**Course Approval Form**

**Action Requested:**
- [x] Create new course
- [ ] Inactivate existing course
- [ ] Modify existing course (check all that apply)
  - Title
  - Prereq/coreq
  - Schedule Type
  - Other
  - Credits
  - Repeat Status
  - Restrictions
  - Grade Type

**Course Level:**
- [x] Undergraduate
- [ ] Graduate

**College/School:** College of Science
**Department:** Biology
**Submitted by:** L. Rockwood
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**Subject Code:** BIOL  Number: 444
(Do not list multiple codes or numbers. Each course proposal must have a separate form)

**Effective Term:**
- Fall
- [x] Spring
- Year 2016
- [ ] Summer

**Effective Term:**
- [x] Spring

**Title:**
- Current: Tropical Ecology Laboratory
- New: [ ]

**Fulfills Mason Core Req?** (undergrad only)
- [ ] Currently fulfills requirement
- [ ] Submission in progress

**Credits:**
- Fixed
- Variable
- or
- to

**Repeat Status:**
- Not Repeatable (NR)
- Repeatable within degree (RD)
- Repeatable within term (RT)
- Maximum credits allowed:

**Grade Mode:**
- Regular (A, B, C, etc.)
- Satisfactory/No Credit
- Special (A, B C, etc. +IP)

**Schedule Type:**
- Lecture (LEC)
- Lab (LAB)
- Recitation (RCT)
- Internship (INT)
- Independent Study (IND)
- Seminar (SEM)
- Studio (STU)

**Prerequisite(s):**
- BIOL 308 or BIOL 310, or permission of instructor

**Corequisite(s):**

**Restrictions Enforced by System:** Major, College, Degree, Program, etc. (include code)
- BIOL 308 or BIOL 310

**Equivalencies:** (check only as applicable)
- [ ] YES, course is 100% equivalent to:
- [ ] YES, course is being renumbered
- to/will replace the following:

**Catalog Copy for NEW Courses Only** (Consult University Catalog for models)

**Description** (No more than 60 words, use verb phrases and present tense)

**Notes** (List additional information for the course)

**Indicate number of contact hours:**

**When Offered:** (check all that apply)
- [x] Fall
- [x] Summer
- [ ] Spring

**Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week:**

**Hours of Lab or Studio:**

**Approval Signatures**

**For Graduate Courses Only**

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Course Proposal Submitted to the College of Science Curriculum Committee (COSCC)

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FOR ALL COURSES (required)
Course Number and Title: BIOL 444, Tropical Ecology Laboratory

Date of Departmental Approval: 10.28.2015

FOR INACTIVATED/REINSTATED COURSES (required if inactivating/reinstating a course)
- Reason for Inactivating/Reinstating:

FOR MODIFIED COURSES (required if modifying a course)
- Summary of the Modification:
  - Adding one prerequisite (BIOL 310) and having it hard coded.
- Text before Modification (title, repeat status, catalog description, etc.):
  - BIOL 308 or permission of instructor
- Text after Modification (title, repeat status, catalog description, etc.):
  - BIOL 308 or BIOL 310 or permission of instructor
- Reason for the Modification:
  - To better ensure that students are prepared to undertake the course.

FOR NEW COURSES (required if creating a new course)
- Reason for the New Course:
- Relationship to Existing Programs:
- Relationship to Existing Courses:
- Semester of Initial Offering:
- Proposed Instructors:
- Insert Tentative Syllabus Below