

# Course Approval Form

For approval of new courses and deletions or modifications to an existing course.

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## Action Requested:

☐ Create new course      ☐ Inactivate existing course  
☒ Modify existing course (check all that apply)  
☐ Title      ☒ Credits      ☐ Repeat Status      ☐ Grade Type  
☐ Prereq/coreq      ☐ Schedule Type      ☐ Restrictions  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Course Level:

☒ Undergraduate  
☐ Graduate

College/School:       Department:   
 Submitted by:       Ext:       Email:

Subject Code:       Number:       Effective Term: ☐ Fall      ☐ Spring      ☒ Summer  
 (Do not list multiple codes or numbers. Each course proposal must have a separate form.)      Year:

Title: Current   
 Banner (30 characters max including spaces) \_\_\_\_\_  
 New

Credits: (check one) ☐ Fixed  to       ☒ Variable  
 Repeat Status: (check one) ☒ Not Repeatable (NR)      ☐ Repeatable within degree (RD)      ☐ Repeatable within term (RT)      Maximum credits allowed:

Grade Mode: (check one) ☒ Regular (A, B, C, etc.)      ☐ Satisfactory/No Credit      ☐ Special (A, B C, etc. +IP)  
 Schedule Type: (check one) ☐ Lecture (LEC)      ☒ Lab (LAB)      ☐ Recitation (RCT)      ☐ Internship (INT)  
 LEC can include LAB or RCT      Independent Study (IND)      Seminar (SEM)      Studio (STU)

Prerequisite(s):       Corequisite(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Instructional Mode: ☒ 100% face-to-face      ☐ Hybrid: ≤ 50% electronically delivered      ☐ 100% electronically delivered

Restrictions Enforced by System: Major, College, Degree, Program, etc. Include Code.   
 Are there equivalent course(s)? ☐ Yes      ☒ No      If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

## Catalog Copy for NEW Courses Only (Consult University Catalog for models)

Description (No more than 60 words, use verb phrases and present tense)	Notes (List additional information for the course)

Indicate number of contact hours: \_\_\_\_\_      Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: \_\_\_\_\_      Hours of Lab or Studio: \_\_\_\_\_  
 When Offered: (check all that apply) ☐ Fall      ☐ Summer      ☐ Spring

## Approval Signatures

Department Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_      College/School Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If this course includes subject matter currently dealt with by any other units, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Unit Name	Unit Approval Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

## For Graduate Courses Only

Graduate Council Member \_\_\_\_\_      Provost Office \_\_\_\_\_      Graduate Council Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Course Proposal Submitted to the College of Science Curriculum Committee (COSCC)**

The form above is processed by the Office of the University Registrar. This second page is for the COSCC's reference.  
Please complete the applicable portions of this page to clearly communicate what the form above is requesting.

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### **FOR ALL COURSES** (required)

Course Number and Title: BIOL 485 Eukaryotic Cell Biology Laboratory

Date of Departmental Approval: 4/23/2015

### **FOR MODIFIED COURSES** (required if modifying a course)

- Summary of the Modification: Changing course credits and prerequisites.
- Text before Modification (title, repeat status, catalog description, etc.):
  - Credits: 1
  - Prerequisites: N/A
- Text after Modification (title, repeat status, catalog description, etc.):
  - Credits: 2-3
  - Prerequisites: BIOL 311 and BIOL 483, or permission of instructor
- Reason for the Modification:

As it stands BIOL485 is the sister lab section to BIOL484 and has not been taught as a combination for over 15 years (that I am aware of).

I currently teach a lab section under selected topics (BIOL417) that essentially is BIOL485 and then some - as in it accomplishes a number of the teaching goals set forth in the of the catalog copy of BIOL485. However BIOL417 is 2-3 credits and this allow me to do so much more with the students.

Changing 485 to variable credit allows me to teach use this course designation for my current lab techniques course. It also allow me to apply for Research and Scholarship Intensive (RS) designation with OSCAR for this course.