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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Office of Instruction for a new course prefix, VIPR, Team-Based Research, will be an agenda item for the April 21, 2023, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

## Request for a New Prefix

**Date:** April 13, 2023

**School/College/Unit:** Office of Instruction

**Department/Division:** Office of Instruction

**New Prefix Requested:** VIPR, Team-Based Research

**Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2023

**Justification:** VIPR is a team-based research course prefix that will be used by students to conduct multidisciplinary collaborative laboratory research under the supervision of a faculty member in any UGA academic department. The team-based research program is called VIP@UGA, which is modeled after the Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP) Program at Georgia Tech <http://www.vip.gatech.edu/>. The overarching goal of VIP@UGA is to offer a research structure that supports collaborative, interdisciplinary research teams that include undergraduate researchers, their faculty mentors, and other scientists such as graduate students, postdoctoral associates, and faculty collaborators.

The request for the creation of a new course prefix, VIPR, facilitates the expansion of the current pilot program in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. VIPR courses will replace the course BCMB 4965R, Team-Based Research. Establishing a prefix will mirror other VIP programs in the state (i.e. Georgia Institute of Technology, Kennesaw State University, Georgia Southern State University, etc.)

The prefix will be housed in the Office of Instruction and will be available for use by any department. The VIPR courses will be available to undergraduate and graduate students. There will be a unique section of the courses for each team, and the courses will be repeatable. The following courses will be proposed through CAPA for approval and allow a student to progress with their research experience. The credit hours vary with the amount of time the student will spend in the research lab.

	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>2 credits</b>	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>0 Credits</b> (students are funded and not eligible for credit)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	<b>VIPR 2601</b>			<b>VIPR 2600</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	<b>VIPR 3601</b>	<b>VIPR 3602</b>	<b>VIPR 3603</b>	<b>VIPR 3600</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	<b>VIPR 4601</b>	<b>VIPR 4602</b>	<b>VIPR 4603</b>  <b>VIPR 4683</b> (capstone)	<b>VIPR 4600</b>
<b>Graduate</b>	<b>VIPR 6601</b>	<b>VIPR 6602</b>	<b>VIPR 6603</b>	<b>VIPR 6600</b>