PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF
NATURAL SCIENCES SECTION IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2016-2018

Type of Change\(^1\)  ☒ Academic Change
☐ Degree Program Change (THECB\(^2\) form required)

Proposed classification\(^3\)  ☒ Exclusive   ☐ General   ☐ Major

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST
CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO
DETERMINE IF SACS-COC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.
   • Is this a new degree program?       Yes ☐ No ☒
   • Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus? Yes ☐ No ☒
   • Will courses in this program be delivered electronically? Yes ☐ No ☒

2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH
INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:
Deletion of the biology major.
Rationale: The faculty feel they do not need the BA biology major with the addition of the BSA biology major.

3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES (Please check all that apply)
   ☐ Courses in other colleges     ☐ Courses in proposer’s college that
   ☐ Courses in proposer’s college that are frequently taken by students in
   ☐ Course in the core curriculum other colleges
   ☐ Change in course sequencing for an
   ☐ Requirements not explicit in the
   ☐ Change in admission
   ☐ X Deletion of a major
   courses that have to be
   catalog language (e.g., lists of
   requirements (external or
   added to the inventory
   acceptable courses maintained by
   internal)

4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE
   a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes ☐ No ☒
      If yes, then how?
   b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes ☐ No ☒
      If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
   c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking
      classes in your college? Yes ☐ No ☒
      If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
   d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in
      other colleges? Yes ☐ No ☒
      If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions. If the proposal has
potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible
increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

   How many students do you expect to be impacted?
   Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:
   Person communicated with:
   Date of communication:
   Response:
e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain:

If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with:
Date of communication:
Response:

f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? If yes, explain:

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date:
College approval date:
Dean approval date:

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:**

**Biology**

In addition to the requirements below, biology majors must complete Mathematics 408C or 408N, Chemistry 301 or 301H, 302 or 302H, and 204; and one of the following: (1) Chemistry 220C, 320M, and 320N; (2) eight hours of coursework in physics, including laboratory work; or (3) six hours of coursework in computer science, including at least three hours of upper-division work.

**Major**

The following coursework is required:

1. Either Biology 311C, 311D, and 325 or Biology 315H and 325H.
2. Biology 206L or 208L.
3. Six semester hours in core biology courses, consisting of three hours in each of the following areas.
4. Eighteen additional semester hours of coursework, consisting of three hours in each of the following six areas. No course may be counted toward more than one of the six areas in requirement 4. No course may be counted toward both requirement 3 and requirement 4. The courses counted toward requirement 4 must include at least three laboratory courses.
   e. Plant biology: Biology 322L, 322L, 324 and 324L, 327 and 327L, 328, 328D, 350M, 351, 352, 374 and 174L, Marine Science 353D.

Students must earn a grade of at least C in each mathematics and science course required for the degree, and a grade point average in these courses of at least 2.00.

Degree Program Impact Statement revised on 9/30/14 8:07 AM.
1 See [http://www.utexas.edu/provost/planning/cat_change/UnderGrad.html](http://www.utexas.edu/provost/planning/cat_change/UnderGrad.html) for detailed explanations.

2 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

3 Exclusive: of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school ("no protest" period is 5 working days); general: of *general* interest to more than one college or school (but not for submission to the General Faculty) ("no protest" period is 10 working days); major legislation must be submitted to the General Faculty for adoption ("no protest" period is 10 working days).

4 The proposed text should be based on the text of the current catalog available at [http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/pages/catalog_chgs/catcopy.html](http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/pages/catalog_chgs/catcopy.html).

**Strike through and replace (with underlines) only the specific language to be changed. Do NOT use “track changes!”** For questions on completing this section, please contact Victoria Cervantes, [fc@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:fc@austin.utexas.edu), 471-5936 or Brenda Schumann, [brenda.schumann@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:brenda.schumann@austin.utexas.edu), 475-7654.