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**Subject:** RE: Entomology 2400H  
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Dear Carol,

The NMS Panel met on Wednesday, March 10, and reviewed the explanation you had provided via e-mail. I am happy to report that the request to drop some prerequisites from Entomology 2400H was unanimously approved.

The course request will next be presented to the full ASCC at its next meeting and, provided there are no concerns, will then be advanced to the Office of Academic Affairs.

My best,  
Bernadette

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Hello Bernadette,

Thank you so much for your email and the update. Please allow me to clarify for the panel, and I apologize for not being clearer in the form I filled out.

My original reasons for the prerequisites ("sophomore standing," and "one biological or physical science course") were to ensure that students who enrolled would be reasonably prepared to look at scientific data critically and thoughtfully, with guidance from me (I do not expect nor need them to have specific content knowledge for the course). When the course did not enroll in spring 2015 (my information is that honors students had already enrolled for courses by the time I could advertise my course), I contacted both the Honors & Scholars Program, and Meagan Toohey of CAS. At that point, I mostly wanted to inquire about a good day and time to schedule my course for autumn 2015, to best avoid major conflicts with other required courses. Through those two avenues (Honors & CAS), I learned that freshmen honors students generally enter OSU with a strong science background, and that it is often a challenge for them to enroll in GE

courses of this sort in autumn semester, as courses tend to be filled by the time freshmen can register.

Given the above information from Honors & CAS, I figured that at the start of 2400H, I would query students to gauge their collective experience/background, and adjust my teaching accordingly. As my students will work in groups (I have experience working with lower division honors students, majors and non-majors in mixed groups, performing collaborative work), I thought I could reasonably forego the two stated prerequisites and still provide a quality course for the students— and one that meets the stated goals and learning outcomes.

One more point: In my original paperwork for 2400H, I didn't appreciate that stating "or permission by instructor" would require students to complete a form. At my former institution, "permission by instructor" was rather informal; students could contact the instructor and it was then left to the instructor to determine whether the student should be permitted to enroll in the course w/o having taken the stated prerequisite(s).

I hope this helps clarify my reasoning. Please don't hesitate to contact me if need be. I appreciate all the efforts of your panel on behalf of ENTMGly 2400H.

Kind regards,

Carol



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**Subject:** Entomology 2400H

Dear Carol,

On Tuesday, February 24, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee (ASCC) considered a request to remove some prerequisites from Entomology 2400H (a course with GE Natural Science—Biological Science status).

The Panel did not take a vote on the request but would like further clarification about the

prereqs first. Specifically, the Panel would like to know what the Department's rationale was for having these prereqs originally? Will the course content or delivery change as a result of the prereqs being removed?

I will keep the course request in my queue. If you could send me a reply regarding the questions above (an answer in an e-mail should suffice), I will provide the answer to the Panel so that they can reconsider the course change request at their next meeting.

If you have any questions about the feedback above, please feel free to contact Professor Harald Vaessin (Chair of the NMS Panel; cc'd on this message), or me.

My best,  
Bernadette