

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: _____ Frank Newton _____ phone number _____ 831-6295 _____

Department: _____ College of Marine & Earth Studies _____ email address _____ fanewt@udel.edu _____

Action: _____ Revise breadth requirements for all BA Degrees in the College of Marine & Earth Studies _____
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term _____ 08S _____
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree _____ BA in GEOLOGY ; BA in EARTH SCIENCE EDUCATION _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: _____
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: _____
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: _____
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____
(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Reduce the number of required courses from 16 to 12 (3 courses in each Group rather than 4) for BA degrees in the College of Marine & Earth Studies currently requiring 16 courses.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter "None")

NONE

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

NONE

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

The college believes, as did the College of Arts & Sciences that "The current number of required courses unduly constrains student choice, contributes to a checklist mentality toward overall requirements, and makes it difficult for students to complete breadth requirements in their first two years. Reducing the number of required courses in each Group will allow students more flexibility to develop or discover interests and talents outside their major(s). It will also facilitate their completion of general education requirements approved in May 2004 by the University Senate: a first year experience (FYE) and at least three credits of discovery-based learning (e.g. an internship, service learning, study abroad, independent study, undergraduate research program)."

It should also be noted that the Department of Geological Sciences will not use this reduction in college-level requirements to increase departmental requirements for majors, but maintain the goal of increasing flexibility for majors.

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

Revised curriculum, as it should appear in the 2008-2009 catalog:

COLLEGE BREADTH REQUIREMENTS (adopted from the College of Arts and Sciences)
These requirements apply to all College of Marine & Earth Studies Bachelor of Arts Degrees.

Group A 9
Analysis and appreciation of the creative arts and humanities.
Nine credits of courses representing at least two departments or appropriate instructional units.

Group B..... 9
The study of culture and institutions over time.
Nine credits of courses representing at least two departments or appropriate instructional units.

Group C..... 9

Empirically based study of human beings and their environment.
Nine credits of courses representing at least two departments or appropriate instructional units.

Group D..... 10
The study of natural phenomena through experiment or analysis.
Ten credits of courses representing at least two departments or appropriate instructional units and including a minimum of one course with an associated laboratory.

If the grade earned is sufficient, a course may be applied toward more than one requirement (e.g., breadth and major requirements), but the credits are counted only once toward the total credits for graduation. If all but one course in a group has been taken in one department or program, a course cross-listed with that program will not satisfy the distribution requirement. For a complete list of the courses which fulfill breadth requirements, see pages 93-98.

Current curriculum, as shown on page 229 and 232 of the 2007-2008 catalog:

CURRICULUM
See page 90 for University and other requirements

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson Susan McGary Date 8/14/07
Dean of College Manaym. Beyrou Date 15 Aug 07
Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee C. E. Espinoza Date 8/20/07
Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____
Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____
Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____
Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____
Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____
Vice Provost for Academic Programs & Planning _____ Date _____
Provost _____ Date _____
Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____

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