

Proposal for a Decrease in G.P.A. Needed for Research (198) Courses

In the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics departments students sign up for Research courses (198) using a Research form from the Student Records Office. This form includes details that First-Year and Sophomore students need to have at least a 3.5 GPA and Juniors and Seniors need to have at least a 2.0 GPA to register for a research course.

In the past few semesters we have had students who want to register for a research course but they were in their first or second year and did not meet the 3.5 minimum GPA needed. These students end up petitioning for an exception, which is always approved as the faculty member working with the student on the research project and the department chair both recommend approval. This creates extra work for the student, the research faculty member, and the faculty members on the ASRC to consider the petition.

The Biology, Chemistry and Physics departments are all in favor of a proposal to lower the minimum GPA needed to participate in research for First-Year and Sophomore students to at least a 3.0.