

SPECIAL REPORT

of the

GRADUATE COUNCIL

concerning a

NAME CHANGE OF THE MASTER'S PROGRAM
FROM THE
“MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS”
TO THE
“MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY”

Presented at the
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Through an electronic vote conducted on Thursday, April 20, 2017, the Graduate Council unanimously approved the Name Change of the Master’s Program from the “Master of Arts (M.A.) in Communication Disorders” to the “Master of Arts (M.A.) in Speech-Language Pathology,” Proposal #3990 in the Course and Curriculum Management System.

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve the Name Change of the Master’s Program from the 31-17 “Master of Arts (M.A.) in Communication Disorders” to the “Master of Arts (M.A.) in Speech-Language Pathology,” as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 17-079.

Please describe your proposal.

We propose to change the name of our master's program from the "M.A. in Communication Disorders" to the "M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology." This is the only change we are proposing (i.e., there are no proposed changes to the curriculum).

Please describe the existing program requirements, listing all required courses and available electives, as well as any additional requirements, and continuation or admissions policies.

N/A. Faculty Senate staff suggested it is not necessary for us to provide this information as we are simply asking for a name change and no changes in degree requirements are proposed.

Please describe the requirements that you are proposing, listing course requirements, elective options, as well as any additional requirements, and continuation or admissions policies.

N/A.

Please provide the rationale for these revisions.

We are requesting the change in degree name for the following reason. Historically, students in our M.A. program could concentrate their studies in either speech-language pathology or audiology. However, approximately 10 years ago, the entry-level degree for audiology changed to the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree. Consequently, we have been offering the Au.D. program since then. The only students who earn an M.A. in our department now are those who will become speech-language pathologists. Therefore, we would like their degree to reflect their specialization, as is the case at most all other speech-language pathology master's programs.

If this proposal requires no additional resources, say so and briefly explain why. If this proposal requires additional resources, explain how they will be paid for. For proposals involving instruction, indicate how many new enrollments are expected and whether the courses have room to accommodate them.

This proposal requires no additional resources.