



# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

*Mark A. Emmert, President*

April 15, 2008

Dean Ana Mari Cauce  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Box 353765

Dear Ana Mari:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised 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 2008.

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: Ms. Sarah Garner (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)  
Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure ASTR-20080110)



Creating & Changing Undergraduate Academic Programs

ASTK-20080110

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College: Arts and Sciences Department or Unit: Astronomy Date: 1/10/08

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 ... within the Bachelor of ...
[X] Revised Program Requirements for the Major in Astronomy within the Bachelor of Science
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 2008

Table with 3 columns: Contact Person, Phone Number, Email. Row 1: Sarah Garner, 206-543-9590, sterrs@astro.washington.edu

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.)

The changes described in this request reflect those changes in the Department of Physics that effect the Astronomy major requirements. Ninety percent of Astronomy majors are double majors/degrees with Physics which requires the degree programs to be closely aligned for students completing both degrees in a timely manner. We propose to change the upper-division Physics electives allowed. PHYS 311 is a new applicable course and PHYS 325 follows in the quantum mechanics series; both should be added to the elective list. PHYS 315, PHYS 425, and PHYS 426 are courses that are no longer offered and should be removed from the approved elective list.

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