

Course Change Request

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Indiana University

Bloomington Campus

Check Appropriate Boxes: Undergraduate credit [] Graduate credit [x] Professional credit []

- 1. School/Division: Graduate School Medicine/Medical Sciences Program
2. Academic Subject Code: PHSKMSCI 3. Current Course Number: P548 4. Current Credit Hours: 2
5. Current Title: Neuroethology
6. Effective Semester/Year for changes listed below: Fall 2008 7. Instructor: Rod Suthers

Type of Change Requested (Check appropriate boxes and indicate changes)

- 8. Change course number to: (must be cleared with University Registrar)
9. Current course title: Change to: Recommended abbreviation (optional) (Limited to 32 Characters including spaces)
10. Current credit hours fixed at: 2 or variable from: to Change to credit hours fixed at: 3 or variable from: to
11. Current lecture contact hours fixed at: or variable from: to Change to lecture contact hours fixed at: or variable from: to
12. Current non-lecture contact hours fixed at: or variable from: to Change to non-lecture contact hours fixed at: or variable from: to
13. Is this course currently graded with S-F (only) grades? Yes No Change to S-F (only) grading? Yes No
14. Does this course presently have variable title approval? Yes No Is variable title approval being requested? Yes No
15. Is this course being discontinued? For all campuses or for this campus only
16. Current course description

Change course description to (not to exceed 50 words)

17. Justification for change see attached (Use additional paper if necessary)

- 18. Are the necessary reading materials currently available in the appropriate library? yes
19. A copy of every course change proposal must be submitted to departments, schools, or divisions in which there may be overlap of this course with existing courses or areas of strong concern, with instructions that they send comments directly to the originating Curriculum Committee. Please append a list of departments, schools, or divisions thus consulted.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

John R. Walker Date 9-26-2007
Department Chairman/Division Director
Date
Dean of Graduate School (when required)

Date
Dean
Date
Chancellor/Vice-President
Date
University Registrar

After School/Division approval, forward the last copy (without attachments) to the University Registrar for initial processing, and the remaining four copies and attachments to the Campus Chancellor or Vice-President.

P548 Neuroethology

Justification for changing from 2 cr to 3 cr.:

When this course was first offered in the late 1980's it consisted of two one hour lectures, or student presentations per week, which was appropriate for a 2 credit course. However, in recent years the content of the course (and enrollment) has significantly increased and it now requires that students spend an average of about 3 hours per week in class. I now team-teach the course with Prof Troy Smith in Biology. We also invite about six distinguished scientists from other universities to come to Bloomington, meet with the class and give a public lecture. The typical week includes two class meetings consisting of lectures by Dr Smith or myself and/or student discussion of assigned papers in the primary research literature, plus required attendance at a one hour public lecture by a visiting scientist and a one-hour class meeting with that scientist. In addition all students are required to read and write weekly critiques on assigned scientific papers and to lead a class discussion of some of these papers. The content of P548 is thus similar to that required by typical 3 credit courses.

In order to have access to funds needed to invite the outside speakers, we have combined P548 with Animal Behavior A501, a 3 credit course offered by the Center for the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior. At present, students who enroll in P548 get only 2 credits whereas those who enroll in A501 get 3 credits for the same course.

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