

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) _____

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Date

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

Date Approved:

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