PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BA PLAN I, ASTRONOMY MAJOR IN THE COLLEGE OF
NATURAL SCIENCES SECTION IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2018-2020

Dean Linda A. Hicke in the College of Natural Sciences has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following proposal to change the Bachelor of Arts, Plan I, Astronomy major in the College of Natural Sciences chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020. On February 10, 2017, the Astronomy Executive Undergraduate Studies Committee approved the proposal. On September 6, 2017, the Course and Curriculum Committee and Associate Dean David Vanden Bout, on behalf of Dean Hicke, approved it. The Secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the proposal on February 2, 2018, and forwarded it 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 the Provost on behalf of the President.

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 March 8, 2018.

Alan W. Friedman, Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Council
The University of Texas at Austin
Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature

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Type of Change  ☑ Academic Change  ☐ Degree Program Change (THECB form required)

Proposed classification:  ☑ Exclusive  ☐ General  ☐ Major

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACSCOC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.

   - Is this a new degree program?  Yes ☐ No ☑
   - Is this program being deleted?  Yes ☐ No ☑
   - Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus?  Yes ☐ No ☑
   - Will courses in this program be delivered electronically?  Yes ☐ No ☑

2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:

   Remove AST 364 and add AST 364P, Planetary Systems, to the list of approved courses from which students select 2 classes. 

   Reason: The Registrar required the department to retire AST 364, Solar System Astronomy, and replace it with AST 364P, Planetary Systems, when the department attempted to update the title of AST 364. No change in content.

3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES (Please check all that apply)

   ☑ Courses in other colleges
   ☐ Courses in proposer’s college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges
   ☑ Flags
   ☐ Course in the core curriculum
   ☐ Change in course sequencing for an existing program
   ☐ Courses that have to be added to the inventory
   ☐ Change in admission requirements (external or internal)
   ☐ Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office)

4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE

   a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools?  Yes ☑ No ☐
      If yes, then how would you do so?

   b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college?  Yes ☑ No ☐
      If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?

   c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college?  Yes ☑ No ☐
      If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

   d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges?  Yes ☑ No ☐
      If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

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:

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?

Note: THECB Semester Credit Hour Change Form required, download from URL:

If yes, explain:

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date: February 10, 2017  Astronomy Executive Undergraduate Studies Committee

College approval date: September 6, 2017  Course and Curriculum Committee

Dean approval date: September 6, 2017  David Vanden Bout, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

BACHELOR OF ARTS, PLAN I

{no changes}

Prescribed Work
{no changes}

Electives
{no changes}

Majors and Additional Coursework
{no changes}

Major Requirements
{no changes}

Additional Coursework
{no changes}

Astronomy

Major

The following coursework is required:

1. Physics 301 and 101L
2. Physics 316 and 116L (Prerequisites: Physics 301 and 101L)
3. Physics 315 and 115L (Prerequisites: Physics 316 and 116L)
4. Nine semester hours of upper-division coursework in astronomy, including at least two of the following courses: Astronomy 352K, 352L, 353, 358, [364] 364P
5. Six additional upper-division hours in astronomy and/or physics

**Additional Coursework**

{no changes}