

From: [Vankeerbergen, Bernadette](#)
To: [Misicka, Matt](#)
Cc: [Vaessin, Harald](#); [Hadad, Christopher](#); [Rissing, Steven](#); [Eakins, Barbara](#)
Subject: Biology 1109
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 3:03:16 PM

Matt,

On Friday, September 20, the ASC NMS Panel reviewed a new course request for Biology 1109 with GE Natural Science—Biological Science. The Panel did not take a vote on the proposal but would like some points to be addressed first. Here is the relevant excerpt of the meeting minutes:

- As approved for semester conversion, Biology 1102 deals with the following topics: “Exploration of human biology; topics include structure and physiological function, reproduction and development, genetics and disease, ecology, and evolution.” These do not match the content of the proposed new course 1109. Therefore, Biology 1109 is a new course.
- If the course is approved, it would also be taught by other faculty, including faculty on regional campuses. The qualifications and understanding of the topic by the submitting faculty are not questioned by the reviewing faculty panel. This panel is only considering the course as a curricular proposal that will be taught by a variety of faculty.
- Show how sustainability would be covered by any instructor. Clarify how the different topics will be offered across different instructors.
 - Suggestion: Maybe textbook should be made mandatory. This would be a way to bring uniformity to the various offerings of the course in the future (by various faculty). Without a textbook, how can CLSE ensure that the learning objectives are met across various instructors, campuses, etc.?
- If the course is approved, it will be a BA-only GE Natural Science--Biological Science course. If the submitting faculty believes the course should carry GE Natural Science—Biological Science credit for both BA and BS students, evidence to that effect needs to be submitted.
- Request concurrences from (1) FAES, (2) Fisher College of Business, and/or (3) College of Engineering.
- Is the title too general? Title should probably be more restrictive. Concern that the course is too broad. With a broad title, one needs to gather concurrences from a broad swath of units.

I will return the course in a minute via curriculum.osu.edu.

Should your department have any questions about this feedback, please do not hesitate to contact Harald Vaessin, Chair of the ASCC NMS Panel (cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
Bernadette

Bernadette Vankeerbergen, Ph.D.

Program Manager, Curriculum and Assessment
Arts and Sciences
The Ohio State University
154D Denney Hall
164 W 17th Ave.
Columbus, OH 43210
Phone: 614-688-5679
Fax: 614-292-6303
<http://ascas.osu.edu>