

## Course Change Request

### New Course Proposal

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Viewing: **BIOL 101 : Biology Freshman Seminar**

Transfer Course(s): BIOL U101

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Changes proposed by: dpolayes

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

No

Effective Term: Fall 2019

Subject Code: BIOL - Biology

Course Number: 101

Bundled Courses:

Equivalent Courses:

Catalog Title: Biology Freshman Seminar

Banner Title: Biology Freshman Seminar

Will section titles vary by semester? No

Credits: 1

Schedule Type: Seminar

Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: 1

Repeatable: May be only taken once for credit, limited to 3 attempts (N3)

Max Allowable Credits: 1

Default Grade Mode: Undergraduate Regular

Recommended Prerequisite(s):

Recommended Corequisite(s):

Required Prerequisite(s) / Corequisite(s) (Updates only):

Registrar's Office Use Only - Required Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):

And/Or	(	Course/Test Code	Min Grade/Score	Academic Level	)	Concurrency?

Registration Restrictions (Updates only):

Registrar's Office Use Only - Registration Restrictions:

Field(s) of Study:

Class(es):

Level(s):

Degree(s):

School(s):

Catalog Description: This course is for first-seminar freshman with a declared biology major. This elective will serve as a platform for freshman biology students to get practical advice and guidance for how to approach coursework, careers in biology, and professionalism

Justification:

#### In Workflow

1. BIOL Undergraduate Representative
2. SC Curriculum Committee
3. SC Associate Dean
4. Assoc Provost- Undergraduate
5. Registrar-Courses
6. Banner

#### Approval Path

1. 11/02/18 9:48 am  
Larry Rockwood (Irockwo):  
Approved for BIOL Undergraduate Representative

Students are confused as to the requirements for a degree, what is expected of them and how to handle things on their own. Orientation is usually too brief to give them all they need so this course will give them pointers on managing their degree, expectations, studying and professionalism.

Does this course cover material which crosses into another department? No

Learning Outcomes:

Attach Syllabus [BIOL 101-Syllabus.pdf](#)

Additional Attachments

Staffing: Using existing faculty in biology

Relationship to Existing Programs: This is a biology only course. We anticipate only biology majors will take it.

Relationship to Existing Courses: No other course in biology looks like this.

Additional Comments:

Reviewer Comments

Key: 16132

## BIOL 101: Biology Freshman Seminar

### **Course information:**

Total credit hours: 1 credit

Meeting day and time: Friday :130-2:45 pm

### **Instructor information:**

Dr. Valerie Olmo

Office: Exploratory Hall Room 1219 (Fairfax campus)

Office phone number: 703-993-1051

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### **Course description:**

This course is for first-seminar freshman with a declared biology major. This 1-credit BIOL elective will serve as a platform for freshman biology students to get practical advice and guidance for how to approach coursework, careers in biology, and professionalism.

### **Format of the course:**

- seminar-style course

### **Student Assessment:**

70%- Weekly assignments addressing the following questions:

30%- Must choose 3 activities to complete/attend:

- Attend a Career Services event
- See an academic advisor
- Go to a professor's office hours
- Attend an Academic Skills workshop

### **Sample course schedule**

Date	Topic	Facilitator or Seminar Speaker
08/31	Re-orientation for the Major	Valerie Olmo
09/07	How to study	CAPS staff member (Academic Skills workshop)
09/14	Managing Expectations	Valerie Olmo
09/21	Professionalism/"Softskills"	Career Services staff member
09/28	Traditional Careers in Biology	Panel discussion (doctor, scientist, teacher)
10/05	Non-traditional careers in Biology	Valerie Olmo or Panel discussion
10/12	How to get "Experience"	Valerie Olmo