



University of Washington Office of the President, Box 351230

July 18, 1997

Dean Gilbert S. Omenn
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Dear Gil:

Based upon the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of (1) the change in admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Health and (2) a minor in Environmental Health. Copies of the change and proposal are attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Environmental Health is authorized to specify these requirements and this minor beginning autumn quarter 1997 and thereafter.

Announcements of the new requirements and program should be incorporated in printed statements and made available in the Office of Admissions and the appropriate advising offices as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. McCormick
President

Enclosures

cc: Professor Nancy J. Kenney
Mr. Richard L. Simkins
Professor Gerald van Belle
✓ Mr. W. W. Washburn
Ms. Linda K. Richter
Faculty Senate Office



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NEW OR REVISED UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION OR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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ENVH-031497

College/School Public Health & Community Medicine	Department Environmental Health	Date March 14, 1997	
Check Appropriate Box <input type="checkbox"/> New Admission Requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Admission Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> New Program <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirement Within Existing Program <input type="checkbox"/> New Option Within Existing Program			
Explanation of proposed changes (or new program). Attach additional page if necessary: <p>We propose acting on applications for admission to this program twice a year instead of the current practice of open admission to all who meet our minimum requirements. The growth in the number of applicants and admissions over the past several years has stressed the ability of the program to accommodate the increased enrollment given our existing resources. The program has more than doubled in size (from approximately 20 students to 50 students). By acting on applications twice a year, we will be able to effectively control the number of students being admitted so that quality of the education that our majors received is not diminished. We will also be better able to select those students with the highest qualifications compared to our admissions criteria and who have the highest potential for success in our program.</p> <p>Desired implementation date (not earlier than one full quarter after anticipated date of approval): <u>Autumn 1997</u></p>			
Instructions: Provide a point-by-point comparison of existing and proposed statements, using "no change" in the proposed column where appropriate. A more complete explanation may be attached if necessary, but the "Proposed" column must always be completed			
Existing Catalog Statement (Omit this section when proposing new programs)		Proposed Catalog Statement	
Admission Requirements: Junior standing. CHEM 140, 141, 150, 151, 160, 161, 223, 224, 241, 242; BIOL 201, 202, 203; MATH 124; MICROM 301, 302; and, PHYS 114, 115, 116.		Admission Requirements: CHEM 142, 152, 162, 223, 224, 241, 242; BIOL 201, 202, 203; MATH 124; MICROM 301, 302; PHYS 114, 115, 116. A 2.5 GPA guarantees consideration but not admission. Admission is competitive. Admission to the environmental health major is twice yearly. The deadline for applications is August 15 for autumn quarter and January 15 for spring quarter admission	
Chair G. van Belle	Date 3/24/97	Dean Patricia W. Wahl	Date 4/2/97
College Committee Patricia W. Wahl	Date 4/2/97	Faculty Council on Academic Standards Nancy J. Kenney	Date 5/16/97



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Check Appropriate Box <input type="checkbox"/> New Admission Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Admission Requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Program (Minor) <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirement Within Existing Program <input type="checkbox"/> New Option Within Existing Program			
Explanation of proposed changes (or new program). Attach additional page if necessary: Rationale: The faculty of the Department of Environmental Health propose to develop an Environmental Health minor for undergraduate students. Recent developments in the field of Environmental Health, a reawakening of public understanding of public health and environmental health issues, and the president's Task Force on Environmental Education have created a renewed interest and commitment to environmental issues across the campus. The development of an ENV H minor would serve three purposes. (Continued on the attached sheet.) Desired implementation date (not earlier than one full quarter after anticipated date of approval): <u>Autumn 1997</u>			
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Existing Catalog Statement (Omit this section when proposing new programs)		Proposed Catalog Statement	
		Minor Requirements: A minimum of ²⁹ 32 credits to include: ENV H 311 (3), ENV H 472 (3), EPI 420 (3), STAT 220 or 311 (5); plus an additional ¹⁵ 18 credit hours of ENV H Professional Courses.	
Chair G. van Belle	Date 4/9/97	Dean Gilbert S. Chenn	Date 4/14/97
College Committee Patricia W. Wahl	Date 4/18/97	Faculty Council on Academic Standards Nancy J. Kenney	Date 5/16/97

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Proposal for Development of an Environmental Health Minor

1. Relief for stressed resources — Enrollment in the ENV H major has more than doubled over the past several years, and interest in the major appears to continue to grow, stressing the limited resources which the Department has available to support this education effort. The existence of a ENV H minor would provide an alternative to students who want a better understanding of the relationships between environmental factors and conditions and human health than can be gained through taking a single survey course, but who are not committed completion of the major.

2. Optimal utilization of scarce resources — With the demise of the Institute for Environmental Studies, the Department has received numerous inquiries and applications from students desiring to pursue an academic program in environmental science with an emphasis on ecological and resource issues. The existence of an ENV H minor would enable these students to establish a solid base in one of the natural or physical sciences and incorporate a rigorous concentration in environmental health, without unduly impacting our most severely stressed ENV H courses (i.e., our laboratory courses).

3. Environmental Literacy — A number of students in the humanities and social sciences who take ENV H 311 (Introduction to Environmental Health), express an interest in taking additional courses in environmental health, but typically lack the requisite background in the natural and physical sciences to take the professional level courses. If sufficient resources become available, we would develop a special track for these students revolving around the issues of risk and society, utilizing existing and new ENV H courses, as well as courses already being offered by units on campus.

Proposal: We propose establishing an environmental health minor, initially for students with a strong natural science background. These students would take a set of core courses common to all undergraduate majors and minors in Environmental Health. In addition, they would take 18 credits elected from a list of 19 existing (18 taught by DEH faculty), 3 new ENV H courses and selected related courses offered by other departments of the University.



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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: Thursday, April 10, 1997

TO: The Faculty Council of Academic Standards

THRU: Gilbert S. Omenn, Dean *Gilbert S. Omenn*

FROM: Gerald van Belle, Chair *G van Belle*

RE: Establishment of an Environmental Health Undergraduate Minor

Attached for your consideration is the signed original and 7 copies of our application for the establishment of an Environmental Health undergraduate minor.

Undergraduate education has played an important role in the Department since its inception. The Department currently faces new challenges and opportunities with regard its undergraduate program. We are currently faced with already stressed resources. Recent developments in the field of environmental health (like new and re-emerging infectious food-, water- and vector-borne diseases), a general increase in awareness of public and environmental health issues, and the President's Task Force on Environmental Education have created a renewed interest in environmental issues across the campus. Environmental Health, with its roots in Public Health, has evolved into a truly multi-disciplinary field, incorporating perspectives and research techniques from the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities.

Our undergraduate program continues to fill an important niche in producing graduates with the knowledge, skills and abilities to recognize, characterize and control environmental hazards in the community and workplace. There has been a steady increase in demand for our program, as enrollment has risen from 20-25 in 1990 to 50 today. A minor in Environmental Health is well suited to those students with a keen interest in the relationship between the environment and human health but who do not wish to pursue graduate studies or a career in this field. Other students desire to add a new dimension or an additional area of strength to their current program of studies.

We look forward to your approval of this minor and would be happy to answer any questions or provide the Council with additional information if required.

Thank you.

xc: C. Treser
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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: April 7, 1997

TO: The Faculty Council of Academic Standards

FROM: Charles D. Treser, Undergraduate Program Director

RE: Establishment of an Environmental Health Undergraduate Minor

Attached for your consideration is the signed original and 7 copies of our application to modify our admission requirements for the Environmental Health undergraduate major.

We look forward to your approval of this minor and would be happy to answer any questions or provide the Council with additional information if required.

Thank you.

xc: G. Omenn
G. van Belle
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Signed by
Nancy