

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

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Department: Linguistics and Cognitive Science email address 2924

Date: 10/29/09

Action: doctoral degree name change
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term 10F
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree PhD Linguistics
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: PhD Linguistics and Cognitive Science
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: PhD Linguistics and Cognitive Science
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: _____
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: _____
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: see attached
(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: PhD Linguistics and Cognitive Science
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter "None")

None

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education:

<http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

N/A

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

None.

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

The change in name of the Phd Degree is designed to reflect actual practices that currently exist in the department. Linguistics is a major branch of cognitive science. In 2006 Adams and Andreasan joined the department from Philosophy, and in 2007 Hestvik and Heinz joined the department. With these additional faculty members, the department builds on existing strengths in theoretical and descriptive linguistics (syntax, semantics, phonology, phonetics), especially from the perspective of underdescribed and endangered languages, while expanding faculty expertise into additional areas of cognitive science (experimental psycholinguistics, computational linguistics, animal and embodied cognition). Like the faculty, students are now working in Linguistics and Cognitive Science, and so the name of the degree reflects what they are actually doing.

Also, in 2004 the MA in Linguistics was changed to a MA in Linguistics and Cognitive Science. In Fall 2007 the department changed its name to Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, and established a undergraduate program in Linguistics and Cognitive Science.

The change from three required 800 level seminars to four brings the catalog language in line with the official grad policy, which is now in line with actual requirements. Likewise, the changes in requirements for admission for foreign students also brings the catalog language in line with actual requirements. These changes are independent of the name change.

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

see attached catalog language and grad policy language

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson Fred Adams Date 10.29.09
 Dean of College _____ Date _____
 Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____
 Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____
 Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____
 Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____
 Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____
 Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____
 Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs _____ Date _____
 Provost _____ Date _____
 Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____

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