

**College of Science
Proposed Catalog Changes
Effective Spring 2020**

1. The following course will be added to the CORS offerings:

CORS 236 Science for Non-Scientists

3 credits

This is a course in critical thinking, focused specifically on how to make rational or evidence-based decisions. Students learn to analyze claims (for example, media reports or studies) to identify possible weaknesses in the methodology or conclusions. The topics are drawn from everyday life, not hard-core science. The material is relevant to a broad range of fields including business, law, advertising, journalism, and many others.

Rationale: The number and variety of integrated science courses has been decreasing over recent years. We have now the fortunate circumstance of a new senior faculty in Biological Sciences who's wish is to teach this course to non-science majors. The course has been offered successfully for many years at the University of Texas by this faculty member, and the content is an excellent fit for the goals of our CORS courses