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Office of Academic Affairs
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Re: Astronomy Undergraduate Major Program Under Semesters

Dear colleagues,

The Department of Astronomy offers three degree programs:

Bachelor of Science with a major in Astronomy;
Bachelor of Science with a minor in Astronomy; and
Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy.

The Department also awards a Master's of Science in Astronomy to student who complete the required graduate core courses and pass an oral examination, usually the same examination that admits students to candidacy for the PhD; students are not admitted for a Master's degree only, so we do not list this as a separate program.

Curricular changes are made through the Department's standing Curriculum Committee upon approval by the entire regular faculty. In the current conversion to semesters, the Curriculum Committee did not recommend any changes to the undergraduate major program because the current curriculum is deemed to be academically sound, up to date, and will transfer transparently to a semester schedule.

As chair of the Department, I recommend approval of the undergraduate major program as submitted here.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley M. Peterson".

Bradley M. Peterson
Professor and Chair

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