

## **New Program Proposal**

# **B.S. M.S. Dual Degree Program in Biochemistry and Biotechnology**

The BS/MS ("2+3") BCBT program is an accelerated program that allows students of appropriate academic ability and maturity to complete both a B.S. and an M.S. in Biochemistry and Biotechnology in five years of full time study. The program allows students to apply 12 of the 30 M.S. credit hours towards the B.S. (per the approval of the College of Arts and Sciences), reducing the overall required hours for the two. Students will pay graduate credit hour tuition for all courses applied to the graduate degree. All other requirements for the B.S. and M.S. degrees remain in effect.

### **Admission Requirements**

Students interested in this program must go through a two-step admission process. First, applicants for Provisional Status must have completed all courses in the biology, chemistry, math and physics cores of the B.S. BCBT program. CHEM 4712/ BIOL 4712 Biochemistry must be in progress or completed prior to applying for Provisional Graduate status. Applicants should have completed all of the general education requirements. Applicants must also have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 (both overall and in science courses) and must submit at least two letters of recommendation (one instructor and one academic advisor is recommended).

The second step of the admission process is the transition from Provisional status to formal graduate status. Admission requirements for formal graduate status are the same as for the traditional M.S. program.

### **Awarding of Degrees**

Both degrees (the B.S. and M.S.) will be awarded when all requirements for the entire program have been completed. In other words, the B.S. and M.S. degrees will be simultaneously awarded at the completion of study.

Students who officially withdraw from the BS/MS Dual BCBT Degree Program and who have successfully completed all of the requirements for the B.S. degree will be awarded the B.S. degree.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
S002850	Patty Parker	X6200	No
S003000	Chris Spilling	X5311	No
Rationale	To encourage well-qualified undergraduates to continue for an MS degree. The "2+3" program increases the number of degrees awarded.		