



## Document Submission Portal Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Institution: **The University of Texas System**

Chief Academic Officer/Other Contact - **Dr. Kevin Lemoine / Ms. Renee Collins**

Report ID: **4543** Status: **Returned**

### Request Information

**1. Which institution is this for?**

The University of Texas at Austin

**2. What type of request is this?**

Semester Credit Hour (SCH) change

**3. Short summary of request.**

U.T. Austin's request to reduce the total number of semester credit hours in the B.S. in Biology, B.S. in Computer Science, and B.S. in Mathematics.

**4. Program director's name, title, phone, and e-mail (*if applicable*).**

None

**5. Upload up to three PDF-formatted files with pertinent information - up to 15MB each.**

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**6. Comments Made:**

**THECB: All three of these degree programs are listed at 120 SCH. No THECB action is necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Emma Schoen at (512) 427-6453.**



March 23, 2016

Dr. Rex Peebles  
Assistant Commissioner  
Academic Quality and Workforce  
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
1200 East Anderson Lane

**Interagency Mail**

Dear Dr. Peebles:

The University of Texas at Austin has made changes to the B.S. in Biology, B.S. in Computer Science, and B.S. in Mathematics. In each case, the changes result in a reduction in the total number of credit hours required to complete the degree. We now request your final approval to reduce the credit hours in these three degree programs to 120. The required documentation is attached.

I have approved the request under the authority delegated to me by the U. T. System Board of Regents. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve W. Leslie".

Steven W. Leslie, Ph.D.  
Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
The University of Texas System Administration

SWL/rdc

cc: President Gregory Fenves  
Dr. Judy Langlois  
General Counsel to the Board of Regents Francie Frederick



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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March 7, 2016

Dr. Steven Leslie  
Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
The University of Texas System  
OHH 304 (P4300)

Dear Dr. Leslie:

Enclosed for your approval are the following proposed changes to the College of Natural Sciences chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog 2016-2018* (D 14355-14377). The proposals were approved by the Faculty Council on February 24, 2016.

- Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Biology (D 14355-14359)
- Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (D 14360-14367)
- Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (D 14368-14377)

The proposed changes include a decrease in the number of required semester credit hours to complete the degrees. Therefore, notification to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith H. Langlois".

Judith H. Langlois  
Executive Vice President and Provost, *ad interim*

JHL: lac

Enclosure

cc: Gregory L. Fenves, President of the University

cc: Hillary Hart, Secretary, Office of the General Faculty  
Carol Longoria, Assistant Deputy to the President  
David Vanden Bout, Associate Dean, College of Natural Sciences  
Judith Quinney, Manager, College of Natural Sciences  
Brenda Schumann, Associate Registrar  
Linda Dickens, Sr. Director, Institutional Accreditation and Effectiveness  
Cynthia Cruz, Administrative Manager, Provost's Office  
IRRIS Team  
Suzanne Revisore, Assistant to the EVCAA, UT System  
Debbie Roberts, Executive Assistant, Office of the General Faculty  
Victoria Cervantes, Sr. Administrative Associate, Office of the General Faculty

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
Request to Change Semester Credit Hours**

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Options:

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- 2) Revisions that **increase** the number of SCH require detailed written documentation describing the compelling academic reason for the increase in the number of required hours.

NOTE: No request or notification is needed if revisions to the degree program curriculum do not result in a change in SCH.

Options 1 and 2 require the signature of the Provost or Chief Academic Officer.

Please submit *Request to Change Semester Credit Hour* via the Online Submission Portal:  
<https://www1.theccb.state.tx.us/apps/proposals/>

Information: Contact the Division of Workforce, Academic Affairs and Research at 512/427-6200.

**Administrative Information**

1. **Institution:** The University of Texas at Austin

2. **Program Name** – *As it appears on the Coordinating Board's program inventory (e.g., Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting):*

Bachelor of Science in Biology  
Option I, Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior  
Option III, Marine and Freshwater Science  
Option IV, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases  
Option V, Cell and Molecular Biology  
Option VII, Plant Biology  
Option X, Computational Biology

3. **Program CIP Code:** 2601010002

4. **Contact Person:** *Provide contact information for the person who can answer specific questions about the program.*

Name: Judith Quinney  
Title: Manager  
E-mail: [Judith.quinney@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:Judith.quinney@austin.utexas.edu)



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Bachelor of Science in Computer Science  
Option I, Computer Science  
Option II, Turing Scholars Honors

3. **Program CIP Code:** 1101010002

4. **Contact Person:** *Provide contact information for the person who can answer specific questions about the program.*

Name: Judith Quinney  
Title: Manager  
E-mail: Judith.quinney@austin.utexas.edu  
Phone: 512-232-1065

Notification/Request for Change in Semester Credit Hours (SCH):

Current SCH: Option I: 127; Option II: 127

Proposed SCH: Option I: 120; Option II: 120

Implementation Date: Fall 2016

*Complete Option 1 or 2 as appropriate*

Option 1: Reduction in Semester Credit Hours

Is the change in the number of SCH compatible with the requirements of accreditation for the program?

- a. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges  
 X YES  NO
- b. Program Accrerator(s)  YES  NO  NA  
Name of Program Accrerator:
- c. Licensing Body(ies)  YES  NO  NA  
Name of Licensing Body(ies):

Option 2: Increase in Semester Credit Hours

*Provide detailed documentation, such as changes in accrediting agency or licensing body requirements, workforce needs, or academic professional standards and needs, describing a compelling reason for the change in the number of SCH:*

**Signature of Compliance**

I hereby certify that all of the above changes have been approved in accordance with the procedures outlined in Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.55.

  
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Provost/Chief Academic Officer

3/8/16  
Date

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Bachelor of Science in Mathematics  
Option I, Actuarial Science  
Option V, Teaching

3. Program CIP Code: 2701010001

4. Contact Person: *Provide contact information for the person who can answer specific questions about the program.*

Name: Judith Quinney  
Title: Manager  
E-mail: [Judith.quinney@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:Judith.quinney@austin.utexas.edu)  
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YES    NO

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