**Curriculum Proposal**

Please type or select the requested information. Print completed forms, add appropriate paper attachments, and route through MSU's curricular process for recommendations and decisions.

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| Title Current: |               |
| Title Proposed: |               |
| 24-Char. Abbrev: |               |

Include a course or program description for the Bulletin (30-40 words maximum for courses, 100 for programs):

Bulletin description remains the same.

**Rationale or Justification for change:**

A proposal was submitted to change the credits for Biology 451 Plant Biotechnology from 3 credits to 4 credits due to the addition of a lab component. This course is required for the Biotechnology major so I was told to submit this form to indicate that I was aware of the change and to show how the catalog copy would change. Accompanying this proposal are a copy of the current catalog and a copy of the catalog with the needed revisions.

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### For General Education or Cultural Diversity Courses Only***

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*For Writing Intensive Courses, attach a description of the kind and quantity of writing.

*For Upper Division Courses, include a description of the respects in which it is broad and general rather than narrow and specific, and so suitable as GE.

Attach paper copies of the following:

a. Syllabus or course outline.

b. Course's student learning outcomes associated with each GE competency or CD designation.

c. List of strategies to be used to assess students' achievement of each GE competency or CD designation.

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### For New Courses***

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<td>Other courses are being changed or eliminated. (Explain.)</td>
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- Course content or title is similar to courses in other departments. (Attach copy of letter of agreement with other program(s) contacted. Indicate the nature of the discussions and/or resolution of differences or potential conflicts.)

Attach paper copies of the following:

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c. A list of resources required to offer and support this course.

d. A description of how teaching this course will affect department staffing.

e. If 400/500 level course, an explanation of added expectations of graduate students.
### Signature Page

**Department**
- X Recommended (Category/ies)
- _ Not Recommended (Category/ies)

Comments:

**College Curriculum Committee**
- X Recommended (Category/ies)
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**College Dean**
- X Recommended (Category/ies)
- _ Not Recommended (Category/ies)

Comments:

**General Education Subcommittee**
- _ Recommended (Category/ies)
- _ Not Recommended (Category/ies)

Comments:

**Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee**
- X Recommended (Category/ies)
- _ Not Recommended (Category/ies)

Comments:

**Faculty Association Graduate Committee**
- _ Recommended
- _ Not Recommended

Comments:

**Graduate Dean**
- _ Recommended
- _ Not Recommended

Comments:

**Academic Affairs Council**
- X Recommended (Category/ies)
- _ Not Recommended (Category/ies)

Comments:

**Senior Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs**
- X Approved (Category/ies)
- _ Not Approved (Category/ies)

Comments:
Biotechnology
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Biotechnology is the application of recent developments in technology to manipulate the genetic and biochemical characteristics of an organism so that the organism or its metabolites can be economically produced for our benefit. In practice it requires the selection and genetic improvement of an organism for a specific purpose. Organisms may be used to synthesize a desirable product or degrade unwanted materials. The industrialization of this technology is dependent on the development of methods for scaling up processes developed in the laboratory.

Students interested in biotechnology could find careers in a wide variety of industrial applications. Examples of industries that use biotechnology are antibiotic and pharmaceutical; food; energy; agricultural pesticides; herbicides; fertilizers; growth chemicals and breeding programs; industrial chemicals, biocatalysts and diagnostics.

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Admission to Major is granted by the department. Admission requirements are 32 earned semester credit hours including BIOL 105W and BIOL 106, with a grade of a "C" or better in both BIOL 105W and BIOL 106; and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

BIOTECHNOLOGY BS

Required General Education (13 credits):
MATH 121 Calculus I (4)  
PHYS 211 Principles of Physics I (4)  
CHEM 201 General Chemistry I (5)

Required Support Courses (26 credits):
MATH 122 Calculus II (4)  
PHYS 212 Principles of Physics II (4)  
CHEM 202 General Chemistry II (5)  
CHEM 305 Analytical Chemistry (4)  
CHEM 320 Organic Chemistry I (5)  
CHEM 460 Biochemistry I (3)  
CHEM 465 Biochemical Techniques I (1)

Recommended Support Courses (5 credits):
CHEM 461 Biochemistry II (3)  
CHEM 466 Biochemical Techniques II (2)

Required for Major (Core, 52 credits):
BIOL 105W General Biology I (4)  
BIOL 106 General Biology II (4)  
BIOL 211 Genetics (4)  
BIOL 270 Microbiology (4)  
BIOL 320 Cell Biology (4)  
BIOL 451 Plant Biotechnology (3)  
BIOL 452 Biological Instrumentation (3)  
BIOL 453 Biological Engineering Analysis I (4)  
BIOL 454 Biological Engineering Analysis II (4)  
BIOL 474 Immunology (4)  
BIOL 476 Microbial Physiology and Genetics (5)  
BIOL 479 Molecular Biology (4)

The biotechnology major requires a 6 credit project. This may be taken as:
BIOL 456 Biotechnology Project/Laboratory I (3)  
BIOL 457 Biotechnology Project/Laboratory II (3) OR  
BIOL 497 Internship (6)

Required Minor: None.

POLICIES/INFORMATION

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