

**ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
DISCIPLINES LIST REVISION PROPOSALS**

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Information for Proposed Disciplines List Changes

Italics indicate a proposed addition -- ~~Strikeout~~ indicates a proposed deletion

Notation of "Senate" or department name after listing of position indicates that the college senate or department took a position; otherwise position is that of an individual.

SECTION I: REVISIONS TO DISCIPLINES (MASTER'S)

PROPOSAL #1:

Proposed Revision Discipline: Communication Studies

Organization: El Camino College Academic Senate

Current Minimum Qualifications:

Master's degree in speech, speech broadcasting, telecommunications, rhetoric, communication, communication studies, speech communication, or organizational communication

OR

bachelor's degree in any of the above AND master's degree in drama/theater arts, mass communication, or English

OR

the equivalent.

Proposed Change:

Master's degree in ~~speech, speech broadcasting, telecommunications, rhetoric, communication, communication studies, or speech communication, or organizational communication~~

~~OR~~

~~bachelor's degree in any of the above AND master's degree in drama/theater arts, mass communication, or English~~

~~OR~~

~~the equivalent.~~

Rationale:

Communication Studies faculty believe that to ensure the integrity of our programs and the reputation for academic rigor we have, there needs to be established qualifications beyond the current minimum qualifications for Communications Studies.

Communication Studies (Speech Communication) has evolved from the time of the original Minimum Qualifications and is now a well-established and unique discipline, and that some of the disciplines listed in the current Minimum Qualifications are no longer "reasonably related." Therefore, it is now time to reevaluate the Minimum Qualifications and to align them with the current state of the discipline.

Consultation with Professional Organization

This proposal has been presented to the Community College Interest Group of the Western States Communication Association and sent to the list serve of key

Communication Studies Faculty of all the California Community Colleges. It has been slightly revised from the original proposal because there are some degrees from Communication Studies Departments that may have different titles than Communication Studies. It has received overwhelming support.

Acknowledging the Changes to Communication Studies

There have been many changes to the discipline since the last update of the Minimum Qualifications. This was acknowledged in a document “Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges, January 2006” by Carole Bogue-Feinour, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs Division, System Office, California Community Colleges. Which says in part:

Technical Changes: Change Speech Communication to Communication Studies (Speech Communication) on the master’s list.

Four-year universities have changed their department title of “Speech” or “Speech Communication” to “Communication” or “Communication Studies” in order to better represent the full field of study. The discipline description is broader and includes courses in behavioral sciences, critical thinking, theory, and other areas. The previous title is retained in parentheses for information, because it is presently still used by a majority of community colleges. Therefore, the Minimum Qualifications for Communication Studies should be changed to be consistent with the current full field of study.

The only degrees that we are confident qualifies faculty to teach in California Community Colleges Communication Studies Departments are those granted by Communication, Communication Studies and Speech Communication Departments in those disciplines.

SECTION 2: REVISIONS TO DISCIPLINES (NON-MASTER’S)

PROPOSAL #A:

Proposed Revision Discipline: Public Safety

Organization: Crafton Hills College Academic Senate

Current Minimum Qualifications:

Add new discipline.

Proposed Change:

Any bachelor’s degree and two years of professional experience, or an associate’s degree and six years of professional experience.

Rationale:

In May 2016 Crafton Hills College and Moreno Valley College provided a workshop where emergency medical services personnel, fire-fighters, and law enforcement officers came together for an intensive week long facilitator workshop provided by the

International Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Institute. As a result of the workshop, four courses were proposed to provide the materials to emergency personnel in the region. As these courses were not exclusive to any individual discipline, it was agreed that these courses would be offered under the discipline Public Safety at Crafton Hills College. At the final drafting stage for the curriculum it was discovered that the discipline Public Safety does not exist within official documents.

The term “Public Safety” is commonly used to collectively identify the distinct disciplines of Emergency Medical Services, Fire Technology, Law Enforcement, Disaster Management, and other high risk providers. Public Safety is the fusion of those activities and functional synthesis of these groups which must come together to adapt to unstable time compressed environments with reliable structures and processes. This inter-operability is critical for the responders and event.

Varied definitions of public safety and functional aspects were identified during the discovery process. The definitions generally ranged from the personnel who provided Public Safety, whether these were firefighters, emergency medical personnel or law enforcement to some process, activity, or outcome. There were as well instructional activities which had some overtone of these ideas or providers. The Public Safety dispatcher courses across California Community Colleges were the most telling.

There is a value that public safety exists. There seems to be a group of people and processes that provide public safety. However, this value, the personnel, and the functions do not have a recognized discipline for exploration, education, or evaluation. Therefore, the purpose of this proposal is to create the discipline PUBLIC SAFETY with all of the surrounding scientific activities.

Testimonies:

Testimonies can be in the form of written email, letters sent to the ASCCC Office, or oral testimonies made by individuals at the Fall 2016 Plenary Session.

<u>Name</u>	<u>College/Organization</u>	<u>Testimony</u>	<u>Position</u>
Richard Resurreccion	International Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Institute	Support	Board of Directors
Robert Brode	College of the Canyons	Oppose	Individual