



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 22, 2009

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 pre-major code PREENV 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 winter 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-20091130B)



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.

For information about when and how to use this form: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwcr/1503instructions.pdf>**College/Campus** College of the Environment
/ Seattle**Department/Unit** All**Date** 30 November
2009**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 Pre-major Code for College of the Environment - PREENV

Proposed Effective Date: **Quarter:** ☐ Autumn ☒ Winter ☐ Spring ☐ Summer **Year: 20 10**

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EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGEFor 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).*

The College of the Environment is proposing a new pre-major code for students interested in a range of environmental majors but who have not yet committed to a specific major. The College of the Environment Curriculum Committee has recommended that the new code be PREENV. Although most of the majors within the new College are open majors that students can declare at any time, the College would like to create a pre-major status for new freshmen who may be reluctant to commit to a specific major immediately upon admission to the UW.

The advising staff within the College already have well-established tools for communicating with pre-majors interested in environmental programs (including a listserv and quarterly pre-major email newsletter), but they have encountered difficulty with accessing an appropriate list of pre-majors to contact because there currently is not a pre-major code specific to environmental areas of study. To increase the effectiveness of these efforts, it is important that the College focuses on students who are definitely interested in environmentally related majors. As campus-wide efforts to increase the effectiveness of outreach to pre-majors increase (including the newly established "Advising Links"), the College would like to be well-positioned to identify students interested in environmental programs early, communicate with them often about activities and events designed for pre-majors, and effectively track student interest in environmental programs. Most of the degrees within the new College are interested in attracting more majors and can accommodate them. The new pre-major code will assist the College with early outreach to freshmen, with efforts to assist students with declaring the major that best fits their goals earlier, and with efforts to build a strong sense of identity among pre-environment students, which should increase retention.

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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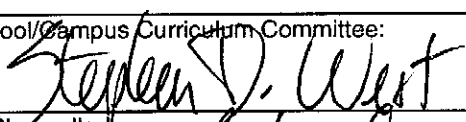
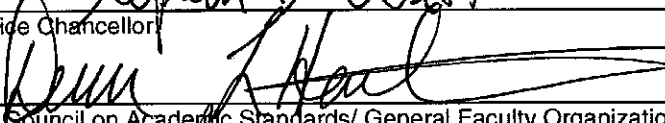
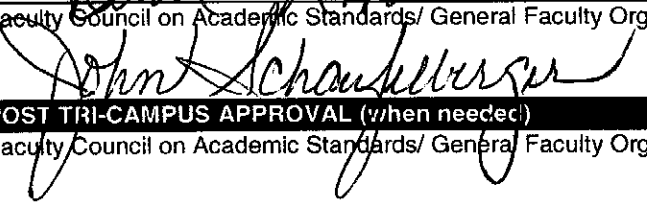
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Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications). **Please note:** all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

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APPROVALS

Chair/Program Director:	NA	Date:
College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:		Date: 1 Dec 2009
Dean/Vice Chancellor:		Date: 1 Dec 09
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:		Date: 12/18/09
POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (v/when needed)		
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:		Date: