University of Connecticut
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Committee on Curricula and Courses

# Proposal to Change an Existing Course

Last revised: Thursday, April 10, 2003
See "Instructions for completing CLAS CC&C forms" for general instructions and specific notes.

1. Date: **29-Jan-2014**
2. Department: **Ecology & Evolutionary Biology**
3. Nature of Proposed Change: **Change to BIOL 1102 Course Description**
4. Current Catalog Copy:

**1102. Foundations of Biology**

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(see information in the "add a course" form if you have any questions regarding specific items.)

6. Effective Date (semester, year -- see Note R): Fall, 2013

(Note that changes will be effective immediately unless a specific date is requested.)

## Justification

1. Reasons for changing this course:

This represents a further modification of a course-change proposal approved by EEB faculty 11-Sep-2013 and approved by CLAS C&C 24-Sep-2013. It was under consideration by GEOC-CA3 when it became apparent that BIOL 1110 should be added to the list of courses that, if passed, preclude taking BIOL 1102. Below is the previous justification, amended to include BIOL 1110.

According to the Registrar's Office, they are not enforcing the statement that BIOL 1102 is "not open

for credit to students who have completed a year of advanced biology in high school". See email below from Brian Rockwood, Assistant Registrar. We would like to remove this statement so it does not cause confusion to students, parents, staff, or faculty.

> From: Rockwood, Brian Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 11:45 AM To: Upson, Kathryn Cc: Gattilia, Jennifer Subject: RE: BIOL 1102
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> Hi Katie,
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> I took a look at this, and the restriction is not being enforced. I suspect that we intentionally decided not to enforce it because it would be difficult to determine who had advanced biology courses in advance of course registration for freshman. Furthermore, it would be unfair to remove credits after the fact if we can't warn them in advance that they won't receive credits.
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> I hope this helps!
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Additionally, we would like to add the statement "Not open to students who passed BIOL 1107, 1108 or 1110" due to the large amount of overlap between BIOL 1102 and BIOL 1107/1108/1110, and also because BIOL 1107/1108/1110 are more extensive courses, intended for science majors.

2. Effect on Department's Curriculum: **None**
3. Other Departments Consulted: **MCB & PNB**
4. Effects on Other Departments: **None**
5. Effects on Regional Campuses: **None**
6. Staffing: **None**
7. Dates approved by:
   Department Curriculum Committee: **January 30, 2014**
   Department Faculty: **February 12, 2014**
8. Name, Phone Number, and e-mail address of principal contact person:

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