

FORM B

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO
PROGRAM PROPOSAL



Academic Unit: Spec. Ed., Rehab., and Sch. Psych. Date of Submission to College Dean: _____

Requested Effective: Fall Spring _____ Year 2007

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Title of the Program: Bachelor of Arts Degree in American Sign Language/Deaf Studies

TYPE OF PROGRAM PROPOSAL:

- _____ Modification in Existing Program
 - _____ Substantive Change
 - _____ Non Substantive Change
 - _____ Deletion of Existing Program
- New Programs
 - _____ Initiation (Projection) of New Program onto Master Plan
 - New Degree Programs
 - _____ Regular Process
 - _____ Fast Track Process
 - Pilot Process
 - _____ New Minor, Concentration, Option Specialization, Emphasis
 - _____ New Certificate Program

PLEASE NOTE: Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic programs.

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.

This proposal is for a major in ASL/Deaf Studies within the Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation & School Psychology. There is a need for people with signing skills to become interpreters, teachers, counselors, audiologists, etc. working with the deaf. These people require background knowledge and training in sign language and the Deaf community in order to properly do their jobs within the sociocultural context. Currently, there are no such degree programs in northern California providing this educational background. In addition, with new legislation to take effect in the next several years, persons working as sign language interpreters at the K-12 level must earn a Bachelor's degree in order to remain certified, and this major will help these interpreters meet their certification requirements, while improving their skills and knowledge related to their field.

Approvals:

Department Chair: [Signature] Date: 9/9/05

College Dean: Michael [Signature] Date: 5/3/06

University Committee: [Signature] Date: 5/8/07

Associate Vice President For Academic Affairs: [Signature] Date: 5/9/07