



# Course Approval Form

For approval of new courses and deletions or modifications to an existing course.

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### Action Requested:

Create new course       Inactivate existing course

Modify existing course (check all that apply)

Title       Credits       Repeat Status       Grade Type

Prereq/coreq       Schedule Type       Restrictions

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Course Level:

Undergraduate

Graduate

College/School:  Department:

Submitted by:  Ext:  Email:

Subject Code:  Number:  Effective Term:  Fall       Spring       Summer

(Do not list multiple codes or numbers. Each course proposal must have a separate form.)

Year:

Title: Current

Banner (30 characters max including spaces)

New

Credits: (check one)  Fixed  or  Variable  to

Repeat Status: (check one)  Not Repeatable (NR)       Repeatable within degree (RD)       Maximum credits allowed:

Repeatable within term (RT)

Grade Mode: (check one)  Regular (A, B, C, etc.)       Satisfactory/No Credit       Special (A, B, C, etc. +IP)

Schedule Type: (check one)  Lecture (LEC)       Lab (LAB)       Recitation (RCT)       Internship (INT)

Independent Study (IND)       Seminar (SEM)       Studio (STU)

Prerequisite(s):

Corequisite(s):

Instructional Mode:

100% face-to-face

Hybrid: ≤ 50% electronically delivered

100% electronically delivered

Restrictions Enforced by System: Major, College, Degree, Program, etc. Include Code.

Are there equivalent course(s)?

Yes       No

If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

### Catalog Copy for NEW Courses Only (Consult University Catalog for models)

Description (No more than 60 words, use verb phrases and present tense)	Notes (List additional information for the course)
Reading and research on a specific topic in astronomy, astrophysics, or related field under direction of faculty member.	
Indicate number of contact hours: _____	Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: <input type="text" value="1-12"/> Hours of Lab or Studio: <input type="text"/>
When Offered: (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring	

## Approval Signatures

Department Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ College/School Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If this course includes subject matter currently dealt with by any other units, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Unit Name	Unit Approval Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

### For Graduate Courses Only

Graduate Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ Provost Office \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Council Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Registrar Office's Use Only: Banner \_\_\_\_\_ Catalog \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Rationale for Proposal**

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ASTR 796 is the standard research credits course taken by our PhD/MS students with an astronomy/astrophysics focus. Currently, interested students can register between 1 to 6 credits of ASTR 796 per semester. Corresponding, our PhD/MS students with a focus in physics can register for the Direct Reading and Research course (PHYS 796) up to a maximum of 12 credits per semester. In order to bring these two parallel research courses up to parity with each other, the School would like to increase the variable credits count for ASTR 796 to 1-12 per semester.

