NANO courses

Definition: A nano course refers to a short course, offered for 0.5 credits. They are intended to be special topics courses that capitalize on timely subject matter, visiting expertise, and/or highlight new developments in a field. Flexibility in scheduling and course leadership (i.e. not part of the permanent curriculum) will insure these courses are nimble. Nano courses are only offered once. If a course is deemed to be worth offering regularly, it will go through the regular course review and approval process.

1. NANO courses:
   a. Can be initiated by faculty, students, or postdoctoral fellows. However, if content will be taught by a student/fellow the course MUST include a faculty of record.
   b. No prerequisites
   c. Taken for elective credit only
   d. Grading P/NP

2. Approval Process:
   a. Faculty of record completes the Nano-Course Approval form (attached)
   b. Graduate Program Director signs and submits the Approval form to Graduate Studies
   c. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee or Associate Dean of Graduate Studies will review based on:
      i. Learning objectives
      ii. Assessment/measurable end points
      iii. Appropriateness for nano format (ie, can material fit into 0.5 credit format)
   d. Approval will be shared with Registrar Graduate and Graduate Council at first opportunity

3. Course materials will be posted on SAKAI and evaluated through BLUE

4. Designation: DEPT-610/510-N or NN-Option number, e.g., CELL-610/510-N(N)-01; option number added if more than one NANO course offered through a program in the same academic term.

5. Re-approval is required to run the course a second time. Any NANO course offered more than twice will require formal course approval via graduate council.