

Nature Science (N)

Courses being considered for the Natural Science (N) designation should include a hands-on laboratory or field experience that emphasizes the scientific method and analysis of data and is not primarily observational. Note: for AGSC approval, courses must be at the 100- or 200-level.

1. Is this a renewal of an existing core-designated course?
2. A copy of the requirements for an N-designated course will be provided to each individual who teaches the course.
3. Multiple sections taught by various instructors will all meet the minimum requirements for the N designation described in this proposal / application.
4. The course is broad in scope and content rather than specific to a sub-discipline.
5. The course presents the essential characteristics and basic processes of inquiry and analysis in the discipline(s).
6. The course encourages the development of critical thinking skills and requires students to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate knowledge.
7. The course considers its subject in relation to other disciplines and to the human condition.
8. The course includes a hands-on laboratory or field experience that emphasizes the scientific method and analysis of data and is not primarily observational.
9. Descriptions of weekly lectures and laboratory exercises are included in the syllabus and show that lecture and laboratory are clearly related to each other in content.
10. The course is not limited to majors in any discipline.