

April 15, 2010

To CAS Council/University Governance:

This cover letter explains the Department of Chemistry's proposal to modify slightly the curriculum for the B.S. Chemistry, Comprehensive Forensics Chemistry emphasis degree. I inadvertently forgot to send this CAF over six weeks ago and it is imperative for us to get this through the CAS Academic Programs Committee as soon as possible in order to finalize our efforts toward accreditation of the program by the Forensic Science Education Programs Commission (FEPAC).

When this degree program was first conceived and developed, our Department had expectations that future fine-tuning would be necessary. We now would like to modify the curriculum description to align with the feedback received from FEPAC during the accreditation process. This process is in its final stages and time is of the essence in order for us to try to bring it to a good conclusion. I apologize again for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Toscano
Chair and Associate
Professor of Chemistry

University at Albany – State University of New York			
College of Arts and Sciences		Course and Program Action Form	
		Proposal No. <u>10-056</u>	
Please check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Course Proposal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Proposal			
Please mark all that apply:			
<input type="checkbox"/> New Course	Revision of:	<input type="checkbox"/> Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Listing		<input type="checkbox"/> Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites
<input type="checkbox"/> Shared-Resources Course		<input type="checkbox"/> Credits	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deactivate/Activate Course (boldface & underline as appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>see below</u>	
Department: <u>Chemistry</u>		Effective Semester, Year: <u>Fall 2010</u>	
Course Number	Current: _____	New: _____	Credits: _____
Course Title: <u>B.S. Chemistry, Comprehensive Forensics emphasis</u>			
Course Description to appear in Bulletin:			
See below (next page).			
Prerequisites statement to be appended to description in Bulletin:			
If S/U is to be designated as the only grading system in the course, check here:			<input type="checkbox"/>
This course is (will be) cross listed with (i.e., CAS ###): _____			
This course is (will be) a shared-resources course with (i.e., CAS ###): _____			
Explanation of proposal:			
The Department of Chemistry would like to make our Forensic curriculum align with the requirements of FEPAC. While these new guidelines will reduce the coursework options available to them, it will focus their remaining courses to research and internship courses, which follow the accreditation coursework guidelines.			
Other departments or schools which offer similar or related courses and which have certified that this proposal does not overlap their offering:			
Chair of Proposing Department			Date
Paul J. Toscano			4/15/10
Approved by Chair(s) of Departments having cross-listed course(s) [Copy of e-mail approval on following page.]		Date	Dean of College
			Gregory Stevens
			4/15/10
Chair of Academic Programs Committee		Date	Dean of Undergraduate or Graduate Studies
Gregory Stevens		4/15/10	

CURRENT BULLETIN COPY:

Chemistry/Comprehensive Forensics Chemistry Emphasis B.S Combined major and minor sequence consisting of 82 credits: A CHM 120 or 130, 121 or 131, 124, 125, 220, 221, 222, 223, 225, 350 or 444, 351 or 445, 352Z, 417, 420, 430, 442 or 342, 450 and 451; A MAT 108, 111 or 112 or 118, 113 or 119, 214; A PHY 140 or 141, 145, 150 or 151, 155; A BIO 110 or A BIO 120 & 122; 9 credits of electives from A CHM 426, 455, 446 and RCRJ 202, 310, 353, 404, 405.

PROPOSED BULLETIN COPY:

Chemistry/Comprehensive Forensics Chemistry Emphasis B.S Combined major and minor sequence consisting of 82 credits: A CHM 120 or 130, 121 or 131, 124, 125, 220, 221, 222, 223, 225, 350 or 444, 351 or 445, 352Z, 417, 420, 430, 442 or 342, 450 and 451; A MAT 108, 111 or 112 or 118, 113 or 119, 214; A PHY 140 or 141, 145, 150 or 151, 155; A BIO 110 or A BIO 120 & 122; R CRJ 202; 5 additional credits of electives to be chosen from A CHM 425, 426, 455.