

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 50: **Change the requirements for the minor in Biology**

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1. Delete: On page 93, the entry for the Minor in Biology:

Minor in Biology

18–20 hours in Biology, including BIOL 115, 116; BIOL 210 or 211; and 6–8 hours chosen from advanced offerings at the 300-level or higher. For teacher licensure, BIOL 333, 335, 344 and 443 are recommended.

Add: On page 93, in place of deleted entry:

Minor in Biology

20–22 hours in Biology, including BIOL 134, 135, 136; BIOL 210 or 211; and 6–8 hours chosen from advanced offerings at the 300-level or higher.

Impact: The number of hours for completing a minor in biology will increase slightly, and the new course, BIOL 134, will be required. The statement also removes a list of recommended courses for teacher licensure students. We do not expect the number of minors in biology to be greatly affected.

Rationale: Having students complete all of our introductory core sequence is required to earn a minor. By taking BIOL 134, our minors will gain increased proficiency at analysis, writing, and presentation of biological science. The list of recommended classes for licensure is removed because the specific coursework to be taken by any student within the minor, including teacher licensure, is best determined through consultation with an academic advisor(s). The classes listed previously are either infrequently offered (BIOL 333), or in great demand (BIOL 344, 443), which makes it difficult for students to take these classes.