

California State University, Long Beach

Policy Statement 87-07

October 26, 1987

This academic program was recommended by the Academic Senate in its meeting of October 15, 1987 and received the concurrence of the President on October 26, 1987.

SUBJECT: Master of Arts in Speech Communication Option in Communication and Human Information Systems

Master of Arts in Speech Communication

The Department of Speech Communication offers two programs leading to the Master of Arts degree. Students may pursue the General Studies Option, a course of studies from the core areas of communication studies and rhetorical studies with an opportunity for additional work in interpersonal communication, organizational communication, small group communication, interpretive communication of literature, reader's theatre, communication education and training, or forensics according to individual interest. Qualified students may select the Option in Communication and Human Information Systems.

Option in Communication and Human Information Systems {code 5-6848}

Prerequisites:

1. A bachelor's degree in any subject area with a minimum grade point average of at least 2.5 in the last 60 semester units (90 quarter units) attempted.
2. A minimum of two years of full-time entry level to middle management experience in private or public organizations as determined by the Department Graduate Advisor and the Department Graduate Committee.
3. Completion of SPCH 448, 410/510, and 420/520, or their equivalents.

Advancement to Candidacy:

1. Satisfaction of all prerequisites.
2. Completion of at least six units of 500 and/or 600-level courses in the designated course of study including SPCH 696 with a grade point average of 2st least 3.0.
3. Satisfactory completion of the University Writing Proficiency Examination.
4. Recommendation for advancement to candidacy by the Department Graduate Committee, the Department Chair, and the School Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.

Requirements for the Master of Arts Option in Communication and Human Information Systems:

1. Completion of thirty units of graduate coursework composed of SPCH 503, 534, 546, 600, 610, 611, 620, 632, 651, and 696.
2. Satisfactory completion of an eight-hour written comprehensive examination and an oral defense of the written examination.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 1988