Department of Biological Sciences

Program Type:\* 

Degree Type:\* 

Biological Sciences (PhD/MBA)

Provide a brief summary of the proposed program changes and describe the rationale for the change(s):

The Lerner College MBA and Graduate Programs office is working to revise our MBA degree requirements for our dual degree programs. Last year we introduced a new curriculum for our MBA program. The current dual degree is 64 credits with 31 coming from Biology and 33 from Lerner. In our new MBA program we no longer require ACCT801, which is now morphing into an Accounting Analytics course. In its place we have added two required 1-credit workshops. The first one is BUEC601: Developing Emotional Intelligence and Critical Thinking: A course in effective decision-making. The second course is BUEC603: Communicating, Personal Branding and Building Career Networks. This is to make sure our students begin to take the necessary steps to develop their career opportunities and options. Each of these 1-credit workshops runs for 4 weeks for 3 hours per week. They are also available online.

The revised dual degree is 63 credits with 31 coming from Biology and 32 from Lerner.

There are no new courses.

Prospective Curriculum:\*

Ph.D./MBA Dual Degree Curriculum

Ph.D. Core & Required Courses

Courses

BISC 827 Graduate Research Seminar (0 to 1cr.)

(1 credit/semester minimum of 4 semesters required)

First semester concentration requirement (see concentration policy) 3-4 Credits

Second semester concentration requirement (see concentration policy) 3-4 Credits

BISC 864 Research Tutorial (1 to 8cr.)

(3, 2 credit tutorials required)

Second year concentration requirement (see concentration policy) 3 Credits

BISC 969 Doctoral Dissertation (1 to 12cr.)

(nine credits)

MBA Core & Required Courses

Courses

BUEC 601 Building Emotional Intelligence and Critical Thinking (1cr.)

BUEC 603 Communicating, Branding and Career Networking (1cr.)

ECON 503 Economic Analysis for Business Policy (3cr.)

ACCT 800 Financial Reporting and Analysis (3cr.)

BUAD 820 Fundamentals of Analytics (3cr.)

BUAD 870 Managing People, Teams, and Organizations (3cr.)

FINC 850 Financial Management (3cr.)

BUAD 880 Marketing Management (3cr.)

BUAD 831 Operations Management and Management Science (3cr.)

BUAD 840 Ethical Issues in Domestic and Global Business Environments (3cr.)

BUAD 890 Corporate Strategy (3cr.)

One International business elective 3 Credits

Total Required Credits: 63

Description

Transfers of coursework earned elsewhere, and waivers of courses are allowable under the same provisions as the Ph.D. and MBA programs separately. Dual degree students must complete a minimum of 63 credits of coursework at the graduate level. Since financial aid for students in the joint Ph.D./MBA program is provided from the same sources as students in the Ph.D. program in Biological Sciences (see below), continued enrollment in MBA courses is dependent on the student making satisfactory progress towards the Ph.D. This is certified by the student's Ph.D. advisory committee at the student's regular committee meeting that is held at 6-month intervals. Students in this program are under the same expectations of research excellence as those in the traditional Ph.D. program in Biological Sciences. The MBA committee of the Lerner College of Business is responsible for monitoring progress in the business curriculum.

Students must maintain continuous enrollment in every regular semester (fall and spring) throughout their program unless by approved leave of absence. This can be accomplished by registering for research or dissertation credit during the time the dissertation project is underway, or by registering for sustaining status. See the catalog for the university policy on [sustaining status](http://grad.udel.edu/policies/#registration), and regarding leave of absence.

ACCT - 800 - Financial Reporting and Analysis (3cr.)

ACCT - 801 - Management Accounting and Control (3cr.)

BISC - 827 - Graduate Research Seminar (0 to 1cr.)

BISC - 864 - Research Tutorial (1 to 8cr.)

BISC - 969 - Doctoral Dissertation (1 to 12cr.)

BUAD - 820 - Fundamentals of Analytics (3cr.)

BUAD - 831 - Operations Management and Management Science (3cr.)

BUAD - 840 - Ethical Issues in Domestic and Global Business Environments (3cr.)

BUAD - 870 - Managing People, Teams, and Organizations (3cr.)

BUAD - 880 - Marketing Management (3cr.)

BUAD - 890 - Corporate Strategy (3cr.)

BUEC - 601 - Building Emotional Intelligence and Critical Thinking (1cr.)

BUEC - 603 - Communicating, Branding and Career Networking (1cr.)

ECON - 503 - Economic Analysis for Business Policy (3cr.)

FINC - 850 - Financial Management (3cr.)