



**GRADUATE COUNCIL**

January 27, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Amanda Lucia, Chair  
Graduate Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Lucia".

Re: [Campus Review] Proposal for a Joint Microbiology BS / Microbiology MS Five-Year Combined-Degree Program

Graduate Council discussed the proposal for a Microbiology Joint BS+MS degree at their January 21, 2021 meeting. It was recommended to drop the use of the word "Joint" and just use the word "Combined" in the proposal. There may be delays when the proposal is reviewed by systemwide as CCGA considers "joint" proposals between two campuses. The Council also advises to remove all gender specific language (he/she).

The "Catalog Entry" section starting on page 7 of the proposal does not seem to correspond to the full catalog entry. It seems to be only admissions and undergraduate requirements. Therefore, it is unclear what this section is trying to accomplish.

There is a 12-unit limit on research units for the thesis (typically 297/299 for graduate students, but would also include 197 in this case), but on page 1 of the catalog entry in the thesis option, there is a requirement for 24 research units. This is not permitted in the master's degree.

The following section of the catalog entry is confusing. Is this stating that double counting is not allowed for the Comp option? Also, this is talking about electives, but in other areas of the proposal, it states that 197 will be double counted which is research units, not an elective.

**Method for the Thesis Option:** To make it possible to complete both degrees in five years for the **Thesis Option** – but not for the **Comprehensive Exam Option**

– the combined programs will allow up to 12 units of upper division 100 level MCBL electives, which were used for the undergraduate degree, to be double-counted and therefore used for the MS degree as well.