



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Michael K. Young
President

January 29, 2014

Dean Elaine Scott
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Dear Elaine:

Based upon the recommendations of the Executive Council, the General Faculty Organization has recommended approval of the revised admission and program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. A copy of the changes is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the School of Science, Technology, and Mathematics is authorized to specify these requirements beginning spring quarter 2014.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young
President

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Marc Servetnick (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

After college/school/campus review, send a signed original and 1 copy to the Curriculum Office/FCAS, Box 355850.
For information about when and how to use this form: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwcr/1503instructions.pdf>

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College/Campus	Bothell	Department/Unit	STEM/Biology	Date	10/10/13
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New Programs

- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree.
- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____.
- ☐ Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____.
- ☐ Leading to a minor in _____.

Changes to Existing Programs

- ☐ New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- ☒ Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in Biology within the Bachelor of Science.
- ☒ Revised Program Requirements for the Major in Biology within the Bachelor of Science.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____.

Other Changes

- ☐ Change name of program from _____ to _____.
- ☐ Change delivery method or location of program.
- ☐ New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____.
- ☐ New Honors Requirements for _____.
- ☐ Eliminate program in _____.

Proposed Effective Date: Quarter: ☐ Autumn ☐ Winter ☒ Spring ☐ Summer Year: 20 14

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EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

1. **Revised Admission requirements.** Students are required to complete the three-quarter Introductory Biology series (B BIO 180, 200, 220) for admission to the major. However, there is currently no minimum grade requirement in these courses. We wish to require that **students earn a grade of 2.0 or above in each of the three Introductory Biology courses for admission to the Biology major.** We believe that students who do not earn this minimum grade are poorly prepared for the more challenging upper-level courses, and are likely to struggle in these courses.

2. **Revised Program Requirements.** We wish to require a **minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all courses required for the Biology major** (this includes required Math, Physics, Chemistry and Biology courses). Some students are finishing the program with multiple grades below 2.0. These students, while meeting the UW requirement of a 2.0 overall GPA, are poorly prepared in Biology; we believe that a cumulative GPA of 2.0 across all courses required for the major is a minimum demonstration of competency in the field.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. *See online instructions.

Department/Unit:	Chair/Program Director:	Date:
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Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

Admission Requirements

– must be completed prior to admission (see <http://admit.washington.edu/EquivalencyGuide> for Washington State Community College transfer equivalencies)

B BIO 180 Introductory Biology I
 B BIO 200 Introductory Biology II
 B BIO 220 Introductory Biology III
 B CHEM 142 General Chemistry I, or B Chem 143, 144
 B CHEM 152 General Chemistry II, or B Chem 153, 154
 B CHEM 162 General Chemistry III, or B Chem 163, 164

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PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications).
 Please note: all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

Admission Requirements

– must be completed prior to admission (see <http://admit.washington.edu/EquivalencyGuide> for Washington State Community College transfer equivalencies)

B BIO 180 Introductory Biology I with a minimum grade of 2.0
 B BIO 200 Introductory Biology II with a minimum grade of 2.0
 B BIO 220 Introductory Biology III with a minimum grade of 2.0
 B CHEM 142 General Chemistry I, B Chem 143, 144
 B CHEM 152 General Chemistry II, B Chem 153, 154
 B CHEM 162 General Chemistry III, B Chem 163, 164

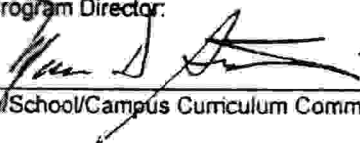
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Additional Degree Requirements:

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all courses applied toward requirements for the Biology major, including mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology courses, including upper-division electives required for the major.

APPROVALS

Chair/Program Director:



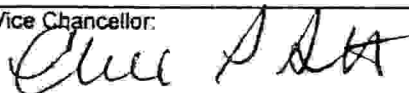
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College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:

Date:

Dean/Vice Chancellor:



Date:

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Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date:

POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date: