



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 delete existing course

Modify existing course (check all that apply)

Title Credits Repeat Status Grade Type

Prereq/coreq Schedule Type Restrictions

Other: Updated course description

Course Level:

Undergraduate

Graduate

College/School: College of Science Department: SPACS

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Subject Code: ASTR Number: 790 Effective Term: Fall Spring Summer

(Do not list multiple codes or numbers. Each course proposal must have a separate form.) Year: 2015

Title: Current Advanced Topics in Astronomy and Astrophysics

Banner (30 characters max including spaces) _____

New Topics in Astronomy and Astrophysics

Credits: (check one) Fixed _____ Variable 1 to 6

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

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): Graduate standing and permission of instructor 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)
Topics from recent theoretical or observational developments and applications not covered in fixed-content astronomy and astrophysics courses	
Indicate number of contact hours: _____ Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: <u>0-6</u> Hours of Lab or Studio: <u>0</u>	
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 _____

Justification:

In combining the two existing special topic courses in astronomy and astrophysics (ASTR 769 and ASTR 790), the new single special topic course ASTR 790 will have a broader title and description without the “advanced” quantifier.