

Name of existing program: Biological Sciences- Animal Physiology and Behavior

Proposed new name: Biological Sciences- Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

Program type: Undergraduate Degree

If graduate/undergraduate degree or concentration is selected, indicate degree type and major (e.g., BA, MBA, PhD)
BS

Plan code(s) for the program:

If this is a degree program that has multiple concentrations, list all plan codes impacted.
LABSCABS

Requested effective date: 2015-2016

Select the catalog year for which students can begin applying into this program with the new name.

Note:

1. Name changes can only be implemented so as to be effective for a fall semester.
2. All existing and continuing students will be moved to the new name.
3. Students who complete the degree requirements prior to the fall effective date graduate under the old name.

Briefly describe the proposed change and rationale for the change:

We propose changing the name of Animal Physiology and Behavior concentration to Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior. We request this change to better reflect the curriculum offered in the concentration and to reduce confusion that the current concentration name produces. Most of the students in the concentration already enroll in advanced courses in neurobiology, and students will fill additional neurobiology courses as we offer them. The term "Animal" in the current title was used initially to distinguish from plant physiology. However, we have found that "Animal" is misleading to students

Discuss the impact of this change on current students and/or enrollment:

There is a significant demand among ASU students for a major in neuroscience. We are an outlier among liberal arts colleges and research universities in not offering a program of study in neuroscience/neurobiology. Including "Neurobiology" in the concentration title to reflect what we offer will help to address this issue. We anticipate that the title change will make the concentration more attractive to pre-med students, students who plan to go to graduate school in neuroscience, and for those interested in the dynamic area of brain studies.