Proposal for a New Course and/or Core Status

Please submit your proposal and the course syllabus in electronic form and send it to the College Academic Office (CRHL 228) in care of Tammy O’Donnell. TammyODonnell@creighton.edu. All proposals for new courses or core status must be submitted through or approved by the appropriate department chair or program director. If the proposal and syllabus are sent from the department chair’s or program director’s e-mail account, no signature is necessary. It is not necessary to submit hard copies.

Nature of the Proposal

- New Course Only [ ]
- Core Status Only [ ]
- New Course & Core Status [X]

Core Status Requested

Course Information

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<td>Directed Independent Research (Extramural)</td>
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Course Format

- Lecture/Discussion [ ]
- Laboratory [X]
- Other (specify) [ ]

Course Description, as it should appear in the Undergraduate Bulletin. Please type this information here; do not use “see attached syllabus”. Please try to limit the description to fifty words.

A program of independent study emphasizing laboratory or field research, intended for students working with mentors not part of the of Biology faculty. (No more than 12 semester hours of credit may be accrued in any combination of BIO 297, 397, 493, 495, and 497.) SA/UN

Pre-requisites & Co-requisites

Instructor Consent

- Is this course repeatable for additional credit? NO [ ] YES [X] Total credits 12

If this is a new course, briefly explain how it fits into your department’s curriculum. (This should include, but not be limited to, information such as if the course is required or will serve as an elective for a major, how often you anticipate that it will be offered, and if it replaces a course that is currently listed in the bulletin.)

BIO 397 will serve as a course registration for students conducting research with scientists who are not formally associated with the Biology Department. Our single current research course, BIO 497, assigns letter grades, and it is not practical to oversee students working outside in the department closely enough to support this form of grading.

BIO 397 will be offered every semester, with all students registering with a single “instructor” who will act as the coordinator with the mentoring scientists. It will not count towards any of the major requirements.

Please attach a syllabus of the course. The syllabus must include the following items in any order.

1. Course description
2. Course objectives
3. List of course topics
4. Course requirements
5. Grading criteria (including penalties)
6. Attendance Policy
7. Academic Honesty statement
8. Class cancellation policy

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College Approval: Course ________________________________
College Approval: Core ________________________________ Core Attribute(s) ________________________________
Effective Term: ________________________________ Date Sent to Registrar: ________________________________

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