

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
FORM C**

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Proposed effective term:

Semester Spring ▼ Year 2012 ▼

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program Undergraduate Degree Program ▼ CIP Code

Name of New or Existing Program * Biology Departmental Honors

Catalog Page Number 161 Select Category Degree ▼ Degree Type BS or BA

Select Action New ▼

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

[Biology Honors Program.docx](#)

This Change affects other departmental program/branch campuses

Reason(s) for Request * (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

Biology has offered this option to undergraduate students for many years, but is not listed in the catalog. The Registrar's Office asked the Department to complete a curriculum form C to correct.

Statements to address budgetary and Faculty Load Implications and Long-range planning

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No budgetary implications as this has been an on-going commitment.

Biology Honors Program

Students interested in the Biology Honors program must complete and turn in the application form to the Biology Program Coordinator. Upon entering into the honors program, the student's research must be approved by both members of their honors committee. Students ideally should apply for this program in their junior year.

- Students pursuing Biology honors must form their honors committee consisting of two faculty members, a research advisor and a reader, as described below:
 - One committee member must be a member of the Biology core faculty. Students must register in the section of Biol 400 taught by this faculty member.
 - The other committee member may also be selected from the Biology core faculty, or may be an adjunct, research, or regular faculty member at UNM with approval of the Biology Department Honors Program Chair.
- One of the two honors committee members must be designated as the research advisor, usually the committee member with whom the student will conduct the majority of their research project.
 - The student will work with the research advisor to develop a program of independent research that results in the preparation and submission of an honors thesis and a formal presentation.
 - Students must submit their final thesis, approved by their honors committee, to the Biology Department Honors Program Coordinator by the end of the 5th week in the semester they intend to graduate.
- The formal presentations can be an oral or poster presentation at the Biology Department Research Day or at an approved scientific venue. Presentations must also be submitted to the Biology Department Honors Program Coordinator by the end of the 5th week in the semester they intend to graduate. Students may present up until the end of their graduating semester.
- Enrollment in Biology 400 is required for two semesters while in the Biology Department Honors Program. In addition to working on their project, students in Biology 400 are required to participate in periodic meetings.
- The Biology Department Honors Committee will consult with the students' committee to determine the level of honors to be awarded.