UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – EXPEDITED COURSE CHANGE PROPOSAL
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Submitted by: Nicole Crowder | Date Prepared: 8/21/13
Department/Discipline and Course Number: CHEM 212
Course Title: Organic Chemistry I, II with Laboratory

Type of change (check all applicable):
Course Number* _____ Title _____ Credits _____ Description _____ Prerequisites ___ X ___ Deletion _____
*This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.

Effective Date: FALL Semester, Year _2014_______________________________

Current Catalog Entry | Proposed Catalog Entry
211,212 – Organic Chemistry I, II (4, 4) Prerequisite: CHEM 112. The comprehensive study of the structure and reactivity of carbon compounds. Laboratory. Only in sequence. | 211,212 – Organic Chemistry I, II (4, 4) Prerequisite: a grade of C or better in CHEM 112. The comprehensive study of the structure and reactivity of carbon compounds. Laboratory. Only in sequence with a grade of C or better in CHEM 211.

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)
This change is necessary to ensure that students continuing on in chemistry have a strong enough background to be successful in future courses. We have seen that students who perform poorly in CHEM 211 continue to perform poorly in CHEM 212. Students who do not perform well in lower level courses will not be very successful in future courses given the vertically building nature of the discipline and likely will not be successful in the major or minor if they continue on in it, especially in maintaining the required major GPA of 2.0. In addition, many students who are taking this course as part of a pre-professional program (pre-med, pre-dent, pre-pharm, etc.) need to attain this level of proficiency in this course in order to be successful with their future plans.

This will not impact any general education courses. It impacts both chemistry majors (regular and ACS certified) and the chemistry minor. Students will have to retake CHEM 112 and/or CHEM 211 if they do not earn a C in it, so it may cause some students to need to retake these courses.

TRANSITION PLAN (describe how will students who are in Catalogs where the course is required for a major be accommodated; attach additional pages if required)
Students who have passed CHEM 112 before this change goes into effect will be allowed to continue on to CHEM 211 even if they did not earn a C. Those students will have to get permission of the department to be able to register for CHEM 211 to override the pre-requisite in the Banner system.
Students who have passed CHEM 211 before this change goes into effect will be allowed to continue on to CHEM 212 even if they did not earn a C. Those students will have to get permission of the department to be able to register for CHEM 212 to override the pre-requisite in the Banner system.

Approvals
Department Chair ___ Leanna Giancarlo ___ Date: ___8/21/13_______
College Curriculum Chair ________ ________ Date:________________________

Expedited course changes are posted for a 10-class day comment period. If no comments are raised during that time, the proposal becomes final. All expedited proposals approved in this way will be noted on the UCC web site.

If comments are raised, the proposal may be reviewed by the UCC and then approved or it may be returned to the CCC for additional deliberation (as required).

Expedited Course Change Cover Sheet (July 2013)