ABI 187 Animal Biology Seminar
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Potential Exceptions to the Rules Governing Restricted Electives

Using “lower division” courses toward the 25 units of Restricted Electives (RE) requires specific forms of special approval. Administratively, ABI students an mentors must remain within the exception guidelines and obtain evidence justifying a major requirement exception. We must justify any exception to major requirements when filing the online “Degree Certification”, wherein we verify all the requirements of the Major for graduation.

Thus all special approval or exceptions made and approved to the ABI major requirements are done on a case by case basis. But the rules are as follows:

1. No more than one pre-approved lower division course can be used for RE 25 unit requirement.

2. All requests for exception must be in writing with an explanation why it should be considered and this must be sign by the mentor indicating his or her final approval. A copy of this document must be provided to us for the student’s file.

3. If there is not a comparable upper division courses available to meet a heuristic need, we will consider approving the lower division course for RE unit credit only if crucial to your practicum project.

4. If the lower division course is a “required” prerequisite to more than one of your upper division RE courses, we will consider including this course for your RE units. However, many upper division courses require prerequisite lower division courses, just because a prerequisite course is required for some RE does not mean it also qualifies as an RE.

Students should additionally select “back up” courses that directly qualify for RE status and can be substituted into their RE list should one or more of their “first choice” courses become unavailable. Check with the offering department about the scheduling of their RE courses to be certain that they actually will be offered when the UCD course catalogue indicates.