# Course Approval Form

**Action Requested:**  
- [ ] Create new course  
- [X] Modify existing course (check all that apply)  
- [ ] Inactivate existing course  
- [ ] Reinstall inactive course  
- [ ] Undergraduate  
- [X] Graduate  

**College/School:** College of Science  
**Submitted by:** Diane St. Germain  
**Department:** School of Systems Biology  
**Ext:** 3-4263  
**Email:** dstgerma@gmu.edu  

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

**Credits:**  
- [X] Fixed  
- [ ] Variable  

**Repeat Status:**  
- [ ] Not Repeatable (NR)  
- [X] Repeatable within degree (RD)  
- [ ] Repeatable within term (RT)  

**Grade Mode:**  
- [X] Regular (A, B, C, etc.)  
- [ ] Satisfactory/No Credit  
- [ ] Special (A, B, C, etc. +I/P)  

**Schedule Type:**  
- [X] Lecture (LEC)  
- [ ] Lab (LAB)  
- [ ] Recitation (RCT)  
- [ ] Internship (INT)  

**Prerequisite(s):**  

**Corequisite(s):**  

**Restrictions Enforced by System:** Major, College, Degree, Program, etc. Include Code.  

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description (No more than 80 words, use verb phrases and present tense)</th>
<th>Notes (List additional information for the course)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Indicate number of contact hours:**  
- [ ] Fall  
- [ ] Summer  
- [ ] Spring  

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

**Approval Signatures**  

**If this course includes subject matter currently dealt with by any other units, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.**

**Unit Name**  
**Unit Approval Name**  
**Unit Approver's Signature**  
**Date**

For Graduate Courses Only

**Graduate Council Member**  
**Provost Office**  
**Graduate Council Approval Date**

For Registrar Office’s Use Only  
**Banner:**  
**Catalog:**  

*revised 10/16/14*
Course Modification Submitted to the College of Science Curriculum Committee (COSCC)

Course Number and Title: BINF 739 Topics in Bioinformatics

Date of Departmental Approval: 2-18-2016

Reason for modification: To allow visiting professors to offer a specialized topics course that meets for a partial term and allows students flexibility in planning their course schedules.