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Science Informatics

Prerequisites SASE 684, SASE 685, and one specialization course.

Corequisites Second specialization course.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lab.

Course Description Teacher leaders will conduct a capstone research project under the close

supervision of an assigned faculty member who has expertise in the area of research. Teacher leaders will collect data based upon the proposal designed

in SASE 685, analyze that data, and present their findings (in a formal

venue). Successful completion of Research Mentorship meets the Graduate

School's Comprehensive Exam/Capstone Project requirement for graduation. May

be repeated once for a maximum of 2.0 credits. Previous course CURR 693

effective through Spring 2014.

SCIF110 Title Introduction to Science Informatics.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course introduces students, including Science Informatics majors, to

timely topics encompassed in the interdisciplinary field of science

informatics. Students learn about genomics, drug discovery, geographic

information systems and other science topics with a hands-on, ethics-focused

SCIF110 Course Description case study approach.

SCIF151 Title Colloquium in Science Informatics I.

Prerequisites Science Informatics majors only.

Number and type of credits 1 hour seminar.

Course Description This course introduces Science Informatics majors to the University, the

department of the College of Science and Mathematics, the culture of higher education and the field of science informatics. Students learn about campus resources and activities, careers in science informatics and techniques that foster the development of good study skills and academic success. Issues related to health, wellness, diversity and prejudice are investigated. Meets

Gen Ed 2002 - New Student Seminar.

SCIF152 Title Colloquium in Science Informatics II.

Prerequisites Science Informatics majors only.

Number and type of credits 1 hour seminar.

Course Description This second of a series of four colloquia will continue to build a science

informatics identity among students while exploring the field of science informatics, options for post-baccalaureate study and careers in the discipline. Students will explore both scientific and societal issues related

to contemporary problems such as genetic engineering. Students will explore

potential topics for future investigation and research.

SCIF250 Title Science Informatics Sophomore Summer Internship.

Prerequisites Permission of program advisor. Only for Science Informatics majors who have

completed their sophomore year.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description During the summer under the guidance of a sponsor in a medical or industrial

site outside of the University, students will investigate advanced, individual research problems appropriate to science informatics. Although students are strongly encouraged to enroll in an off-campus externship, an equivalent on-campus experience with the Biology and Molecular Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science or Mathematical Sciences department will be

accepted for credit.

SCIF253 Title Colloquium in Science Informatics III.

Prerequisites SCIF 152.

Number and type of credits 1 hour seminar.

Course Description In this third of a series of four colloquia, students continue their guided

examination of contemporary issues investigated with the varied methodologies and tools of science informatics. Information about how disciplines within science informatics prepare research results and associated recommendations for their colleagues, government agencies and the public. The influence of public opinion and the political decision-making process upon scientific research is explored. Students explore possible research problems for later

investigation.

SCIF254 Title Colloquium in Science Informatics IV.

Prerequisites SCIF 253.

Number and type of credits 1 hour seminar.

Course Description This fourth of a series of four colloquia is a continuation of the third

colloquium, SCIF 253, in which students continue their guided examination of contemporary issues investigated with the varied methodologies and tools of

science informatics. Information about how disciplines within science informatics prepare research results and associated recommendations for their colleagues, government agencies and the public. The influence of public opinion and the political decision-making process upon scientific research is explored. Students explore possible research problems for later

investigation.

SCIF391 Title Science Informatics Summer Internship.

Prerequisites SCIF391 CSIT 212 and CSIT 270 and CSIT 337 and BIOL 434.

> Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description During the summer under the guidance of a sponsor in a medical or industrial

> site outside of the University, students will investigate advanced, individual research problems appropriate to science informatics. Although students are strongly encouraged to enroll in an off-campus externship, an equivalent on-campus experience with the Biology and Molecular Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science or Mathematical Sciences department will be

accepted for credit. Previous course SCIF 350 effective through Spring 2014.

SCIF475 Title Ethics in Science Informatics.

> **Prerequisites** SCIF 350.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture.

This course investigates ethical issues in science informatics research and **Course Description**

> the application of science informatics to product development and commercialization. For example, topics of accuracy, privacy, confidentiality,

accessibility, stability, and completeness are considered in the context of genome databases and their associated computing technology. Science informatics law domains such as intellectual property (patents, trademarks, trade secrets), and licensing (patents, intellectual property or software) are presented. A seminar format and case studies facilitate interaction among

faculty, students, and the issues.

SCIF497 Title Research Experience in Science Informatics I.

> **Prerequisites** SCIF 391 and departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The student works as a member of an interdisciplinary Science Informatics student team and develops a research proposal to a science informatics problem

posed by Montclair State faculty, other academic institutions, or industry representatives. Previous course SCIF 491 effective through Spring 2014.

SCIF498 Title Research Experience in Science Informatics II.

Prerequisites SCIF 497 and departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The student works as a member of an interdisciplinary Science Informatics

student team and implements his/her research proposal developed in SCIF 497 for a science informatics problem posed by Montclair State faculty, other academic institutions, or industry representatives. Previous course SCIF 492

effective through Spring 2014.

SCIM501 Title Biology for Middle Grade Teaching.

Prerequisites Restricted to majors in Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization:

Science 5-8 or program coordinator approval

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture, 2 hours lab.

Course Description This course will provide concepts and learning activities for middle school

teacher and will emphasize the study of life from molecule to organism, with a focus on the structure and function of cells, mechanisms of heredity and change, biodiversity, phylogenetic relationships among organisms, biology of

populations, and communities, and ecosystems.

SCIM502 Title Physics for Middle Grades Teaching.

Prerequisites Restricted to majors in Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization:

Science 5-8 or program coordinator approval

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture, 2 hours lab.

Course Description To provide individuals interested in teaching middle school science with

knowledge of the principles and applications in physics from a unified

energy-based outlook, and how to present the laws of physics to the middle grades students. Emphasis will be placed on problem solving methods and the

SCIM502 Course Description development of critical thinking skills.

SCIM503 Title Earth and Space Science for Middle Grade Teaching.