



AMHERST COLLEGE
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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 one of the professors associated with the course.

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. The faculty member will discuss with you the implications and course options going forward. If approved, the faculty member will sign this form. Once signed, please bring the form to Leah Davis, the Biology Department ADC, in the department office.

Biology majors placing out of BIOL-181 must take both courses from the *Organismal Core*; BIOL-230, Ecology, and BIOL-320/321, Evolutionary Biology. Students placing out of BIOL-191 must take both courses from the *Cellular/Molecular Core*; BIOL-291, Cell Structure and Function, and BIOL-370/371, Molecular Genetics. Please see [About the Major](#) on the Biology department web site for specific course information.

Placing out will not reduce the number of courses required for the major. Students placing out of BIOL-181 or BIOL-191, or in exceptional cases both, must take a minimum of four semesters of laboratory work (one intro lab and three upper-level labs or four upper-level labs).

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: _____

Professor's signature: _____ Date: _____