Approval Form

Placing Out of Biology 181 and/or Biology 191

In order to receive approval from the Biology Department for placing out of Biology 181 or Biology 191, you must make an appointment to speak with an instructor of one of these courses:

**BIOL- 181:**
- Ethan Clotfelter
- Michael Hood
- Jill Miller
- Ethan Temeles

**BIOL- 191:**
- Caroline Gouette
- Dominic Poccia
- Alexandra Purdy
- Patrick Williamson

You will be asked to provide documentation of a Biology AP 5 score (or equivalent) and to describe your background and reason for wanting to place out of the course. If approved, the faculty member will sign this form. Once signed, please bring the form to Karen Racz in the Biology Department Office.

Biology Majors placing out of BIOL-181 must substitute a course from Bin III (Evolutionary Explanations); students placing out of BIOL-191 must substitute a course from Bin I (Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms). Students who place out must take a minimum of four semesters of laboratory work (Placing out of 1: 1 Intro + 3 upper-level labs; Placing out of both: 4 upper-level labs).

In exceptional circumstances, a student may be permitted to place out of both BIOL-181 and BIOL-191. Said student would be required to take a minimum of four upper level laboratory courses.

**NAME:** ___________________________________________ Class Year: ________

I am seeking permission to place out of ______________. I have discussed this with Professor ______________ and presented documentation of my AP Biology score.

Other relevant experience / background: __________________________________________
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Professor’s signature: __________________________ Date: ____________

1 For more information about these categories, please consult the department’s website: https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/Biology/major.)