I. COURSE CHANGES

Comparative and Experimental Medicine (CEM)

REVISE HOURS

CEM 602 GIS and Geographical Epidemiology (4)
Formerly: 3 credits

Rationale: Changing the course credit from 3 to 4 is necessary because the amount of time students spend on practical hands-on laboratory exercises has increased since the course was developed. The expansion in the amount of time students spend on these exercises greatly enhances their learning and hence results in significant improvements in their skill set upon completion of the course. According to the registrar’s rules, a 4-credit hour course must meet a minimum of 200 minutes per week. Dr. Odoi’s 602 course is already meeting roughly 245 minutes per week. So, his meeting time is well above the required 200 minutes per week.

DROP

CEM 535 Capstone Experience (1-3)

CEM 550 Introduction to Forensic Odontology (3)

CEM 552 Head and Neck Anatomy (4)

CEM 554 Dental and Maxillofacial Anatomy/Histology (4)

CEM 556 Head and Neck Osteology and Trauma (4)

CEM 558 Laboratory Methods in Forensic Odontology (4)

Rationale: The forensic odontology MS concentration is being dropped, due to the program faculty member leaving the university, and his position was not refilled. The dropped courses are specific course related to the forensic odontology concentration. Now that the program is being discontinued, these courses do not serve a purpose in the regular MS/PhD curriculum. Therefore, they are unneeded.

II. PROGRAM CHANGES

DROP CONCENTRATION – COMPARATIVE AND EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE, MS

Forensic Odontology Concentration

In the 2023-2024 graduate catalog remove all reference to the forensic odontology MS concentration.

Rationale: The Forensic Odontology Concentration MS is being discontinued due to the concentration coordinator leaving the university for another position. These courses were housed in the Graduate School of Medicine, Knoxville campus. Due to the coordinator leaving the university, the space for these courses was not allocated back to us and a new coordinator was not hired to replace the previous one. The lack of space for the courses and no new coordinator hired to take this over, caused us to discontinue the program altogether. Currently, there are 0 students enrolled in the MS-FO masters concentration program. The last graduates with this concentration graduated Summer 2019.