



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 2, 2006

Mark A. Emmert, President

Dean Ron Irving
College of Arts and Sciences
Box 353765

Dear Ron:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised admission requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Astronomy. A copy of the changes is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Astronomy department is authorized to specify these requirements beginning spring quarter 2007.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark".

Mark A. Emmert
President

Enclosure

cc: Sarah Sterr (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Todd Milton, J.D. (with enclosure ASTR-20060519)



Creating & Changing Undergraduate Academic Programs

ASIR-20060311

College: Arts and Sciences Department or Unit: Astronomy Date: 5/19/06

New Programs

- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree
- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____
- Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____
- Leading to a Minor in _____

Changes to existing programs

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in Astronomy within the Bachelor of Science
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____

Other Changes

- Change name of program from _____ to _____
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____
- Eliminate program in _____

Proposed Effective Date: (quarter/year) Spring 2006

Contact Person	Phone Number	Email
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1. Explanation of and Rationale for Proposed Change: (Please use additional pages if necessary. For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support, and departmental handouts.)

Currently incoming freshmen or transfer students can mark Astronomy as their intended major prior to enrollment. Due to the wording of Astronomy's current admissions requirement, once a student becomes matriculated they are automatically declared without visiting the department and signing the necessary paperwork to confirm that Astronomy is indeed their major. By requiring students to visit the office we are able to better ensure that Astronomy makes a good fit for their interests and initial contact with the student has been made.

* For information about when and how to use this form please go to <http://www.washington.edu/faculty/facsenate/councils/fcas/1503/>.

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2. Catalog Copy

A. Catalog Copy as Currently Written *(Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.)*

Students in good academic standing may declare this major at any time.

B. Proposed Catalog Copy, Reflecting Requested Changes *(Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications.)*

Enrolled students in good academic standing may declare the major at any time. Students must complete the necessary paperwork to declare by visiting the department office in ~~C-319~~
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3. Signatures *(required)*

Chair/Program Director <i>Bob Adate</i>	Date <i>5/19/06</i>	Dean <i>Ronald L. Irving</i>	Date <i>SEP 27 2006</i>
College Committee <i>Per [Signature]</i>	Date <i>SEP 27 2006</i>	Faculty Council on Academic Standards <i>Leah [Signature]</i>	Date <i>10/27/06</i>