UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: __Melinda K. Duncan_____phone number_831-0533_____

Department: _Biological Sciences_____email address_duncanm@udel.edu_

Date: _____January 8th, 2014_____

Action: _____Revise Ph.D. in Biological Sciences concentration: Molecular Biology and Genetics

> (Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term_____**14F**_____
> (use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree_____**Ph.D.**_____
> (Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: _____**Ph.D.**_____
> (Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name:_____
> Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
> (if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

> **Undergraduate major / Concentration:**_____
> > (Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

> **Undergraduate minor:**_____
> > (Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

> **Graduate Program Policy statement change:**_____
> > (**Must attach** your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

> **Graduate Program of Study:**_ Revise Ph.D. in Biological Sciences
> > (Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

> **Graduate minor / concentration:**__ concentration: Molecular Biology and Genetics ____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the

overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?
 (Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter "None")
NONE

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:
(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

Minor changes to course electives- no changes that are anticipated to significantly affect another unit

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):
(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

Mostly editorial changes intended to clarify existing policies. Further, since the approval of this concentration, there have been new courses appropriate for the concentration initiated, others discontinued and still others whose course numbers have changed. None of the changes proposed are substantive and none will affect the total credits or other major degree requirements.

Update to reflect the changes in graduate course offerings at the University since the last curricular update

Numerous rewordings to improve clarity and to align the written document with practice within the department

Renaming of the "Preliminary Examination" to the "Comprehensive Examination" to bring department nomenclature in line with that used by the graduate office

Rewording of the requirements section of the Comprehensive Examination to bring the written description in line with departmental practice

Rewording of the requirements section of the Qualifying Examination to bring the written description in line with departmental practice.

Program Requirements:
(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson _____ Date_____

Dean of College_____ Date_____

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee_____ Date_____

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies_____ Date_____

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com._____ Date_____

Secretary, Faculty Senate_____ Date_____

Date of Senate Resolution_____ Date to be Effective_____

Registrar _____ Program Code_____ Date_____

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs_____ Date_____

Provost _____ Date_____

Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date_____

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