

UC 10471 09F

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Undergraduate Council

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Degree Programs Committee: Programs

SUBJECT: UC 10336 09F – Restating the General Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts or
Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders

DATE: October 14, 2009

The Committee met on Wednesday, October 14 to review a proposal from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. The purpose of this proposal was to clarify the current degree requirements for both the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Sciences degrees as well as to clarify the requirements for a minor in the field. Participating in the consideration of this proposal were Betty Barr, Roger Blakeney, Miranda Bennett, Debbie Hermann, Iain Morrison and Richard Scamell. Martha Dunkelberger attended the meeting as a guest.

Discussion

Other than rewording and repositioning of the current requirements in the catalogue, two changes have been made – one to the major and one to the minor

1. COMD 1333: Introduction to Communication Disorders has been added to the list of courses required for the major. This course has always been required for the major but was removed from the catalogue two years ago because it can be waived on a case-by-case basis. Since the majority of students do not come to the major with a background in communication disorders, the department wishes to explicitly include the course as a requirement for the major **in the catalogue** once again.
2. Reference to PHYS 2340: Science of Sound has removed as an option for students with a minor in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The sixteen hour minor (not fifteen hours as currently stated in the catalogue) includes the following courses:
 - COMD 2339: Speech and Language Development
 - COMD 2139: Speech and Language Development Lab
 - COMD 3381: Fundamentals of Audiology
 - COMD 3301: Deaf Culture
 - COMD 4382: Aural Rehabilitation
 - COMD 2376: Anatomy and Physiology of Communication or COMD 2385: Speech Science

Both the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders degrees are 120 hour programs and require (a) completion of 47 semester hours for the major, (b) completion of the 42 semester hour University core (there are twelve hours of double counting between the COMD degree requirements and the University core requirements), (c) completion of either the six semester hour foreign language requirement (BA degree) or six semester hour formal sciences/math reasoning requirement (BS) degree, (d) completion of nine semester hours across three fields in CLASS, and (e) completion of a minor of from 15 to 20 semester hours. The difference between 120 and the total number of semester credit hours taken by the student to meet requirements (a) through (e) comes in the form of electives.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that UC 10336 09F be supported.

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