APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF TOPICAL FOCUS SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR B.A. IN BIOLOGY.

Must be submitted at least 2 semesters prior to expected graduation date AND before beginning the Topical Focus sequence of courses. Courses completed before approval of this form cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Submit form to Dr. Jennifer Osterhage, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Biology

Name:         Student ID#

E-Mail:

Expected Graduation Date:

Requirement:

Complete a 12 credit hour sequence of courses with a topical focus. At least 6 of these hours must be at the 300-level or above.

Note: Students who have multiple interests or interests that do not fall into the requirements for a minor offered at the University of Kentucky may select a 12 hour credit hour sequence of courses with a topical focus. Courses in several disciplines and in the various interdisciplinary programs may be combined to pursue the topical focus. Students interested in pursuing Option B MUST have the 12 credit hour sequence of courses APPROVED IN ADVANCE by the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Biology. Students must submit an APPROVAL OF TOPICAL FOCUS FORM to the DUS.

1. List the courses you plan to take in order to satisfy this requirement.

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If, after approval, you are unable to schedule a course on your approved list, then you MUST meet with the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Biology to arrange for an appropriate substitute course. You MUST have the substitute course approved.

2. Justification for the focused sequence of courses; Attach a separate sheet with your rationale statement addressing the following criteria:

   A) The justification for the Topical Focus must indicate the purpose of the Topical Focus for the student. Include why the purpose cannot be met through a regular minor(s).

   B) The justification for the Topical Focus must show how the selected courses accomplish the purpose and represent a unified area of study that merits the label of “Topical Focus.” That is, the justification must explain how the sequence represents an appropriate set of courses for academic purposes.

Student’s Signature    Date

Advisor’s Name (printed) ___________________________________________

Advisor’s Signature    Date

Note: Advisor’s signature does not constitute approval; just that he/she has been consulted in this process.

Date Approved:

Jennifer Osterhage,
Director of Undergraduate Studies
Department of Biology
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