University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Curriculum Proposal Form #4R

# **Change in or Deletion of an Existing Course**

Type of Action (check all that apply)

 [x]  Pre-requisite Change

[ ]  Add Cross-listing \* [ ]  Technological Literacy

[ ]  Course Deletion [ ]  Title Change
[ ]  Number Change [ ]  Writing Requirement

[x]  (other) course description change

**Effective Term**:

**Current Course Number** (*subject area and 3-digit course number)*: Biology 225
**Cross-listing *(if applicable)***:

**New Course Number** (*subject area and 3-digit course number*):

**Cross-listing *(if applicable)***:

**\*If adding a cross-listing, include the following:**

Required in the major:

Required in the minor:

Number of credits: Lab hours/week:

Contact hours/week: Repeatable

**Current Course Title**: Science of Forensic Analysis

**New Course Title**:

**25-Character Abbreviation** *(if new title)*:

**Sponsor(s)**: Ellen Davis & Daryle Waechter-Brulla

**Department(s):** Biological Sciences

**College(s):**

**List all programs that are affected by this change:**

Forensic Science Criminal Justice Minor

If programs are listed above, will this change affect the Catalog and Advising Reports for those programs? If so, have Form 2's been submitted for each of those programs?

(Form 2 is necessary to provide updates to the Catalog and Advising Reports)

[x]  NA [ ]  Yes [ ]  They will be submitted in the future

Proposal Information: ([***Procedures for form #4R***](http://acadaff.uww.edu/UCC/Curriculum_Handbook_09/Procedures_form4R.docx))

1. **Detailed explanation of changes** (use FROM/TO format)

***FROM:*** This is an introduction to the "Science" of Forensic Sciences. Students will understand what forensic science is and more importantly what it is not. Students will develop an understanding of the forensic scientist's need for different lab skills from different fields of science and develop a "Forensic Mindset".

***TO:*** An introduction to the scientific foundation of techniques used for criminal investigation.

**Prereq**: Math 141 and two university level lab science courses.

## Justification for action

Change in the course description: The original course description was written with anticipation it would serve as gateway to the minor. That expectation has not held fast. Most of the original description describes an approach to the minor; the revised description identifies accurately what the content is.

Change in the pre-requisites: The original ‘new course’ form had pre-requisites that never made it into the course catalog. The original pre-reqs called for Math 141, and specified particular science lab courses (some with now obsolete numbers). The proposed change seeks to (1) have the missing prereqs added to the course catalog and (2) broaden the range of courses that will satisfy the prerequisite to match what has always been in practice. This is largely, therefore, a housekeeping measure.