

## Grove City College

Syllabus for:                **BIOL 480: Internship in Biology**

Outcomes	Assessments	Departmental Outcomes
Professional development by participation in off-campus field experience in research, health, or environmental profession under the guidance of a host-site supervisor.	1) Evaluation by host-site supervisor 2) Paper emerging from the internship experience	Numbers 4 -9, and 14

Application Process: A separate document (BIOL 480 Instructions) is available in this course folder to guide one through the application process.

### Description:

BIOL 480 is the departmental internship course offered either for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 credit hours. For each credit hour, a minimum of 60 hours of supervised work at a host facility is required. Note that Major Status Sheets explain that a limit of 4 hours of BIOL internship credit can be used for meeting major requirements. Also note that a maximum of 6 total internship hours of any kind can be used to meet the 128 hours typically required for graduation from Grove City College. Any student who is a rising sophomore, junior or senior and who has completed a minimum of 8 hours of BIOL courses is eligible. A student must be in good academic standing with minimum of 2.0 CQPA and MQPA. Students are free to discuss internship possibilities with any professor in the department. We do expect, however, that the academic advisor's signature be obtained first on the application form, so that advisors can be informed of the student's plans. All registration forms must be completed in a timely fashion before commencing with the internship. The Biology faculty serving as internship supervisor is responsible for assigning a grade for the course.

Faculty supervisors will serve as contact persons for both the student and the host institution throughout the duration of the internship. A performance evaluation from the host supervisor is required near the end of the internship. The completed form should be mailed directly to the GCC faculty supervisor by the off-campus host person. The student is also responsible for submitting a typed paper emerging from the internship experience. This report should be approximately 2 to 3 pages in length for each hour of credit as a guideline. It should include title page and content citing library or web resources that reflect deeper research into some aspect of the internship experience that justifies further investigation. It also should include an attachment following a bibliography that describes personal benefits and reflections concerning the value of the

internship experience. The research paper should take into account that occasionally a host individual may not wish to share unpublished information.

Although not required, an intern may wish to give a public report of his/her experience. Opportunity for presentation is given each fall semester by the *Eta Zeta* chapter of *Beta Beta Beta* in our department. It is also important to know that the GCC Biology Web Page provides helpful information concerning internship opportunities. Some of the clinical internships are pre-arranged through affiliation with a host institution. Clinical experiences through approved medical missions agencies also may qualify for credits. For international internship opportunities, students are encouraged to consult the GCC Office of International Education. More general information about internships is posted on the bulletin boards in hallways outside the offices of Biology faculty. Online searching using Google or other search tool is also highly recommended.