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Biochemistry Major
Medical Science Emphasis Only
MDSC Petition for exemption from BCH 98-I

Students who enter into the Biochemistry major with a Medical Science Emphasis in their Junior or Senior year may petition to waive completion of BCH 98-I. Petitioning to waive completion of BCH 98-I does not exempt the student from completing the required 30 hours of volunteer work/internship for this emphasis. Approval of the petition will indicate that the student does not have to enroll in BCH 98-I, but must still complete the required volunteer work/internship.

In order to petition to waive these two courses, you must do the following:

**Fill out the MDSC Petition form (posted on the Biochemistry advising website), and prepare a separate typed statement (1-2 pages) indicating the basis for the exemption from taking BCH 98-I.**

1. The statement should address your involvement with patient care and what you, as the student, have done that replaces the material or experience of these courses.
2. If volunteer work, or an internship, has been completed or is currently in progress, the student should describe the following in detail:
   a. The location where work was completed
   b. Nature of volunteer activities (give as many examples as possible)
   c. Detailed calculation of the number of hours completed (at least 30 hours has to have been completed for a single organization before the waiver can be approved.)
   d. Name, address, and contact information (both telephone number and email address) of your supervisor for the internship/volunteer work
3. Once both statement and the MDSC Petition have been completed, please send them electronically to Professor Dingwall at stephanie.dingwall@ucr.edu, for their approval and signature.
4. Once the MDSC Petition is approved by Professor Dingwall, they will forward the information to your academic advisor and they will make the adjustments to your degree audit.

Please note: if the petition is approved, it is the responsibility of the student to make certain that 180 total units will be earned not counting these unit for his/her overall degree requirements.

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