

Cover Sheet: Request 12419

Increase credit hours for VEM5308

Info

Process	Course Modify Ugrad/Pro
Status	Pending at PV - University Curriculum Committee (UCC)
Submitter	Sharon Carter swcarter@ufl.edu
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Actions

Step	Status	Group	User	Comment	Updated
Department	Approved	VM - Small Animal Clinical Sciences 312809000	Rowan Milner		3/20/2018
No document changes					
College	Approved	VM - College of Veterinary Medicine	Thomas Vickroy	approved following review and approval by CVM Curriculum Committee and support by CVM Faculty Assembly	3/21/2018
No document changes					
University Curriculum Committee	Pending	PV - University Curriculum Committee (UCC)			3/21/2018
No document changes					
Statewide Course Numbering System					
No document changes					
Office of the Registrar					
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Student Academic Support System					
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Catalog					
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College Notified					
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Responses

Current Prefix VEM

Course Level 5

Number 308

Lab Code None

Course Title Veterinary Medical Oncology

Effective Term Fall

Effective Year 2018

Requested Action Other (selecting this option opens additional form fields below)

Change Course Prefix? No

Change Course Level? No

Change Course Number? No

Change Lab Code? No

Change Course Title? No

Change Transcript Title? No

Change Credit Hours? Yes

Current Credit Hours 1

Proposed Credit Hours 2

Change Variable Credit? No

Change S/U Only? No

Change Contact Type? No

Change Rotating Topic Designation? No

Change Repeatable Credit? No

Maximum Repeatable Credits 2

Change Course Description? No

Change Prerequisites? No

Change Co-requisites? No

Rationale We feel that adding one hour to the oncology elective is imperative due several factors:

1. There are currently no required oncology didactic lectures in the curriculum. The Small Animal Clinical Oncology course is the only opportunity students have to formally learn how to diagnose and treat cancer. The course in its current form includes only 14-15 lectures and is thus at the low end of oncology course work compared to other veterinary colleges. Given how common cancer diagnoses are in general practice, the ability of veterinary students to diagnose and treat cancer are important day one veterinary skills.

2. By increasing the credit hours from one to two, an increase in curriculum level objectives can be covered, including topics such as critical evaluation of the literature, biopsy skills, and learning when / how to refer clients to a specialist.

3. This course is an elective, attracting students with an interest in oncology, and therefore should include a complete foundation in oncology, which cannot be adequately taught in a one credit hour course. Feedback revealed that students are more inclined to take electives that have a higher credit load and are more compensatory to the amount work performed.

4. Based on data from the Swiss Canine Registry and American Kennel Club respectively, 50% of all dogs will develop a tumor and 75% of dogs over the age of 9 years will die from cancer. Thus, the importance of cancer in general practice and the ability of a veterinarian to diagnose cancer cannot be understated. The overall objectives of this course are to prepare students for general practice, where a large percentage of their patients will require expertise in diagnosing and treating cancer. By increasing this course to two units, we will have the opportunity to teach students to be well-versed, and therefore well prepared, for general veterinary practice.

We feel that adding an hour of credit and increasing the oncology elective to 30 instructional units (IU's) will greatly increase our ability to deliver oncology content while not over burdening the senior didactic lecture schedule.