

Program Change Request

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This proposal is
for a:
Revision

Administration Details

Official Program Name Entomology, PhD

Diploma Title

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Does this program have inter-departmental administration?

No

Proposal Title

Effective Catalog Term Fall 2024

Proposal Title (either Establish/Revise/Eliminate the Degree Name in Program Name in the College of XXXX, i.e., Establish the Bachelor of Science in Entomology in the College of Liberals Art and Sciences, include the Graduate College for Grad Programs)

Revise the Doctor of Philosophy in Entomology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College

Does this proposal have any related proposals that will also be revised during the next 6 weeks? Consider Majors, Minors, Concentrations & Joint Programs in your department. Please know that this information is used administratively to move related proposals through workflow efficiently. Example: If you are revising the BS proposal and one related concentration within the next 6 weeks, "This BS proposal (key 567) is related to the Concentration A proposal (key 145)."

This is related to Key 224, Entomology, MS revision.

Program Justification

Provide a brief description of what changes are being made to the program.

1. Adds a list of approved Statistics or Analytical courses and adds IB 526 Seminar in Entomology.
2. Replaces IB 427 with IB 433.
3. Adds full curriculum showing courses to POS table.

4. Removes the prescription exam requirement administered upon entry to the program.

5. Adds additional course options to the curriculum.

6. A teaching requirement is formally added.

7. New subheadings/categories are added to POS.

8. New minimum of 500-level courses is added.

9. The statement on GPA minimum for degree certification is removed.

10. The program features are changed.

No changes are made to the total hours required nor to the learning outcomes.

Did the program content change 25% or more in relation to the total credit hours, since the 2020-2021 catalog. (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/archivedacademiccatalogs/2020-2021/>)

Yes

Why are these changes necessary?

1. A list of approved Statistical or Analytical Skills courses is added for transparency. Attendance in IB 526 Seminar in Entomology is increased from 3 to 6 hours (most students take well beyond this as they register for each term enrolled). This increase will allow more seminar credit to count towards the degree.
2. IB 433 Insect Physiology replaces IB 427 Insect Physiology, an update necessitated by changes to the number of credit hours and learning outcomes for the course.
3. In order to fulfill a request from the Provost's Office for greater student accessibility and transparency on our academic catalog pages, all required courses are now listed and accurately total 64 or 96 hours.
4. The prescription exam is no longer required, thus the removal of this language corrects listed program requirements.
5. A broader range of courses is added to the required course list to afford students greater flexibility in their course scheduling as some of the required courses are offered infrequently due to instructor schedules. The expanded course offerings include courses that are regularly taken as elective credit by current Entomology, PhD students. The courses represent student learning outcomes that are aligned with current degree program learning outcomes and with the original course requirements.

Original core courses:

- IB 433 (formerly IB 427) Insect Physiology
- IB 444 Insect Ecology
- IB 468 Insect Classification and Evol
- IB 482 Insect Pest Management
- IB 504 Genomic Analysis of Insects

Admissible additional course options:

- IB 416 Population Genetics
- IB 426 Env and Evol Physl of Animals
- IB 432 Genes and Behavior
- IB 439 Biogeography
- IB 452 Ecosystem Ecology
- IB 453 Community Ecology
- IB 481 Vector-borne Diseases
- IB 501 Programming for Genomics
- FSHN 480 Basic Toxicology
- CPSC 437 Principles of Agroecology
- MCB 435 Evolution of Infectious Disease
- CHBE 571 Bioinformatics

6. A teaching requirement is formally added to bring the academic catalog into agreeance with a long-standing School of Integrative Biology requirement for graduate students to teach.

7. New subheadings/categories include those for the core curriculum, seminar, and

remaining hours requirements. These headings are added to further clarify requirements for students. The "remaining hours" subheading allows students to now take a broader range of courses in addition to the core curriculum courses.

8. A new minimum of 12-hours of 500-level courses is added to bring the program into compliance with Graduate College requirements.

9. This GPA statement is redundant and thus removed. Now the other requirements table simply states the minimum GPA as 3.0.

10. The Computational Science & Engineering Concentration is formally added which was previously approved and can be found in the academic catalog (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/computational-science-engineering/>).

Instructional Resources

Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/proposed change?

No

Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?

No

Does the program include other courses/subjects outside of the sponsoring department impacted by the creation/revision of this program?

Yes

Courses outside
of the sponsoring
department/
interdisciplinary
departments

[ANSC 446 - Population Genetics](#)

[CPSC 437 - Principles of Agroecology](#)

[CPSC 440 - Applied Statistical Methods I](#)

[FSHN 480 - Basic Toxicology](#)

[MCB 435 - Evolution of Infectious Disease](#)

[NRES 421 - Quantitative Methods in NRES](#)

[NRES 454 - GIS in Natural Resource Mgmt](#)

[NRES 595 - Ecol & Conservation techniques](#)

[CHBE 571 - Bioinformatics](#)

Please attach any
letters of support/
acknowledgement
for any
Instructional

[Department of Entomology Course Request Letter of Support.pdf](#)

[Approval of course substitutions CHBE & STATS.pdf](#)

[Approval of course substitutions NRES.pdf](#)

[Approval of course substitutions CPSC.pdf](#)

Resources
consider faculty,
students, and/or
other impacted
units as
appropriate.

[Approval of course substitutions ANSC.pdf](#)
[Approval of course substitutions MCB.pdf](#)
[Approval of course substitutions FSHN.pdf](#)

Program Regulation and Assessment

Plan to Assess and Improve Student Learning

Illinois Administrative Code: 1050.30(b)(1)(D) Provision is made for guidance and counseling of students, evaluations of student performance, continuous monitoring of progress of students toward their degree objectives and appropriate academic record keeping.

List the program's student learning outcomes. Each outcome should identify what students are expected to know and/or be able to do upon completing this program.

1. Synthesize and apply core knowledge related to the field of Entomology, particularly from the areas covered in the core courses and the advanced topic seminars.
2. Design and implement independent research, with the overarching goal to obtain mastery of relevant approaches for their area of research
3. Apply rigorous statistical/analytical methods that typify their area of study
4. Demonstrate effective communication skills
 - a. Presentations
 - b. Publications
5. Obtain teaching experience
6. Learn grant and fellowship application writing
7. Acquire other professional skills
 - a. Data management
 - b. Citation management
 - c. Public Outreach/Science Communication
 - d. Research and Professional Ethics

Describe how, when, and where these learning outcomes will be assessed.

Describe here:

Identify faculty expectations for students' achievement of each of the stated student learning outcomes. What score, rating, or level of expertise will signify that students have met each outcome? Provide rating rubrics as necessary.

Explain the process that will be implemented to ensure that assessment results are used to improve student learning.

Program
Description and
Requirements
Attach Documents

Is the career/profession for graduates of this program regulated by the State of Illinois?

No

Program of Study

Baccalaureate degree requires at least 120 semester credit hours or 180 quarter credit hours and at least 40 semester credit hours (60 quarter credit hours) in upper division courses" (source: <https://www.ibhe.org/assets/files/PublicAdminRules2017.pdf>). For proposals for new bachelor's degrees, if this minimum is not explicitly met by specifically-required 300- and/or 400-level courses, please provide information on how the upper-division hours requirement will be satisfied.

Revised programs [ENT PHD Side by Side.xlsx](#)

Attach a revised Sample Sequence (for undergraduate program)
or college-level forms.

Catalog Page Text - Overview Tab

Description of program for the catalog page. This is not official content, it is used to help build the new catalog page for the program. Can be edited in the catalog by the college or department.

The Department of Entomology offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. The program is designed to accommodate incoming students with a wide range of entomological expertise. The goal of the program is to provide students with a strong background in basic biology as it relates to insects and to equip them with the specialized intellectual and technical skills to pursue a career in research, teaching, and service in entomology and related biological disciplines.

Major areas of specialization within the department include systematics, evolutionary biology, molecular genetics, genomics, chemical ecology, disease ecology, invasion biology, toxicology, pollinator health, social insect biology, insect-microbe interactions, conservation biology, and integrated pest management.

Admission

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test scores are not required by our Department but can be submitted if they will support your application. A minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 550 (paper-based test), 213 (computer-based test), or 79 (internet-based test), or an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.5, is required. Previous training in entomology is unnecessary. It is recommended that students who intend to study for advanced degrees in entomology gain a thorough grounding in the physical and biological sciences, mathematics, and the liberal arts. Spring admission is possible for special circumstances.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program and serving as a teaching assistant for at least two semesters is required.

Financial Aid

Graduate student awards are available, including teaching and research assistantships. In addition, fellowships, and traineeships are offered by the Graduate College and the School of Integrative Biology. A single application to the department is sufficient for consideration for all awards currently available.

A candidate for the Ph.D. degree should be conversant with entomological aspects of ecology, genetics, systematics, physiology, and integrated pest management. The candidate must demonstrate professional competence in a specialized area by presenting an acceptable thesis based on original research designed in consultation with a faculty adviser and approved by a graduate faculty thesis committee.

For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Graduate Handbook and the Graduate College Handbook.

Statement for
Programs of

Entering with approved M.S./M.A. degree

Study Catalog ~~degree~~ ~~Other Requirements~~
 Grad Other Degree Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Prescription Exam Required (administered upon entrance into program)	Yes
Preliminary Exam Required	Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required	Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required	Yes
The grade point average required for degree certification is 3.0 (A = 4.0).	
Minimum GPA:	3.0

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
Select 0-20 hours from the following:		0-20
IB 427	Course IB 427 Not Found	
ENT 599	Thesis Research (maximum of 55 hours applied toward degree)	55
<u>Core curriculum minimum 9 hours</u>		<u>9</u>

One of the following Statistical or Analytical Skills courses:

- IB 494 Theoretical Biology + Models
- IB 501 Programming for Genomics
- IB 517 Analysis of Biological Data in R
- CHBE 571 Bioinformatics
- CPSC 440 Applied Statistical Methods I
- NRES 421 Quantitative Methods in NRES
- NRES 454 GIS in Natural Resource Mgmt
- NRES 595 Advanced Quantitative Techniques for Ecology and Conservation

Seminar: must register for every term enrolled (6 hours minimum)

- IB 526** Seminar in Entomology

~~Statistics course~~

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Remaining hours to total 64 hours from the following list of courses:

Additional courses from the list below may be required in consultation with your advisor. The first five courses are most recommended.

- IB 433 Insect Physiology
- IB 444 Insect Ecology
- IB 468 Insect Classification and Evol
- IB 482 Insect Pest Management
- IB 504 Genomic Analysis of Insects
- IB 416 Population Genetics
- IB 426 Env and Evol Physl of Animals
- IB 432 Genes and Behavior
- IB 439 Biogeography
- IB 452 Ecosystem Ecology
- IB 453 Community Ecology
- IB 481 Vector-borne Diseases
- IB 501 Programming for Genomics
- IB 517 Analysis of Biological Data in R
- IB 526 Seminar in Entomology
- FSHN 480 Basic Toxicology
- CPSC 437 Principles of Agroecology

Code	Title	Hours
MCB 435	Evolution of Infectious Disease	
CHBE 571	Bioinformatics	
<u>Total Hours</u>		<u>64</u>

**Entering with approved B.S./B.A. degree
degree**

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
Select 20 hours from the following:		20
IB 427	Course IB 427 Not Found	
ENT 599	Thesis Research (maximum of 69 hours applied toward degree)	69
<u>Core curriculum minimum 20 hours</u>		<u>20</u>

Select at least 11 hours from the following courses:

- [IB 433](#) [Insect Physiology](#)
- [IB 444](#) [Insect Ecology](#)
- [IB 468](#) [Insect Classification and Evol](#)
- [IB 482](#) [Insect Pest Management](#)
- [IB 504](#) [Genomic Analysis of Insects](#)

One of the following Statistical or Analytical Skills courses:

- [IB 494](#) [Theoretical Biology + Models](#)
- [IB 501](#) [Programming for Genomics](#)
- [IB 517](#) [Analysis of Biological Data in R](#)
- [CHBE 571](#) [Bioinformatics](#)
- [CPSC 440](#) [Applied Statistical Methods I](#)
- [NRES 421](#) [Quantitative Methods in NRES](#)
- [NRES 454](#) [GIS in Natural Resource Mgmt](#)
- [NRES 595](#) [Advanced Quantitative Techniques for Ecology and Conservation](#)
- Seminar: must register for every term enrolled (6 hours minimum)

[IB 526](#) [Seminar in Entomology](#)

~~Statistics course~~ **4**

Remaining hours to total 96 hours from the following list of courses:

The first five courses are most recommended.

- [IB 433](#) [Insect Physiology](#)
- [IB 444](#) [Insect Ecology](#)
- [IB 468](#) [Insect Classification and Evol](#)
- [IB 482](#) [Insect Pest Management](#)
- [IB 504](#) [Genomic Analysis of Insects](#)
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- [IB 453](#) [Community Ecology](#)
- [IB 481](#) [Vector-borne Diseases](#)
- [IB 501](#) [Programming for Genomics](#)
- [IB 517](#) [Analysis of Biological Data in R](#)
- [IB 526](#) [Seminar in Entomology](#)
- [FSHN 480](#) [Basic Toxicology](#)

Code	Title	Hours
CPSC 437	Principles of Agroecology	
MCB 435	Evolution of Infectious Disease	
CHBE 571	Bioinformatics	
Total Hours		<u>96</u>

Other Requirements

Grad Other Degree Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Prescription Exam Required (administered upon entrance into program)	Yes
Preliminary Exam Required	Yes
Teaching required?	Yes (2 semester min)
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required	Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required	Yes
The grade point average required for degree certification is 3.0 (A = 4.0).	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall:	12
Minimum GPA:	3.0

Corresponding Degree PhD Doctor of Philosophy

Program Features

Academic Level	Graduate
Does this major have transcripted concentrations?	Yes No
Will you admit to the concentration directly?	No
Is a concentration required for graduation?	No
What is the typical time to completion of this program?	5 years
What are the minimum Total Credit Hours required for this program?	64
What is the required GPA?	3.0
CIP Code	260702 - Entomology.
Is This a Teacher Certification Program?	No
Will specialized accreditation be sought for this program?	

No

Delivery Method

This program is available:

On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

Admission Requirements

Desired Effective Admissions Term

Is this revision a change to the admission status of the program?

No

Provide a brief narrative description of the admission requirements for this program. Where relevant, include information about licensure requirements, student background checks, GRE and TOEFL scores, and admission requirements for transfer students.

Describe how this revision or phase down/elimination will impact enrollment and degrees awarded. If this is an elimination/phase down proposal include the plans for the students left in the program.

No impact is expected on enrollment or degrees awarded.

Estimated Annual Number of Degrees Awarded

Year One Estimate

5th Year Estimate (or when fully implemented)

What is the matriculation term for this program? Fall

Budget

Are there budgetary implications for this revision? No

Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available?

No

Additional Budget Information

Financial Resources

How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources?

No

Attach letters of support

What tuition rate do you expect to charge for this program? e.g, Undergraduate Base Tuition, or Engineering Differential, or Social Work Online (no dollar amounts necessary)

[Chem/Life Sciences Differential](#)

Are you seeking a change in the tuition rate or differential for this program?

No

Is this program requesting self-supporting status?

No

Faculty Resources

Please address the impact on faculty resources including any changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc.

No impact on faculty resources is expected.

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

Library collections, resources and services are sufficient to support this program.

EP Documentation

EP Control Number EP.25.017

Attach Rollback/
Approval Notices

This proposal requires HLC inquiry No

DMI Documentation

Attach Final
Approval Notices

Banner/Codebook Name PHD:Entomology -UIUC

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Justification for
this request

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