

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

PROGRAM AREA BIOLOGY

1. Catalog Description of the Course.

BIOL 503 BIOTECHNOLOGY LAW AND REGULATION (3)

Three hours lecture per week

Individual and organizational responsibility in R&D and commercial aspects of biotechnology. Topics include: intellectual property, privacy, government and industrial regulation, liability, ethics, and policy responses to societal concerns in the U.S. and abroad. Case studies involving gene therapy, cloning, and biomaterials in the medical and health sector, and farming and crop modification in the agricultural sector will be explored in detail.

2. Mode of Instruction.

	Units	Hours per Unit	Benchmark Enrollment
Lecture	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>
Seminar	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Laboratory	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Activity	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course. (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) *[Use as much space as necessary]*

This course is required element of the core curriculum for the proposed Professional Science Masters degree in Bioinformatics

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe Federal laws governing biotechnological issues and the associated regulatory agencies
- Describe California laws governing biotechnological issues and the associated regulatory agencies
- Discuss current issues and debates in cloning, gene therapy, crop modification.
- Outline the technology transfer process for commercially valuable biotech products

4. Is this a General Education Course NO

If Yes, indicate GE category:

A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)	
B (Mathematics & Sciences)	
C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)	
D (Social Perspectives)	
E (Human Psychological and Physiological Perspectives)	

5. Course Content in Outline Form. *[Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]*

Biotechnology: History and Trends (Evolution of biotech industry, agricultural and food products, pesticides and herbicides, drugs, medical products, GMOs)

Public policy and ethical issues

Regulation of Biotechnology (Food and Drug Administration, US Department of Agriculture, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, International)

Protecting Biotechnology Products (property rights, technology transfer, patents)

Liability Risks

6. References. *[Provide 3 - 5 references on which this course is based and/or support it.]*

Biotechnology, Law, Business and Regulation. Michael J. Malinowski, Beth E. Arnold, eds. Aspen Law & Business Publications, 1999.

Encyclopedia of Ethical, Legal, and Policy Issues in Biotechnology. Thomas H. Murray, Maxwell J. Mehlman, eds. New York : John

