

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
The Graduate School
CURRICULAR REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE COUNCIL TO THE FACULTY
SENATE: REPORT NO. 2007-2008-6

At meeting No. 426 held March 28, 2008, the Graduate Council considered and approved the following curricular matters which are now submitted to the Faculty Senate for information or confirmation as indicated.

I. Matters of Information

None

II. Matters Requiring Confirmation by Faculty Senate

A. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Natural Resources Science

a. New Course:

NRS545 Invasive Species Research, Management and Policy (3)

Overview of the major invasive alien species issues in the research, management and policy arenas. (Lec. 3) Pre: BIO 262 or permission of instructor.

2. Department of Cell and Molecular Biology

Changes to core requirements:

Delete BIO 593E Special Topics in Biological Sciences (cell biology) as a core requirement for all tracks.

Add BCH 521 Physical Biochemistry and BCH/BIO 453 Cell Biology as required courses in the biochemistry track.

Delete the following statement from the description of the biochemistry track

“core courses plus nine credits chosen from BMS 641, BCH(BMS) 642, BMS 530, 535, 572, BCH 521, 523/524 (max three credits for M.S. and six credits for Ph.D.)”.

Add choice of BCH/BIO 453 Cell Biology or MIC/BCH 552 Bacterial Genetics as a requirement for the molecular genetics track.

Change catalog description to read:

***Program requirements:* The candidate’s program will be determined in consultation with his/her committee and will be based on his/her background and career goals, but must include the following. A minimum of six credits of thesis research and 24 credits of course work. Core courses (all tracks) – MIC 413/415, BCH 581, 582, BCH/MIC 695.**

Biochemistry track – core courses plus BCH 521, BCH 453 and six elective credits.

Microbiology track – core courses plus MIC 414/416 plus seven elective credits. Molecular genetics track – core courses plus BCH 437, and MIC 552 or BCH 453, and six elective credits. A written exam and thesis defense are required.

B. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of Psychology

a. Changes:

PSY 615 Collaborative Research in Psychology – change in credits and catalog description to read:

PSY 615 Collaborative Research in Psychology (1-3)

Collaborative approaches to methods of psychological inquiry. Special emphasis on topics that can involve students at varying levels of research skill. Format includes weekly seminars and colloquia. (Seminar) May be repeated for a maximum of 24 credits. S/U credit.