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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **Biol 691-696, Directed Study** | | | | |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable) |  | | | | |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Course: revision** | | | | |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **D. Britt** | | **Home Department** | | **[Biology](#home_dept" \o "Which department, program, academic unit, office, and/or school is primarily responsible for the curriculum change?)** | |
| A.4. [Rationale](#Rationale)/Context | **The purpose of this proposal is to:** Change prerequisites for BIOL B91-696 and modify the course description in the RIC catalog.  Current description states: “open only to students enrolled in the MA program …” with a prerequisite of ‘graduate status.’  Desired change: Enrollment in a Biology graduate program (MA or CGS) is a prerequisite for BIOL 691-696.  Biology graduate students use BIOL 691-696 course numbers to enroll in research projects, and research activity is required for both our MA and CGS programs. The original catalog description was written before the CGS program was established, thus the lack of inclusive wording is an oversight that needs to be corrected. Having Biology graduate program enrollment as a pre-requisite clarifies expectations and will facilitate enrollment screening. | | | | | |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact) | **Clarifies the course is intended for all Biology graduate students** | | | | | |
| A.6. Impact on other programs | **No impact on other programs** | | | | | |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | *[Faculty PT & FT](#faculty" \o "Need to hire new full-time or part-time faculty? This is where you indicate if this proposal will be affecting FLH in your department/program.)*: | **N/A** | | | | |
|  | [*Library*:](#library) | **N/A** | | | | |
|  | [*Technology*](#technology) | **N/A** | | | | |
|  | [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **N/A** | | | | |
|  | Promotion/ Marketing needs |  | | | | |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2018** | A.9. Rationale if sooner than next fall | |  | | |

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| **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE CATALOG COPY**: The proposal must include all relevant pages from the college catalog, and must show how the catalog will be revised. |

B. [NEW OR REVISED COURSES](#delete_if):

|  | Old ([for revisions only](#Revisions) – list only information that is being revised) | New |
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| B.1. [Course prefix and number](#cours_title) | **BIOL 691-696** | **Biol 691-696** |
| B.2. Cross listing number if any |  |  |
| B.3. [Course title](#title) |  |  |
| B.4. [Course description](#description) | **Students investigate an experimental question in biology under the direction of an advisor. Open only to students enrolled in the MA program in biology.** | **Students investigate an experimental question in biology under the direction of an advisor.** |
| B.5. [Prerequisite(s)](#prereqs) | **Graduate status and consent of advisor and department chair.** | **Enrollment in the CGS in Modern Biological Sciences or MA in Biology programs, and consent of advisor and department chair.** |

## D. Signatures

* Changes that directly impact more than one department/program MUST have the signatures of all relevant department chairs, program directors, and relevant dean (e.g. when creating/revising a program using courses from other departments/programs).
* Proposals that do not have appropriate approval signatures will not be considered.
* Type in name of person signing and their position/affiliation.
* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to [graduatecommittee@ric.edu](mailto:graduatecommittee@ric.edu) and a printed or electronic signature copy of this form to the current Chair of Graduate Committee. Check Graduate Committee website for due dates.

##### D.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary prposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Deborah Britt | Program Director of Biology |  |  |
| Rebeka Merson | Chair of Biology |  |  |
| Earl Simson | Dean of Arts and Sciences |  |  |