

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GRADUATION SECTION IN THE JACKSON SCHOOL OF
GEOSCIENCES CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2016-2018***

Dean Sharon Mosher in the Jackson School of Geosciences has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *exclusive* interest to only one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 6, 2016, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by January 20, 2016.



Hillary Hart, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions. If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

How many students do you expect to be impacted?

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response: Pending

- e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain:

If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? If yes, explain:

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Program approval date: May 6, 2015

Dean's Scholars approval date (for changes to Option II): N/A

College approval date: May 6, 2015

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

GRADUATION

Special Requirements of the School

All students must fulfill the general requirements (p. 17) for graduation. Students in the Jackson School must also fulfill the following requirements:

1. All University students must have a grade point average of at least 2.00 to graduate. Jackson school students must also have a grade point average in geological science courses of at least 2.00. Students in the Geological Sciences Departmental Honors Program must have a University grade point average of at least 3.00 and a grade point average in geological science courses of at least 3.50.
2. The University requires that the student complete in residence at least sixty semester hours of the coursework counted toward the degree. For the Bachelor of Arts in Geological Sciences, these sixty hours must include at least eighteen hours in geological sciences.
- ~~2.3.~~ The University requires that at least six semester hours of advanced coursework in the major be completed in residence. Options I, II, and III of the Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences require at least eighteen hours of upper-division coursework in geological sciences to be completed in residence; ~~option~~ Option V requires at least twelve hours. (Option IV: Environmental Science and Sustainability is no longer offered.)
- ~~3. An Air Force, Army, or Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) student who elects the basic and/or advanced program in air force science, military science, or naval science will not be approved for graduation until the student's government contract is completed or the student is released from the ROTC.~~

Non-residence Coursework

~~A student in his or her final semester may not enroll concurrently at another institution in any course, including a distance education course, to be counted toward the degree. In the final semester, the student may also not~~

~~enroll by extension or correspondence in coursework to be counted toward the degree. All transfer, extension, and correspondence coursework must be added to the student's official record before his or her last semester.~~

Degree Audit

Each student should view their personal electronic degree audit available each semester through IDA, the University's Interactive Degree Audit (<http://registrar.utexas.edu/students/degrees/ida>) system. The degree audit tells the student the courses he or she must take and the requirements he or she must fulfill to receive the degree. Although the degree audit normally provides an accurate statement of requirements, the student is responsible for knowing and meeting the requirements of the degree as stated in the undergraduate catalog under which he or she is eligible to graduate; ~~(see refer to the rules on graduation under a particular catalog in *General Information*. (p. 18)).~~ Since the student is responsible for correct registration toward completion of the degree program, he or she should consult with a JSG academic advisor before registering ~~if~~ in doubt about any requirement. ~~the student should seek an official ruling in the Jackson School of Geosciences (JSG) Student Services Office before registering.~~

Ninety-hour Degree Audit

~~Upon earning ninety semester hours of credit toward the degree, each JSG student is expected to review their degree audit and schedule a ninety-hour degree audit meeting with a JSG academic advisor before the next semester's registration period begins. Failure to do so may delay the student's graduation.~~

Final Degree Audit

Prior to registering for the last semester of their Jackson School of Geosciences (JSG) degree program each JSG student must ~~meet with a JSG academic advisor to review their final degree audit. and meet with a JSG academic advisor. Students must~~ It is the student's responsibility to complete all procedures associated with the final degree audit in a timely manner.

Any student who does not graduate when eligible must promptly contact the JSG Student Services Office. An academic adviser will advise the student what steps are needed for future registration and graduation.

Applying for Graduation

Students must be registered at the University and must file a graduation application form in the JSG Student Services Office the first semester they are eligible to graduate. A student is considered eligible to graduate if he or she can complete all degree requirements by registering for twelve semester hours or fewer. Graduation applications should be submitted during the first week of classes. No graduation applications will be accepted after the University's published deadline. ~~and no degree will be conferred unless the graduation application form is filed on time.~~ Failure to adhere to these procedures and deadlines will jeopardize the student's potential graduation as well as future registration in the Jackson School.

Commencement

In addition to the University commencement ceremony held each spring, the Jackson School holds graduation ceremonies in December and May. Students graduating with University Honors, School Honors and Jackson Scholars are recognized at this ceremony.

Summer Graduates

August degree candidates who have completed a final degree audit may participate in the spring Jackson School commencement ceremony preceding their official graduation date. In addition to completing a final degree audit, Students completing their degree requirements in the summer session have the option of "walking" in the spring Jackson School of Geosciences Commencement ceremony preceding their official graduate date. To be eligible, students must complete a final degree audit and submit an application to walk in the ceremony by the published deadlines. Neither the application to walk nor participation in any commencement events constitute applying to graduate or official completion of a degree program