Please attach/submit additional documents as needed to fully complete each section of the form. See information about Level I Proposals.

I. DEPARTMENT / PROGRAM

Communicative Sciences and Disorders

II. SUMMARY

Communicative Sciences and Disorders (CSD) is a department housed in the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences. Currently it boasts bachelor and master degree programs. This proposal would increase the department offerings by including a minor. Attached is a document that outlines 12 credits of lower division core requirements and 4 course options to satisfy the 6 credit upper division electives resulting in an 18 credit minor. One of the core courses, Linguistics 270, is part of the Anthropology Department housed in the College of Humanities and Sciences. The CSD department feels strongly that understanding linguistics is integral to the comprehension of the various aspects of communication. The proposed CSD minor is commensurate with other minor offerings on the University of Montana campus.

III. ENDORSEMENTS AND APPROVALS

Requestor: Jennifer Schoffer Clossen
Signature ____________________ Date 9/24/15

Phone/Email: 406-243-5261, jennifer.clossen@mso.umt.edu

Program Chair: Amy Glaspey
Signature ____________________ Date 9/25/15

*Other Affected Programs:

Anthropology

Linguistics

Signature ____________________ Date 9-30-15

Signature ____________________ Date

Signature ____________________ Date

Dean: Roberta Evans

Provost’s Office: [Signature] [Date 10/5/15]

* Are affected because of: (a) required courses including prerequisites or corequisites, (b) perceived overlap in content areas, or (c) cross-listing of coursework.

After the Faculty Senate approves the proposal on a consent agenda the Provost’s Office forwards the item for Board of Regents approval at the next possible meeting.
IV. TYPE OF LEVEL I PROPOSAL

☐ Retitling existing majors, minors, options, or certificates
☐ Eliminating existing majors, minors, or options. (submit with BOR program termination checklist)
☑ Adding new minors or certificates where there is a major or an option in a major*
☐ Campus Certificates: Adding, retitling, terminating or revising a certificate of 29 or fewer credits
☐ Revising a program* (for minor modifications use the program modification form)
☐ Distance or online delivery of previously authorized degree or certificate program
☐ Consolidating existing programs and/or degrees *
☐ Placing a program into moratorium
☐ Withdrawing a program from moratorium
☐ Adding BAS/AA/AS Area of Study

*☐ Must submit with BOR Curriculum Proposal Form

V. CATALOG LANGUAGE

Attach the current or proposed catalog language with any changes clearly identified.

VI. JUSTIFICATION

A minor in Communicative Sciences and Disorders (CSD) would be beneficial to the University of Montana on many levels. Financially, this minor does not create a burden because all of the classes are already in existence; therefore, no additional faculty or staff would be required to offer this minor. The students benefit in two ways. Sometimes students start their academic careers with the intent of following through with the CSD coursework, but end up finding their true callings in other disciplines. The classes that they have taken in CSD can be put toward a minor therefore enhancing their academic portfolios. When considering complimentary degrees, such as school psychology, special education, education, social work, counselor education, etc. a minor in CSD would prove beneficial in enhancing the understanding of CSD leading to stronger working relationships pre and post-graduation. Lastly, as people on campus learn more about CSD, so does the community resulting in earlier identification and referrals for communication and hearing services.

VI SUBMISSION

Submit the complete Level I proposal to the Provost’s Office for initial review. After all signatures have been obtained, submit original, and an electronic file to the Faculty Senate Office, UH 221, camie.foos@msoumt.edu

Level I proposals also require Board of Regents approval. The appropriate BOR forms must be submitted with this proposal.