of Sciences
FROM: Gary Bulla, Interim Chair, Biological Sciences
DATE: 9-1-16

Change Course numbering of the graduate level special topics course in Biological Sciences from BIO5970 to BI5460

ORIGINAL:

BIO 5970 A,B, D-F, H-M, O-R, T-Z. - Special Topics in Biological Sciences. (Arr.-Arr.-1-4) On Demand. Specific areas within the cohort disciplines will be given intensive study through lectures, lab, readings, reports, papers, and discussion. Prerequisites & Notes: Student must be eligible to take graduate courses and permission from instructor. Credits: 1 to 4

MODIFIED:

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Rationale for change:

BIO5970 is a graduate level course designed to provide special topics course offerings to graduate students in Biological Sciences (Masters, non-thesis Masters) as well as seniors in Biological Sciences that wish to take a graduate level course (provided they have met prerequisites) and bank credit hours for the MS-Biological Sciences program. The graduate catalog requires course numberings to be listed as below 5500 in order for seniors to take these courses (as are all non-research courses in BIO).

From the EIU Graduate Catalog/Course Information:

<http://catalog.eiu.edu/content.php?catoid=31&navoid=1259>

Graduate Courses

(Courses numbered 5000-5499 inclusive may be taken by a senior whose grade point average is 2.75 or higher, with permission of the instructor and the Dean of the Graduate School. [Courses numbered 5500 and above are open only to students who have been admitted to the Graduate School.](#))

Effective Year/Term:

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