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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.

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