

## **PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY TO ESTABLISH AN UNDERGRADUATE MINOR**

### **Title of the proposed minor:**

Proposed undergraduate Minor in Speech and Hearing Science for the Department of  
Speech and Hearing Science, College of Applied Health Sciences

### **Sponsoring unit:**

College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS)  
Department of Speech and Hearing Science (SHS)  
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### **Brief description of the program of study:**

The undergraduate Speech and Hearing Science Minor is designed for students who seek a basic familiarity with the physical, behavioral, biological, and social aspects of human communication. The minor is tailored to each student's individual needs, thus accommodating students from different disciplines across the campus. There are no prerequisite courses for the minor.

### **Justification:**

The undergraduate Speech and Hearing Science Minor offers enhanced knowledge of the physical, behavioral, biological and social foundations of human communication. Courses on communication disability and rehabilitation are also available. The flexibility in the minor makes it appropriate for student from different disciplines from across the campus. Students completing this minor will be cognizant of the broad and profound impact that communication and communication disorders have on the individual and society.

### **Budgetary and Staff Implications:**

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed: No new faculty or staff are needed as all didactic and laboratory courses involved in the minor are established.
- b. Internal reallocations (e.g. change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc): Enrollments in the department's undergraduate program have grown steadily during the past 10 years, and are targeted in the department's strategic plan for increased enrollments for the next 10 years. The department has prepared for this increase by doubling the number of full-time Ph.D. faculty in the past 7 years, and reducing tenured and tenure-track faculty teaching loads from 4 courses a year to 3. Given the current trends and growth initiatives, additional

enrollments related to the minor will not require significant reallocations or adversely affect student-faculty ratios.

- c. Effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments: This minor involves courses only in the Department of Speech and Hearing Science, and should not have significant effects on enrollments in other departments.
- d. Impact on library, computer use, and laboratory use, equipment, etc.: The department's library, computer, laboratory, and instructional equipment resources have been developed to support the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs of the department, and are adequate to support the needs of the minor.

### **Requirements:**

Students are advised to consult with the Undergraduate Advisor for the Department of Speech and Hearing Science regarding course selection, course sequencing, and overall planning of the minor. The number of required hours for the minor is 17-19.

<u>Hours*</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
3	SHS 170-Hum Comm: Sys, Proc & Disorders
6-7	<b>Select two of the following:</b> SHS 222-Language&Culture Deaf Communities SHS 240-Intro Sound & Hearing Science SHS 300-Anat & Physiol Spch Mechanism SHS 320-Development of Spoken Language
8-9	<b>Eight to Nine additional hours of speech and hearing science courses chosen from the following list:</b> SHS 120-Child, Comm, & Lang Ability SHS 171-Evolution of Human Comm SHS 200-General Phonetics SHS 271-Communication and Aging SHS 301-General Speech Science SHS 410-Introduction to Stuttering SHS 411-Intro to Voice Disorders SHS 427-Language and the Brain SHS 450-Intro Audiol & Hear Disorders SHS 451-Aural Rehab Children to Adults SHS 470-Neural Bases Spch Lang SHS 473-Augmentative & Alt Comm
17-19	

\* Students must take at least six credit hours of speech and hearing science courses at the 300 or 400 levels.

**Prerequisites for the minor:** No prerequisites are required for this minor.

**Expected enrollment in the minor:** The flexible requirements and small number of prerequisites should make this minor attractive. Enrollment is expected to be around 15 to 20 students each academic year.


**Admission to the minor:** The Department of SHS will manage admission to the Speech and Hearing Science Minor.

**Minor Advisor:** The Undergraduate Advisor for SHS majors will be available to advise all students in the Speech and Hearing Science minor.

**Certification of successful completion:** The College of AHS will certify completion of the minor by AHS majors. Students from other colleges will be certified by their home college.

**CLEARANCES:**

  
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Head, Department of Speech and Hearing Science

  
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Dean, College of Applied Health Sciences

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Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee

**Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2009

**Statement for the Programs of Study Catalog:**

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