University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Curriculum Proposal Form #4A

# **Change in an Existing Course**

Type of Action (check all that apply)

Course Revision (*include course description & former and new syllabus)*  Grade Basis

Contact Hour Change and or Credit Change  Repeatability Change

Diversity Option  Other:

General Education Option

area:  **\***

\* Note: For the Gen Ed option, the proposal should address how this course relates to specific core courses, meets the goals of General Education in providing breadth, and incorporates scholarship in the appropriate field relating to women and gender.

**Effective Term**:

**Current Course Number** (*subject area and 3-digit course number*): CHEM 470

**Current Course Title**: Experimental Physical Chemistry

**Sponsor(s)**: Paul House

**Department(s):** Chemistry

**College(s):**

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

**Chemistry Major (BA/BS) – Honors Emphasis, Chemistry Major (BA/BS) – Liberal Arts Emphasis, Chemistry Major (BA/BS) – Professional ACS Approved Emphasis**

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)

NA  Yes  They will be submitted in the future

Proposal Information: ([***Procedures for form #4A***](http://www.uww.edu/acadaff/ucc/Procedures_form4A.docx))

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

***FROM:***

CHEM 470 EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY 2 u

A laboratory course in experimental physical chemistry. Experiments from

various areas of physical chemistry will be performed. Four hours of

laboratory per week. (Fall only)

Coreq: CHEM 370.

***TO:***

CHEM 470 EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY **1 u**

A laboratory course in experimental physical chemistry. Experiments from

various areas of physical chemistry will be performed. **Three hours** of

laboratory per week. (Fall only)

Coreq: CHEM 370.

## Justification for action

The proposed changes will reduce the number of hours the class meets a week from three to four. Currently CHEM 470 offers a relatively high number of credits for the hours spent in lab, in part due to the number of lab reports that had to be completed. Along with the reduced course hours, the number of experiments and written assignments will be reduced.

The change from three to four hours of class a week will still offer sufficient time for students to learn the experimental techniques and data analysis this course teaches.

This change will help the chemistry department deal with an increase in the number of majors that is dictating two sections of this course be taught in the fall semester where one has been sufficient.

1. **Syllabus/outline** (if course revision, include former syllabus and new syllabus)

**Former syllabus**

Chemistry 470-01: Experimental Physical Chemistry Fall 2011

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Department of Chemistry

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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Tel: (262) 472-1551

E-mail: housep@uww.edu

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**GRADING**: 2 Credit Course

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The lab notebook will be graded each week in class. The lab manual includes instructions on how to keep a lab notebook.

First rough draft laboratory report 10 pts

First final draft laboratory report 30 pts

Rough draft laboratory reports (2) 100 pts

Final draft laboratory reports (2) 300 pts

Condensed lab reports (3) 225 pts

Lab notebook grading 50 pts

Oral exam 50 pts

775 pts

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| Oct. 25 | Third experiment | Condensed 2nd experiment |
| Nov. 1 | Fourth experiment | Rough draft of 3rd experiment |
| Nov. 8 | Fourth experiment | Final draft of 3rd experiment |
| Nov. 15 | Fifth experiment |  |
| Nov. 22 | Fifth experiment | Condensed 4th experiment |
| Nov. 29 | Sixth experiment | Rough draft of 5th experiment |
| Dec. 6 | Sixth experiment | Final draft of 5th experiment |
| Dec. 13 | Check out | Condensed 6th experiment |
| Dec. 20 Tuesday | Oral Exam:  3:15 – 5:15 |  |

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The oral exam will be conducted at the end of the semester and cover consists of a ½ hour one-on-one meeting with the instructor. Questions will cover the experiments performed during the semester.

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