PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BIOCHEMISTRY DEPARTMENTAL HONORS PROGRAM DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE/SCHOOL OF ____________________ SECTION IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2016-2018 or LAW SCHOOL CATALOG 2016-2018

Type of Change

_X__ Academic Change

___ Degree Program Change (THECB² form required)

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT NEAL ARMSTRONG TO DETERMINE IF SACS-COC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.
   • Is this a new degree program? Yes___ No_X_
   • Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus? Yes___ No_X_
   • Will courses in this program be delivered electronically? Yes___ No_X_

2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE (include page numbers in the catalog where changes will be made):
   • Change CH 379H to BCH 379H
     Rationale: Biochemistry joined the Department of Molecular Biosciences. Consequently, BCH 379H was added to the course inventory for students seeking departmental honors in Biochemistry.

3. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE
   a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes___ No_X_
      If yes, then how?
   b. Will students in other degree programs be impacted (are the proposed changes to courses commonly taken by students in other colleges)? Yes___ No_X_
      If yes, then how?
   c. Will students from your college take courses in other colleges? No

If 3 a, b, or c was answered with yes:
   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:

   d. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain: No
      If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:
      Person communicated with:
      Date of communication:
      Response:

   e. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? If yes, explain: No

4. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS
Department approval date: April 23, 2014
College approval date:
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Impact statement last modified February 13, 2012.
PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

BIOCHEMISTRY DEPARTMENTAL HONORS PROGRAM
Majors who plan to seek special departmental honors in biochemistry should apply to the honors adviser for admission to the honors program no later than the beginning of the senior year. A University grade point average of at least 3.00 and a grade point average in chemistry of at least 3.50 are required for admission. The requirements for graduation with special departmental honors are (1) all requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry; (2) two semesters of Chemistry 379H, Chemistry Honors Tutorial Courses Biochemistry 379H, Biochemistry Honors Tutorial Course; (3) a thesis and a presentation based on research; the research topic and the thesis must be approved by the supervising faculty member and the undergraduate faculty adviser; (4) a University grade point average of at least 3.00 and a grade point average in chemistry of at least 3.50; (5) completion at the University of at least sixty semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree; and (6) approval of the honors adviser.
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 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 Anita Ahmadi, [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.