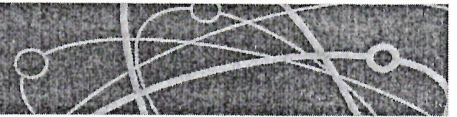




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Re: Course content in PSB Pre-Degree

Dear Mark,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the content of the various courses presented as part of the PSB Pre-Degree (Certificate in Life Sciences). I have examined those associated with Biology, Biotechnology, Physiology and Molecular Biology. While the absolute achievement level reached by students successfully completing these courses cannot be fully established from a review of course content, the lecture and laboratory outlines do indicate a standard at least as high as that achieved in Tertiary Entrance Examinations in Western Australia. Indeed, many aspects of the course are surprisingly detailed, reaching levels that appear, at least in isolation, comparable to topics covered in level one courses at this University. While it is not clear how well the students cope with the level of detail presented, one would expect the examination of the material to be consistent with the lecture and laboratory outlines.

On the evidence presented, therefore, I believe students successfully completing these courses would be well prepared to undertake the proposed Bachelor of Science programs to be offered by UWA with PSB.

Please contact me if I can provide you with any further information.

Yours sincerely

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