



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 26, 2010

Interim Dean Dennis Hartmann
College of the Environment
Box 355679

Dear Dennis:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the new General Education Requirements within the College of the Environment. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the College of the Environment is authorized to specify these requirements beginning spring quarter 2010.

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: Dr. Stephen West (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Mr. Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure COENV-20091130A)



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

**CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

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After college/school/campus review, send a signed original and 8 copies to the Curriculum Office/FCAS, Box 355850.
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College/Campus College of the Environment
/ Seattle**Department/Unit** All**Date** 11 January
2010**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 _____ 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 _____.
☒ New General Education Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees granted by the College of the Environment

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).*

As of July 2009, four academic units that grant undergraduate degrees moved into the University of Washington's new College of the Environment (CoEnv): Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, Program on the Environment, and the School of Forest Resources. It is anticipated that two additional degree-granting units will join the College in 2010: the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences and the School of Oceanography. To address the need for a uniform set of general education requirements for the new College, the CoEnv Curriculum Committee has created this proposal, which has been reviewed and approved by the faculty in all of the CoEnv degree-granting units.

The proposed CoEnv general education requirements will exceed those of the University to ensure that all students in specific majors within the College are exposed to a broad range of fields and areas of study within the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, applied sciences, and technology. These requirements are also intended to introduce students to the major social, historical, cultural, and intellectual forces that shape the contemporary world.

Most of the individual majors within or expected to be within the CoEnv currently meet or exceed these proposed general education requirements through their general education requirements and their additional major requirements.

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:

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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.

No current catalog copy.

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.

General Education Requirements:

English composition (C) (5 credits)
(minimum 2.0 GPA required)

Quantitative/symbolic reasoning (QSR) (10 credits)

Additional writing courses (W) (10 credits)

Areas of Knowledge:

Natural World (NW) (20 credits)
(10 credits out of major*)

Individuals & Societies (I&S) (20 credits)
(10 credits out of major*)

Visual, Literary, & Performing Arts (VLPA)** (10 credits)

Additional Areas of Knowledge (10 credits)

Total for General Education = 85 credits

*Definition of "out of major": course must have an out-of-major prefix and may not overlap with courses required for the major. This includes cross-listed courses.

**May substitute first-year language courses for VLPA requirements by completing a third quarter of a three-course sequence. Language courses at the second-year level and beyond may be counted toward the VLPA requirement.

APPROVALS

Chair/Program Directors: See attached.

Date:

College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:

Date:

11 Jan 2010

Dean/Vice Chancellor:

Date:

12 Jan 2010

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

Date:

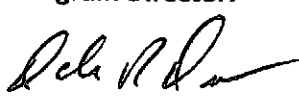
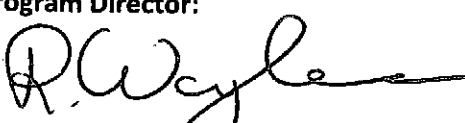

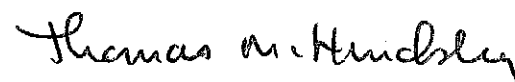
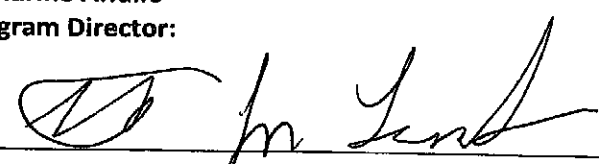
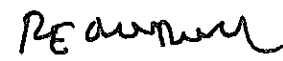
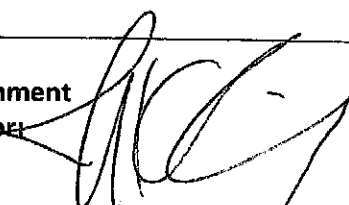
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POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)

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

Date:

**Chair / Program Directors of College of the Environment Degree-granting Units
Approvals for Proposed General Education Requirements for the
College of the Environment, Form 1503**

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| <p>Department of Atmospheric Sciences Chair / Program Director:</p>  | <p>Date:</p> <p>11/23/09</p> |
| <p>Department of Earth and Space Sciences Chair / Program Director:</p>  | <p>Date:</p> <p>11/24/09</p> |
| <p>School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences Chair / Program Director:</p>  | <p>Date:</p> <p>11/23/09</p> |
| <p>School of Forest Resources Chair / Program Director:</p>  | <p>Date:</p> <p>11/06/2009</p> |
| <p>School of Marine Affairs Chair / Program Director:</p>  | <p>Date:</p> <p>11/23/09</p> |
| <p>School of Oceanography Chair / Program Director:</p>  | <p>Date:</p> <p>11/20/09</p> |
| <p>Program on the Environment Chair / Program Director:</p>  | <p>Date:</p> <p>13 NOV 2009</p> |

Draft CoEnv General Education Requirements (January 2010)

An *ad hoc* curriculum committee was convened to discuss potential general education requirements for the College of the Environment. College-wide general education requirements beyond those imposed by the university were considered to be important for the new College to ensure that all students in specific majors within the College are exposed to a broad range of fields and areas of study within the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, applied sciences, and technology. These requirements are also intended to introduce students to the major social, historical, cultural, and intellectual forces that shape the contemporary world.

| Requirement | "Out of major" portion of CoEnv requirement | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-----|----------|---------|------------|-----------|----------------|----|--|--|
| | UW | A&S | SFR-ESRM | SFR-PSE | COFS-Ocean | COFS-SAFS | Proposed CoEnv | | | |
| English Composition | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Additional Writing (W coursework) | 7 | 10 | 18 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 0 | | |
| Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning (Q/SR) | 5 | 5 | 20 | 23 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 0 | | |
| Natural World (NW) | 10 | 20 | 36 | 41 | 40 | 36 | 20 | 10 | | |
| Individuals and Societies (IS) | 10 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 10 | | |
| Visual, Literary, & Performing Arts (VLP) | 10 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 0 | | |
| Foreign Language | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Additional Areas of Knowledge (NW, IS, or VLP) | 10 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | | |
| Total | 57 | 110 | 99 | 101 | 110 | 83 | 85 | 20 | | |

Credit totals: Arts & Sciences units explicitly differentiate general education requirements from major requirements when listing credit totals, whereas SFR and COFS do not. Their credit totals reflect major requirements.

Definition of "out of major": course must have an out-of-major prefix and may not overlap with courses required for the major. This includes cross-listed courses.

Foreign Language: CoEnv students, although not required to study a foreign language, are encouraged to do so by substituting first-year language course credits for the CoEnv VLP requirement by completing the third quarter of a three-course language sequence.

English Composition: A minimum 2.0 grade is required in the English Composition course requirement.

It is important to note that most of the individual majors expected to be within the new college currently meet or exceed these proposed general education requirements through their general education requirements and their additional major requirements.