

**TO:** Dr. Chris Laingen, CGS Chair  
**FROM:** Dr. Douglas Klarup, COS Interim Dean  
**DATE:** December 5, 2016  
**RE:** Executive Action Taken at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting on December 2, 2016

The following request was approved by executive action at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee meeting on December 2, 2016. The request would be effective Fall 2017. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Academic Affairs.

**Request:** To modify course description of BIO 5990A-Independent Study and BIO 5990B-Independent Study

**Rationale:** Students in the non-thesis masters option would like to gain research experience. Faculty in our department agreed to apply a maximum of three semester hours of independent study (BIO 5990A and B) credit toward the graduate degree. A minor edit in the catalog description is needed for this to be allowed (shown below).

**Effective Year/Term:**  
Spring 2017

**ORIGINAL:**

**BIO 5990A - Independent Study I**

(Arr.-Arr.-1 to 6) (Credit/No Credit) Advanced studies in a selected field of the biological sciences other than the thesis or internship. May be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours of credit. NOTE: Students who do not write a thesis must apply a maximum of three semester hours of credit toward the graduate degree.

Credits: 1 to 6

**BIO 5990B - Independent Study II**

(Arr.-Arr.-1 to 6) (Credit/No Credit) Advanced studies in a selected field of the biological sciences other than the thesis or internship. May be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours of credit.

NOTE: Students who do not write a thesis must apply a maximum of three semester hours of credit toward the graduate degree.

**Prerequisites & Notes**

Completion of BIO 5990A twice

Credits: 1 to 6

**MODIFIED:**

**BIO 5990A - Independent Study I**

(Arr.-Arr.-1 to 6) (Credit/No Credit) Advanced studies in a selected field of the biological sciences other than the thesis or internship. May be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours of credit. NOTE:

Students who do not write a thesis ~~must~~ **may** apply a maximum of three semester hours of credit toward the graduate degree.

Credits: 1 to 6

#### BIO 5990B - Independent Study II

(Arr.-Arr.-1 to 6) (Credit/No Credit) Advanced studies in a selected field of the biological sciences other than the thesis or internship. May be repeated once for a maximum of six semester hours of credit.

NOTE: Students who do not write a thesis ~~must~~ **may** apply a maximum of three semester hours of credit toward the graduate degree.

#### Prerequisites & Notes

Completion of BIO 5990A twice

Credits: 1 to 6