

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 14 (ATMS): **Change requirements for minor in Atmospheric Sciences**

Effective Date: Fall 2020

1. Delete: On page 84, the first paragraph under **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 level. ATMS 381-3, 490 and 499 may not be used to fulfill requirements for the minor.

Add: On page 84, in place of deleted entry:

A minimum of 19 hours in Atmospheric Sciences with 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 Statement: The proposed change lowers the number of credit hours required for the ATMS minor. There are no anticipated impacts to ATMS faculty workload or resources. There are no anticipated impacts to university resources.

Rationale: This proposal is driven by the creation of two new courses, ATMS 203 and 204, that replace ATMS 205, 241, 251, and 261. ATMS 203 and 204 are two (2) credit hour courses and will be completed by most if not all ATMS minors. As most of the remaining courses in the major are three (3) credit hour courses, students completing the minor will be required to take seven (7) total courses to reach 19 credit hours. If the requirement remained 20 hours, students would have to take an additional course. Essentially, this change allows the curriculum to be more accessible to students.