

# Course Change Request

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Viewing: **BIOL 338 : Foundations ~~Lab for~~  
~~Fundamentals~~ of Ecology and Evolution  
Laboratory**

Transfer Course(s): BIOL L338

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Changes proposed by: jbazaz

Catalog Pages  
referencing this  
course

[Biology\\_\(BIOL\)](#)

[Biology, BA](#)

Select modification type:

~~Specialized Course Designation~~

Substantial

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

Yes ~~No~~

Requestor:

## In Workflow

1. BIOL  
Undergraduate  
Representative
2. SC Curriculum  
Committee
3. SC Assistant Dean
4. Assoc Provost-  
Undergraduate
5. Registrar-Courses
6. Banner

## Approval Path

1. 01/09/26 2:48 pm  
Geraldine Grant  
(ggrant1): Approved  
for BIOL  
Undergraduate  
Representative

## History

1. Oct 19, 2018 by  
dpolayes
2. Dec 21, 2018 by  
dpolayes
3. Aug 16, 2023 by  
Tory Sarro (vsarro)

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**Effective Term:** Fall 2026

**Subject Code:** BIOL - Biology

**Course Number:** 338

**Bundled Courses:**

**Is this course replacing another course?** No

**Equivalent Courses:**

**Catalog Title:** Foundations ~~Lab for Fundamentals~~ of Ecology and Evolution  
Laboratory

**Banner Title:** Foundations of Eco & Evo Lab ~~Lab~~  
~~Fund Ecology/Evolution~~

**Will section titles vary by semester?** No

**Credits:** 1 ~~2~~

**Schedule Type:** Laboratory

**Hours of Lab or Studio per week:** 3 ~~6~~

**Repeatable:** May be only taken once for credit, limited to 3 attempts (N3)

**Max Allowable Credits:**  
3 ~~6~~

**Default Grade Mode:** Undergraduate Regular

**Recommended Prerequisite(s):**

~~Permission of Biology Program Director and faculty coordinator of BIOL 308.~~

**Recommended Corequisite(s):**

**Required Prerequisite(s) / Corequisite(s) (Updates only):**

Prerequisite: BIOL 308 (concurrency allowed)

**Registrar's Office Use Only - Required Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):**

And/Or	(	Course/Test Code	Min Grade/Score	Academic Level	)	Concurrency?

**Registration  
Restrictions  
(Updates only):**

**Registrar's Office Use Only - Registration Restrictions:**

Field(s) of Study:

Class(es):

Level(s):

Degree(s):

School(s):

**Catalog**

**Description:**

A laboratory examining of the principles of ecology, evolution, and the impact of humans on the world around them. Topics will include evolutionary history, biological diversity, and analyzes of interactions among organisms and between organisms and their environment. This is the accompanying laboratory for BIOL 308 Foundations of Ecology and Evolution. ~~This is a writing intensive experience and laboratory for transfer students who have previously taken an equivalent course to BIOL 308 that did not have a lab and did not meet the writing intensive requirements in the biology major. This course is paired with BIOL 308.~~

**Justification:**

What: Modifying the lab to better accommodate BIOL 308.

Why: To make it easier to retake only the lecture or lab to facilitate degree progression.

Does this course cover material which crosses into another department?

**Learning Outcomes:**

Will this course be scheduled as a cross-level cross listed section?

**Attach Syllabus**

~~338 Lab-Rec Syllabus\_Fall2018.pdf~~

[BIOL338 lab sample syllabus.pdf](#)

**Additional  
Attachments**

**Specialized Course**

**Categories:**

Mason Core

Select the Mason Core Requirement the course is proposing to fulfill:

**Foundation  
Courses:****Exploration  
Courses:****Integration  
Courses:**

~~Writing Intensive~~

Have you reached out to the Libraries to determine whether there are adequate resources to support your course? If not, please email Meg Meiman, Associate University Librarian for Learning, Research, and Engagement at [mmeiman2@gmu.edu](mailto:mmeiman2@gmu.edu).

**Additional  
Comments:**

~~The Writing Intensive category in the CIM form was moved from a stand-alone specialized designation into the Integration portion of Mason Core. This course proposal edit is not a change to the existing course designation, it is just an update to the CIM course record to account for the form change. This edit has been admin saved.~~

**Reviewer  
Comments**

Key: 1483