The Faculty of Science has recently implemented a series of “396” research courses, and currently offers one in every Science department plus the interdisciplinary courses Neuroscience 396 and Cognitive Science 396. These courses have been well received by Science students and the process for administering them through the OURS office has been running smoothly for two years.

Recently the BA&Sc students noted that they did not have a research course in which they could integrate their Arts and Science disciplines, and this proposed BASC 396 course is proposed to fill that void. (continued on page 3)
### Schedule Type(s):
(Enter all that apply – see course guidelines for a complete list.)
(i.e. Lecture, Labs, Tutorial)

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### Required text and/or preliminary reading list sent to library?
- [ ] Yes  
- [x] No

### Projected Enrolment:
- 5-10

### Prerequisite(s) (Courses or Tests)
Specify course number(s) or name(s) of test(s):

- See p. 3

If the student does not have a prerequisite should web registration be blocked?
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

If “Yes” complete A and B:

**A.** Indicate minimum grade or test score(s) the student must attain in prerequisite course(s) or test(s):

**B.** Can the prerequisite course(s) or test(s) be taken in the same term as this course?
- [ ] Yes  
- [x] No

### Corequisite(s) Course Number(s):
Specify course number(s) and title(s):

- none

If the student does not register for the corequisite in the same term should web registration be blocked?
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

### Restriction(s):

- Permission required via the Office of Undergraduate Research in Science (OURS). Student cannot be supervised by the same instructor for two 396 courses. S/U option not permitted.
- Only open to students in BA&Sc programs.

### Additional Course Charges (must be approved by the Fee Policy Committee)

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### Requires Teaching, Physical, or Financial Resources
Not Currently Available (attach explanation)
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No
Prerequisites for BASC 396:

At least one term of undergraduate studies, and a CGPA of at least 3.0; or permission of instructor.

Rationale (continued):

The course would be open to students in any BA&Sc program, and could be taken as early as after one term of undergraduate studies. The course will contain a significant research component that requires substantial independent work by students. Each research project will have a grading scheme in which at least 50% of the grade for the final report. BA&Sc students may use this course to satisfy the second integrative course requirement, but may not use it to satisfy any other program requirements. Students will not be permitted to take this course under the S/U option. Each project will be approved by the BA&Sc PAC chair or his/her delegate.

The OURS officer will manage the course, ensuring that it is available each term, coordinating the project proposals, sending proposals to the PAC chair (or delegate) for approval and coordinating the submission of grades. There will be a website which gives complete instructions for the advisors and students and where potential projects will be posted. This will follow the same pattern as with the Science “396” courses.