



Program Approval Form

For approval of new programs and deletions or modifications to an existing program.

Action Requested:

☐ Create New (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
☐ Inactivate Existing
☒ Modify Existing (check **ALL** that apply)
☐ Title (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
☐ **Concentration** (Choose one): ☐ Add ☐ Delete ☐ Modify
☒ Degree Requirements
☐ Admission Standards/ Application Requirements
☐ Other Changes: _____

Type (Check one):

☐ B.A. ☐ B.S. ☒ Minor
☐ Master's
☐ Ph.D.
☐ Undergraduate Certificate*
☐ Graduate Certificate*
☐ Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's ☐ Other: _____

College/School:

COS

Department:

Physics and Astronomy

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Effective Term:

Fall

2017

Please note: For students to be admitted to a new degree, minor, certificate or concentration, the program must be fully approved, entered into Banner, and published in the University Catalog.

Justification: (attach separate document if necessary)

Program Title: (Required)

Title must identify subject matter. Do not include name of college/school/dept.

Concentration(s):

Admissions Standards / Application

Requirements: (Required only if different from those listed in the University Catalog)

Degree Requirements:

Consult University Catalog for models, attach separate document if necessary using track changes for modifications

Courses offered via distance:

(if applicable)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:

Existing	New/Modified
Astronomy minor	Astronomy minor
See attached.	See attached.
18 or 20	18 - 21

*For Certificates Only: Indicate whether students are able to pursue on a

☐ Full-time basis

☐ Part-time basis

Approval Signatures

Department	Date	College/School	Date	Provost's Office	Date
Required for Minors and Interdisciplinary Programs					

If this program may impact another unit or is in collaboration with another unit at Mason, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Unit Name	Unit Approval Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

For Undergraduate Programs only

Undergraduate Council Member

Provost Office

Undergraduate Council Approval Date

For Graduate Programs Only

Graduate Council Member

Provost Office

Graduate Council Approval Date

For Registrar Office's Use Only: Received _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
revised 9/2/2016

Program Proposal Submitted to the College of Science Curriculum Committee (COSCC)

The form above is processed by the Office of the University Registrar. This second page is for the COSCC's reference. Please complete the applicable portions of this page to clearly communicate what the form above is requesting.

FOR ALL PROGRAMS (required)

Program Title: Astronomy minor

Date of Departmental Approval:

FOR MODIFIED PROGRAMS (required if modifying a program)

- Summary of the Modification: In sequence 2, replace PHYS 262 with PHYS 262 or PHYS 308; add ASTR 480 to astronomy electives.
- Text before Modification (title, degree requirements, etc.):

The minor requires completion of 18 or 20 credits in physics and astronomy, with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see the [Undergraduate Policies](#) section of this catalog.

Minor Requirements

Core Courses (12 or 14 credits)

Students will take one of the following sequences listed below:

Sequence One

- [PHYS 243 - College Physics](#) Credits: 3 **and**
[PHYS 245 - College Physics](#) Credits: 3
- **or**
- [PHYS 160 - University Physics I](#) Credits: 3 **and**
[PHYS 260 - University Physics II](#) Credits: 3
- **Plus:**
- [ASTR 111 - Introductory Astronomy: The Solar System](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 112 - Introductory Astronomy Lab: The Solar System](#) Credits: 1
- [ASTR 113 - Introductory Astronomy: Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 114 - Introductory Astronomy Lab: Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe](#) Credits: 1

Sequence Two

- [PHYS 160 - University Physics I](#) Credits: 3
- [PHYS 260 - University Physics II](#) Credits: 3
- [PHYS 262 - University Physics III](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 210 - Introduction to Astrophysics](#) Credits: 3

Astronomy Electives (6 credits)

Chosen from the following:

- [ASTR 301 - Astrobiology](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 302 - Foundations of Cosmological Thought](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 328 - Stars and Interstellar Medium](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 402 - RS: Methods of Observational Astronomy](#) Credits: 4
- [ASTR 403 - Planetary Sciences](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 404 - Galaxies and Cosmology](#) Credits: 3
- [PHYS 428 - Relativity](#) Credits: 3

Minor Total: 18 or 20 credits

- Text after Modification (title, degree requirements, etc.):

The minor requires completion of 18-21 credits in physics and astronomy, with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see the [Undergraduate Policies](#) section of this catalog.

Minor Requirements

Core Courses (12 or 14 credits)

Students will take one of the following sequences listed below:

Sequence One (14 Credits)

- [PHYS 243 - College Physics](#) Credits: 3 **and**
[PHYS 245 - College Physics](#) Credits: 3

- **or**
- [PHYS 160 - University Physics I](#) Credits: 3 **and**
[PHYS 260 - University Physics II](#) Credits: 3
- **Plus:**
- [ASTR 111 - Introductory Astronomy: The Solar System](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 112 - Introductory Astronomy Lab: The Solar System](#) Credits: 1
- [ASTR 113 - Introductory Astronomy: Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 114 - Introductory Astronomy Lab: Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe](#) Credits: 1

Sequence Two (12 Credits)

- [PHYS 160 - University Physics I](#) Credits: 3
 - [PHYS 260 - University Physics II](#) Credits: 3
- Plus:
- [PHYS 262 - University Physics III](#) Credits: 3
- or**
- [PHYS 308 – Modern Physics with Applications](#) Credits: 3
- Plus:
- [ASTR 210 - Introduction to Astrophysics](#) Credits: 3

Astronomy Electives (6 or 7 credits)

Chosen from the following:

- [ASTR 301 - Astrobiology](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 302 - Foundations of Cosmological Thought](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 328 - Stars](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 402 - RS: Methods of Observational Astronomy](#) Credits: 4
- [ASTR 403 - Planetary Sciences](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 404 - Galaxies and Cosmology](#) Credits: 3
- [ASTR 480 – The Interstellar Medium](#) Credits: 3
- [PHYS 428 - Relativity](#) Credits: 3

Minor Total: 18-21 credits

- Reason for the Modification: PHYS 262 and 308 largely overlap; ASTR 480 is a new undergraduate course in a fundamental area of astronomy.
