

# Application for Approval of courses for Topical Focus Sequence of Courses for BA (Option B) in Biology



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-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 (DUS), Dept. of Biology. Students must submit an APPROVAL OF TOPICAL FOCUS FORM to the DUS.

**This form must be submitted at least 2 semesters prior to expected graduation date and before start of topical focus sequence of courses. Courses completed before approval of this form cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Complete this form electronically and submit to biology@uky.edu.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student id: \_\_\_\_\_

UK Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

If you were to give this Topical Focus a name, what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

List the courses that you plan to take for this requirement.

Course number and name	Number of credits	Semester you plan to take the course

**If after approval, you are unable to register for a course in the approved list, you MUST meet with the DUS to arrange for an appropriate substitute course. The substitute course must be approved by the DUS.**

## **Justification for Topical Focus: What is your rationale for the specific sequence of courses?**

Your statement for the Justification of Topical Focus must satisfy the following criteria:

1. The justification must indicate the purpose of the Topical Focus for the student. Explain why the purpose cannot be met through a regular minor(s).
2. The justification must show that the sequence of courses accomplish the purpose and represent a unified area of study that merits the label of "Topical Focus".

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: advisor's signature does not constitute approval of the Topical Focus. It only indicates that they have been consulted in this process.**