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MEMORANDUM

To: Assistant/Associate Deans for Curriculum

From: Dr. Barbara C. Steidle, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Education
and Academic Services

Subject: Implementation of the Integrative Studies Policy: Requests for Alternative
Tracks in General Science*

The January 15, 1991, action of the Academic Council approving the policy document on Integrative Studies paves the way for alternative track requests by appropriate academic units. In accordance with the procedure defined in the policy statement, such requests are to be submitted by departments/schools to their College Curriculum Committees and Deans. Upon approval, the Dean will then route the request through the College of Natural Science, where it will be reviewed by the College Curriculum Committee for conformity with the principles specified for justification of such a request.



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The attached form is geared to the principles, which are themselves intended to honor the spirit of the Integrative Studies requirement. For your convenience, Section 5 of the Policy document, regarding alternative courses, is attached. Please use the form for submission at all levels of the curricular approval process. The complete Policy Statement and the **Principles and Criteria for Integrative Studies Courses, Biological and Physical Sciences**, are attached for your information.

Attachments:

1. REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE TRACK TO INTEGRATIVE STUDIES IN GENERAL SCIENCE form.
2. Sheet headed Integrative Studies Policy, January 10, 1991, section 5.
3. Sheet headed COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE: **Proposed Guidelines for Review of Request for Alternate Track Option in Natural Science.**
4. **Principles and Criteria for Integrative Studies.**

5. **GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA FOR THE INTEGRATIVE STUDIES PROGRAM AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.**
6. **Principles and Criteria for Integrative Studies Courses, Biological and Physical Sciences (2 pages).**

*IMPORTANT NOTE: This memorandum is being issued as a update of the memorandum to Assistant/Associate Deans for Curriculum from Dr. James B. Hamilton, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Education, and Dr. Barbara C. Steidle, Assistant Provost for Academic Services, re Implementation of the Integrative Studies Policy: Requests for Alternative Tracks in General Science dated January 31, 1991, and attachments.

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