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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

Revised Course Request: Unique Course
(Substantive Modification)

Use this form to request a substantive change to an existing unique course. Consult the system course database for information about existing courses. If the course revision is for an approved General Education course, please see the Revision to General Education Requirements Form. Signatures are required on the final form submitted to the Academic Affairs Council (AAC).

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Institution	**Form Initiator**	**Dean's Approval Signature**	**Date**
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Institution	**Division/Department**	**Institutional Approval Signature**	**Date**

Section 1. Existing Course Title and Description

If changing from a course that previously had only a lecture or laboratory component to a composite course, identify both the course and laboratory numbers (xxx and xxxL) and credit hours associated with each. Provide the complete course description as it appears in the system course database including pre-requisites, co-requisites, and registration restrictions.

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
BIOL 460	Plant Ecophysiology and Soils	3
BIOL 460L	Plant Ecophysiology and Soils Lab	1

Course Description

Functional responses and adaptations of plants to physical and biotic features of the environment, considered from the cellular to the whole-plant level; topics of emphasis include photosynthesis, water relations, nutrition, growth regulation, defense against herbivory/pathogens, and plant-soil interactions.

Section 2. Modification(s) Requested

2.1. This modification will include (*place an "X" in the box for all that apply*):

[X] **A change in description/subject matter content (enter revised description below).**

Note: Course descriptions are short, concise summaries that typically do not exceed 75 words. DO: Address the content of the course and write descriptions using active verbs (e.g., explore, learn, develop, etc.). DO NOT: Repeat the title of the course, layout the syllabus, use pronouns such as "we" and "you," or rely on specialized jargon, vague phrases, or clichés.

Course Description: Functional responses and adaptations of plants to physical and biotic features of the environment, considered from the cellular to the whole-plant level; topics of emphasis include plant morphology, biochemical processes, water and nutrition use, growth responses, defense against herbivory/pathogens, and plant-soil interactions.

[ ] **Addition of a lab/lecture component**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits

Course Description

If the addition of a lab/lecture component requires a change in pre-requisites or co-requisites, indicate below (add lines as needed, make sure to copy and paste formatting)

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-Req/Co-Req?

Will the grade for this lab/lecture component be limited to S/U (pass/fail)? (Yes or No)
Will section enrollment for the lab/lecture component be capped? (Yes, max per section: or No)
Repeatable for Credit: (Yes or No)
Instructional Method: F, P
Delivery Method: S

☐ **Deletion of a lab/lecture component**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits

If the deletion of a lab/lecture component requires a change in pre-requisites or co-requisites, indicate below (add lines as needed, make sure to copy and paste formatting)

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-Req/Co-Req?

☐ **Change to existing unique course:**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits

NOTE: Use the Authority to Offer an Existing Course Form to request authorization to offer an existing common or unique course.

Explain any additional minor changes proposed at this time below (if needed):

☒ **Course Title Change** Plant Ecophysiology / Plant Ecophysiology Lab

NOTE: The Enrollment Services Center assigns the short, abbreviated course title that appears on transcripts. The short title is limited to 30 characters (including spaces); meaningful but concise titles are encouraged due to space limitations in the student information system.

	Current		New
☐ **Prefix Change**		to	
☐ **Course Number Change**		to	
☐ **Course pre-requisites**		to	
☐ **Course co-requisites**		to	
☐ **Registration Restriction**		to	
☐ **Enrollment Limitation**		to	
☐ **Repeatable for additional credit**		to	
☐ **Grading Option**		to	
☐ **Instructional Method**		to	

☐ **Cross-listing and equating with** _____

☐ **Dual-listing at 400/500 Level** _____

Effective term of the change: Fall 26

2.2. Add justification for all changes noted above: We are removing the soils component of this course to be a stand alone course.

Section 3. Other Course Information

3.1. Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course database? No

If yes, indicate the course(s) to which the course will equate (add lines as needed):

Prefix & No.	Course Title

Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)

	Current		New
☐ **Change in University Department Code**	_____	to	_____
☐ **Change in Banner Department Code**	_____	to	_____
☐ **Change in CIP Code**	_____	to	_____