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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education for a new minor in American Sign Language will be an agenda item for the March 26, 2021, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. **School/College:** Mary Frances Early College of Education

2. **Department/Division:** Communication Sciences and Special Education

3. **Minor Name:** American Sign Language

4. **Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2021

5. **Which campus(es) will offer this program:** Athens

6. **Program Description:**
   The minor in American Sign Language (ASL) is designed to support students' advanced language knowledge and skills in ASL, competence in the linguistic structure of ASL, and understanding of the status of ASL as the language of the Deaf culture in the United States. Competency in ASL is a natural complement for students interested in education, human services, speech/audiology, as well as a variety of therapeutic and other professional careers. ASL and spoken languages have many similarities and differences which enable the appreciation of the diversity of human language.

   The educational objectives of the American Sign Language (ASL) minor are to:
   a) Demonstrate the ability to formulate grammatically appropriate discourse in a variety of communication contexts using ASL.
   b) Demonstrate the importance of communicating, including parameters, ASL grammar structure when signing.
   c) Demonstrate and appreciate aspects of the sociolinguistics of individuals utilizing ASL (this demonstration and appreciation includes those who are not deaf/hard of hearing but who rely on ASL to communicate).
   d) Detail the history, present status, and future prospects of ASL, including relationships in phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics of ASL.
   e) Apply the knowledge and understanding about Deaf History and Deaf Culture.
   f) Compare, contrast, and interpret differences and commonalities among Deaf and hearing cultures.

7. **Program of Study:**
   A minimum grade of "C" (2.0) is required in minor coursework. All upper-level work must be taken in residence.

   Total Hours Required for Minor - 15 hours

   Required Courses – 12 hours
   - AMSL 2010 or AMSL 2010E, American Sign Language III (3 hours)
   - AMSL 2020 or AMSL 2020E, American Sign Language IV (3 hours)
   - AMSL 3000, Deaf Studies (3 hours) *(New)*
   - AMSL 4010, Peer Learning Assistants in American Sign Language (3 hours)

Elective Courses – Choose 3 hours from the following

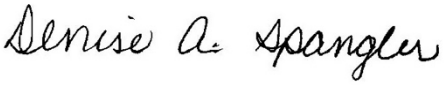
- (CMSD)(LING) 3120, Study of Language Development (3 hours)
- LING 3150 or LING 3150W, Generative Syntax (3 hours)
- LING 3350, Language, Mind, and Brain (3 hours)
- LING 4175/6175, Second Language Acquisition (3 hours)

8. Approvals:



Communication Sciences & Special Education 12/4/2020

Department Head **Department** **Date**



Mary Frances Early College of Education 12-15-2020

Dean **School/College** **Date**

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Minor in American Sign Language

College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department: Communication Sciences and Special Education

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2021

Department:

- Communication Sciences and Special Education Department Head, Dr. Cynthia Vail, 11/17/20

School/College:

- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 12/15/20
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 12/16/20

Use of Course Notification:

- Linguistics Department Head, Dr. Keith Langston, 2/8/21

Proposal Notification:

- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean, Dr. Nick Place, 2/23/21
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Josef Broder, 2/23/21
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Assistant Dean, Dr. Douglas Bailey, 2/23/21
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Dr. Alan Dorsey, 2/23/21
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 2/23/21
- Terry College of Business Dean, Dr. Benjamin Ayers, 2/23/21
- Terry College of Business Associate Dean, Dr. Henry Munneke, 2/23/21
- Terry College of Business Associate Dean, Dr. Mike Pfarrer, 2/23/21
- Odum School of Ecology Dean, Dr. John Gittleman, 2/23/21
- Odum School of Ecology Associate Dean, Dr. John Drake, 2/23/21
- College of Engineering Dean, Dr. Donald Leo, 2/23/21
- College of Engineering Associate Dean, Dr. Ramaraja Ramasamy, 2/23/21
- College of Environment and Design Dean, Dr. Sonia Hirt, 2/23/21
- College of Environment and Design Associate Dean, Ms. Ashley Steffens, 2/23/21
    - *No concerns with proposal*
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Dean, Dr. Linda Kirk Fox, 2/23/21
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Sheri Worthy, 2/23/21
- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Dean, Dr. Dale Greene, 2/23/21

- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Associate Dean, Dr. Robert Bringolf, 2/23/21
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean, Dr. Charles Davis, 2/24/21
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Associate Dean, Dr. Maria Len-Rios, 2/24/21
- School of Law Dean, Mr. Peter "Bo" Rutledge, 2/23/21
- School of Law Associate Dean, Mr. Randy Beck, 2/23/21
- College of Pharmacy Dean, Dr. Kelly Smith, 22/23/21
    - *No concerns with proposal*
- College of Pharmacy Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Duc Do, 2/23/21
- College of Public Health Dean, Dr. Marsha Davis, 2/23/21
- College of Public Health Associate Dean, Dr. Erin Lipp, 2/23/21
- School of Public and International Affairs Dean, Dr. Matthew Auer, 2/23/21
- School of Public and International Affairs Associate Dean, Dr. John Maltese, 2/23/21
- School of Social Work Dean, Dr. Anna Scheyett, 2/23/21
- School of Social Work Associate Dean, Dr. Shari Miller, 2/23/21
- College of Veterinary Medicine Dean, Dr. Lisa Nolan, 2/23/21
- College of Veterinary Medicine Associate Dean, Dr. Andrew Parks, 2/23/21