



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 30, 2010

Vice Chancellor Beth Rushing
University of Washington, Tacoma
Box 358430

Dear Beth:

Based upon the recommendations of the Faculty Council on Academic Policy, the Faculty Assembly has recommended approval of the revised general education requirements for all undergraduate degrees. A copy of the proposal is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Office of Academic Affairs is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2011 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 dark ink, appearing to read "Mark".

Mark A. Emmert
President

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Anne Beaufort (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Ms. Virjean Edwards. (with enclosure TACOMA-20100701)



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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College/Campus UWT	Department/Unit academic affairs	Date July 1, 2010
New Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree. <input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a minor in _____.		
Changes to Existing Programs <input type="checkbox"/> New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Program Requirements for the Major in <u>All UWT undergrad programs</u> within the Bachelor of <u>Arts or Science</u> . <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____.		
Other Changes <input type="checkbox"/> Change name of program from _____ to _____. <input type="checkbox"/> New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate program in _____.		
Proposed Effective Date: Quarter: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autumn <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Year: 20 <u>11</u>		
Contact Person: Anne Beaufort	Phone: 692-47414 Email: beaufort@u.washington.edu	Box: 358402

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).

Addendum to UWT Composition Requirement for Graduation:

Part I

All UWT undergraduate programs will require a minimum of 2.0 in an academic writing course to satisfy the existing composition requirement for graduation. Rationale: This will bring consistency campus-wide to the composition requirement. Currently, all UWT programs except Business and The Institute of Technology (IT) have a 2.0 minimum as the grade required to satisfy the graduation requirement in composition. IT's minimum is 1.7 and Business has no policy.

Part II

Any student admitted to UWT (freshman or transfer) who has not completed a composition course with a 2.0 or better will be required to complete TCORE 101 (if an incoming freshman) or TWRT 112, Beginning Academic Writing (if a transfer), or an equivalent course with a 2.0 within the first two quarters at UWT. If the student does not achieve a 2.0 in the course, s/he will need to repeat the course with a 2.0 by the end of the following quarter before s/he can register for additional coursework at UWT. Rationale: Under current policy, a student may complete the composition requirement at any time--even as late as the final quarter before graduation. Writing skills--and the commensurate skills in critical thinking and close reading of texts--are essential skills for all other academic course work. Writing is not just a tool for communicating. It is also a tool for reasoned thinking. With these skills, students will be able to develop content knowledge to a greater degree in all of their course work. A timely completion of the composition requirement is therefore in students' best interest and needs to be required in order to assure that students do so.

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:
Undergraduate	<i>Dr. Anne Beaufort</i>	July 1, 2010
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.

Varies by program. Some programs say "complete 5 credits of English composition." Others say "complete 5 credits of English composition with a minimum 2.0 grade."

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

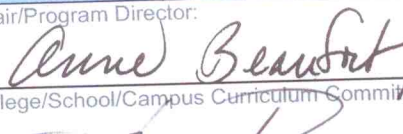
Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications).
Please note: all copy will be edited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

University Graduation Requirement:

Complete 5 credits of English composition with a minimum 2.0 grade. Any student who has not completed an English composition course with a 2.0 or better will be required to complete TCORE 101 (incoming freshmen) or TWRT 112 (transfer students), or an equivalent course with a 2.0 within the first two quarters at UWT. If the student does not achieve a 2.0 in the course, s/he will need to repeat the course with a 2.0 by the end of the following quarter before s/he can register for additional coursework at UWT.

APPROVALS

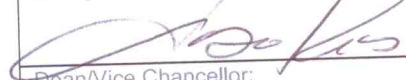
Chair/Program Director:

 Anne Beaufort Writing-across-Curriculum Coordinator

Date:

July 1, 201

College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:



Date:

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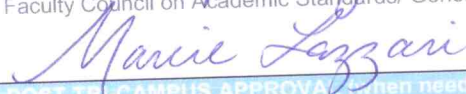
Dean/Vice Chancellor:

 Beth Rushing

Date:

7/7/10

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

 Marie Lazzari

Date:

07/07/10

POST TRIP CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)

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

Date: