



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 4, 2009

Vice Chancellor Susan Jeffords  
University of Washington, Bothell  
Box 358522

Dear Susan:

Based upon the recommendations of the Executive Council on General Faculty Organization, the Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy has recommended approval of the revised program requirements for the options in Individualized Study and Media and Communication Studies within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies; the Bachelor of Arts degrees in American Studies; Global Studies; Society, Ethics, and Human Behavior; Culture, Literature, and the Arts; Science, Technology, and Society; Community Psychology; and Interdisciplinary Arts; and the Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies. A copy of the proposal is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences program is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2010 and thereafter.

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 A. Emmert".

Mark A. Emmert  
President

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Annette Anderson (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)  
Mr. Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure BIS-20091111)



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CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE  
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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Department/Unit IAS

Date 11/11/09

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Revised Program Requirements for the Major in American Studies BA, Community Psychology BA, Culture, Literature, and the Arts BA, Environmental Studies BA, Global Studies BA, Interdisciplinary Arts BA, Science and Technology Studies BA, Society, Ethics, and Human Behavior BA, Environmental Science BS within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Revised Requirements for the Option in Individualized Study and Media and Communications Studies within the major in Interdisciplinary Studies

- ☐ 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:** ☒ Autumn ☐ Winter ☐ Spring ☐ Summer **Year: 20 10**

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## EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

This change across all IAS undergraduate degrees requires a 3-credit portfolio capstone course as a requirement for graduation. IAS has long been a portfolio-based program. Following recommendations from (a) the 2008 External Review of IAS, (b) the 2008-09 IAS Assessment Committee, and (c) 2009 external review of BA proposals, IAS faculty voted for a degree-culminating requirement (taken in a student's last or penultimate quarter) in which students would (1) draw together and reflect on their IAS coursework, (2) practice presentation of their work, (3) provide evidence and feedback appropriate to an expanded program-wide assessment process, and (4) frame a dossier that speaks to other audiences, such as potential employers or graduate schools. The course bookends the increased emphasis on the portfolio in the required introductory course (BIS 300, Introduction to Interdisciplinary Inquiry). This requirement replaces the requirement for a 5-credit senior seminar in which it had proven harder to give the portfolio adequate weight.

## OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. \*See online instructions.

Department/Unit

Chair/Program Director:

Date

Department/Unit:

Chair/Program Director

Date:

**CATALOG COPY**

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.

**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).  
**Please note:** all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog

**APPROVALS**

Chair/Program Director:

Date:

1-24-09

College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:

Date:

4/24/09

Dean/Vice Chancellor:

Date:

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date:

11/28/08

**POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)**

**Jennifer A. Payne**

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**From:** Colin Danby [danby@u.washington.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 1:34 PM  
**To:** Jennifer A. Payne  
**Cc:** Kathryn Cavil  
**Subject:** Re: Senior Seminar -> Capstone change

Thanks Jennifer!

To borrow Kathryn's words: All students who are admitted Aut 2010 or later must take the 3 credit portfolio capstone (all majors). Students who were admitted prior to that time may choose to take a one of the current capstone options OR the 3 credit portfolio capstone. In other words they have the choice of being grandfathered under the old system.

Best, Colin

On Tue, Dec 1, 2009 at 11:15 AM, Jennifer A. Payne <jap2@u.washington.edu> wrote:  
Colin,

According to your website students currently have the option of doing the 5 credit senior seminar or a 10 credit thesis and students in the ES major can do a 10 credit Restoration Ecology capstone series.

How would this change impact students in the ES major or who previously chose to do the thesis? The 1503 as submitted would require all students to do the 3 credit portfolio capstone course.

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