

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.

