

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 6 (ATMS): Exclude ATMS 381-3, 490 and 499 from the minor in Atmospheric Sciences

Effective Date: Fall 2017

1. Delete: On page 90, description for the **Minor in Atmospheric Sciences:**

A minimum of 20 hours in Atmospheric Sciences with at least 6 hours at the 100-200 level and at least 6 hours at the 300-400 levels.

Add: On page 90, description for the **Minor in Atmospheric Sciences:**

A minimum of 20 hours in Atmospheric Sciences to include at least 6 hours at the 100-200 level and at least 6 hours at the 300-400 level. ATMS 381-3, 490 and 499 may not be used to fulfill requirements for the minor.

Impact: Changes to the description for the minor in atmospheric sciences will have no impact on current students, funding, or staffing needs.

Rationale: Credit for ATMS 381–3 (cooperative education) and ATMS 490 (professional and technical internship) is awarded for successful completion of off-campus internships. Credit for ATMS 499 (undergraduate research in atmospheric sciences) is awarded each semester for participation in either independent- or faculty-led research projects. At present, it remains possible for students to earn a minor in atmospheric sciences through repeatedly enrolling in ATMS 381–3, ATMS 490, or ATMS 499, without completing any of the traditional and rigorous upper-level courses offered by the department. The faculty in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences believe that this approach defeats the purpose and spirit of a minor. We therefore wish to exclude ATMS 381–3, ATMS 490, and ATMS 499 from consideration as upper-level courses that will satisfy the minor requirement. This change will require students wishing to earn a minor in the atmospheric sciences to complete traditional coursework. All faculty in the atmospheric sciences department are in agreement with this proposal.