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Dear colleagues,

We propose a change to the pre-requisites of our Microbiology minor. Specifically, we would like to add *Introduction to Biological Chemistry (BIOCHEM 4511)* as a substitute for the current *Organic Chemistry II (CHEM 2520 or 2620 or 2920H)* requirement.

Currently, our [Microbiology minor](#) requires that students take CHEM 2520 as a pre-requisite. Most majors in the biological sciences also require CHEM 2520. However, there are some majors (e. g. Environmental Sciences and Food Sciences) that could be complemented with a Microbiology minor but only require *Organic Chemistry I (CHEM 2510)*. Because some students in those programs take BIOCHEM 4511 as an elective for their major, our departmental Curriculum Committee explored and discussed the possibility of adding BIOCHEM 4511 as a substitute for CHEM 2520. Notably, CHEM 2510 is a pre-requisite for BIOCHEM 4511, and biochemistry is foundational in the microbial sciences, as reflected by the fact that BIOCHEM 4511 is one of the core courses in our Microbiology major. Our Curriculum Committee unanimously concluded that BIOCHEM 4511 is a suitable substitute for the CHEM 2520 requirement for our minor. The Committee presented this proposal to the faculty of the Department of Microbiology. The faculty was enthusiastic about the possibility of increasing enrollment in our minor. The proposal was unanimously approved by the faculty.

In this petition, I have included a marked copy of the Microbiology Minor advising sheet reflecting the proposed change. In addition, I made three changes to update the list of electives in the document:

- MICRBIO 3704: updated number of credit hours to 4.
- Added the recently approved course MICRBIO 4145.
- Deleted MICRBIO 5160 because it is set for withdrawal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

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1. Required prerequisite courses

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Chemistry 2520 or 2620 or 2920H or [Biochemistry 4511](#)

Some courses below have prerequisites. Please consult the course bulletin before enrolling in courses.

2. Required core course (5 credit hours)

Microbiology 4100 General Microbiology (5) ‡

3. Additional required courses (at least 2 of the following) (6 credit hours)

Microbiology 4110 Pathogenesis and Immunobiology (3)
Microbiology 4120 Microbial Physiology and Diversity (3)
Microbiology 4130 Microbial Genetics (3)
Microbiology 4140 Microbial Genetics Lab. (3)

4. Elective courses (4 credit hours)

Electives must be chosen from the list of additional required courses above* and/or the courses below:

Microbiology 2000 Intro to Microbiology Research (1.5)
Microbiology 2100 Wild Yeast: From Isolation to Fermentation (3)
Microbiology 3704 HIV: From Microbiology to Macrohistory (4)

[Microbiology 4145 Intro to Industrial Micro & Bioprocessing Lab \(3\)](#)

Microbiology 4193 Individual Studies (1-3)
Microbiology 4591S DNA Fingerprinting (1)
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[Microbiology 5161 Bioinformatics & Molecular Microbiology \(3\)](#)

Microbiology 5270 Microbial Natural Products: Discovery, Biosynthesis, and Antibiotic Activity (3)

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Microbiology 4998/4998H Undergraduate Research (1-5)
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Microbiology minor program guidelines

Credit hours required: A minimum of 14 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credits must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed:

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s):

• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.

• The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

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X193 credits: No more than 3 credit hours.

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