



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mark A. Emmert, President

November 20, 2006

Dean Patricia W. Wahl
School of Public Health and Community Medicine
Box 357230

Dear Patricia:

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 Environmental Health. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the School of Public Health and Community Medicine is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2006.

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: James Meadows (with enclosure)
Amy Kukuk (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure ENVH-20060621)



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College: School of Public Health and Community Medicine
 Department or Unit: Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
 Date: June 21, 2006

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 **Environmental Health** 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) AUTUMN/2006

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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.)

The Environmental Health Undergraduate Program proposes two changes to current admission requirements:

1. Currently, students who earn a 2.5 overall gpa and pass all prerequisite courses are admitted to the Environmental Health major. We propose that students must earn a 2.5 overall gpa and must also earn a 2.0 minimum grade in each required chemistry and biology course. Under exceptional circumstances, students who have earned lower grades in biology and chemistry may be considered for admission to the major.

The Environmental Health undergraduate program has seen a dramatic increase in it's enrollment since 2003. The enrollment increase heightens the program's need to more carefully evaluate applicants' academic preparation specifically in science courses. The change in minimum admission requirements will allow the Environmental Health undergraduate program to better regulate admission to the major.

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The undergraduate program could better identify students who have a 2.5 overall gpa but who do not have the science background necessary to be successful in the major.

2. The current admissions requirements description contains quarterly application deadlines for prospective majors. This past year the Environmental Health major has allowed students to declare the major at any point after they have met the admission requirements. We propose that the application deadlines be omitted from the admission requirements description a) because it does not accurately reflect the admission practices of the major and b) because such description gives students the impression that ours is a competitive major when in fact Environmental Health is a minimum requirement major.

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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.*)

Department Admission Requirements

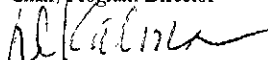
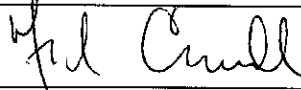
1. 90 credits with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.
2. Completion of the following courses: 5 credits in English composition; BIOL 180, BIOL 200, BIOL 220; CHEM 142, CHEM 152, CHEM 162; CHEM 223, CHEM 224 (or CHEM 237, CHEM 238, CHEM 239); MATH 124 or MATH 144 or Q SCI 291.
3. ~~Applications are accepted for each quarter. Application deadlines are April 15 for autumn quarter, November 15 for winter quarter, and February 15 for spring quarter. After the deadline has passed, applications are accepted on a space available basis. Applicants are considered for admission when they are within one quarter of completing the admission requirements.~~
4. Additional Information: Students are encouraged to apply to the program during their sophomore year so they may begin the upper-division courses in their junior year.

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.*)

Department Admission Requirements

1. Students must have completed 90 credits with a minimum overall gpa of 2.50
2. Completion of the following courses: 5 credits in English composition; BIOL 180, BIOL 200, BIOL 220; CHEM 142, CHEM 152, CHEM 162; CHEM 237, CHEM 238, CHEM 239 (or CHEM 223 and CHEM 224 in place of CHEM 237, 238 and 239); MATH 124 or MATH 144 or Q SCI 291. Organic chemistry laboratory courses--CHEM 241 and 242--are NOT required for admission to the major.
3. Students must earn a 2.0 in each prerequisite biology and chemistry course.
4. Under exceptional circumstances, students who have earned a grade lower than 2.0 in any prerequisite chemistry or biology course may be admitted to the program pending approval of the Program Manager and Program Coordinator.
5. Students must complete a personal profile and meet with the Program Manager before they can be admitted.
6. Students can enter the major at any time once they have met the admission requirements. Students are strongly urged to complete prerequisites and enter the major by or before the beginning of junior year.

3. Signatures (required)

Chair/Program Director 	Date 10/27/06	Dean 	Date 10/27/06
College Committee	Date	Faculty Council on Academic Standards	Date