

The Ohio State University Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Concurrence Form

The purpose of this form is to provide a simple system of obtaining departmental reactions to course requests. **An e-mail may be substituted for this form.**

An academic unit initiating a request should complete Section A of this form and send a copy of the form, course request, and syllabus to each of the academic units that might have related interests in the course. Initiating units should be allowed two weeks to respond.

Academic units receiving this form should respond to Section B and return the form to the initiating unit. Overlap of course content and other problems should be resolved by the academic units before this form and all other accompanying documentation may be forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs.

A. Proposal to review

Center for Life Sciences Education

 Initiating Academic Unit

Biology BS, BA (re-envisioned for semester conversion);Biology minor (new)	6/29/2011
Type of Proposal (New, Change, Withdrawal, or other)	Date request sent

B. Response from the Academic Unit reviewing

Department of Biochemistry	7/15/2011
Academic Unit Asked to Review	Date response needed

Response: include a reaction to the proposal, including a statement of support or non-support (continued on the back of this form or a separate sheet, if necessary).

The Department of Biochemistry strongly supports the proposed modifications and enhancements to the Biology major (BS and BA). The additional mathematics requirement, especially those courses which have high biological relevancy, will improve students' quantitative skills, which are more essential now. The major continues to include requirements in biochemistry, which will serve students well, especially those in the pre-health professions track.

The proposed reduced math, organic chemistry, and physics requirements for the BA degree should make this a much more attractive option. BA Biology majors might then consider Biochemistry 2210 "Elements of Biochemistry", a 4 unit semester course targeted towards students preparing for careers in the allied health sciences.

Signatures (ECA Electronic proposals: Type in name, position and date as electronic signature. No written signature required.)

Richard P. Swenson	Curriculum Committee, Semester Conv. Coordinator	Biochemistry	7/15/2011
1. Name	Position	Unit	Date
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