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**Subject:** RE: Speech & Hearing Science 4430  
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The faculty in Speech and Hearing Science is in the process of proposing the following changes to the Bachelor of Art Degree in Speech and Hearing Science. In the past the baccalaureate program served to prepare students for the two clinical graduate degrees (Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology and Doctor of Audiology) of the Department. While this preparatory role will remain an important focus, it has become apparent that the majority of students in the major are not going to Graduate School to obtain either of the two clinical degrees. Additionally enrollment in the major has burgeoned in the past 3 years. For decades the undergraduate program enrolled approximately 150 students. For the 2011-2012 year the enrollment is greater than 450 students.

This increased enrollment coupled with a change in accreditation standards impelled us to our first requested change in the curriculum: eliminating 3360 (Observation in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology) and replacing it with a new course in language science with emphases both in the structure of human language and in the vulnerability of language both to vagaries in development and to neurogenic injury. Previously there was a requirement for students to obtain 25 hours of supervised clinical practice prior to entering graduate practicum. This rule no longer applies. The *raison d'être* for 3360 no longer exists. We do not wish to simply remove it from the undergraduate major, rather we wish to replace it with the new course, 4430.

Additionally HIPAA places significantly more stringent regulations safeguarding patient privacy and private health information. This limits even further our ability to place students into clinics where they can observe. Many facilities now require state and national background checks. At the same time the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology has issued guidelines discouraging the use of video recorded sessions as substitutes for direct observation. The net result is that the Department simply does not have the resources to place > 50 students per semester into clinical sites for observation. This will create a bottleneck for student progress to the degree and to timely graduation

This placement of 4430 into the major program strengthens the undergraduate program. For the undergraduate program, 3360 was, as the name implies, largely an observation course, graded S/U, and taught by graduate teaching associates. 4430 is a more contentful, advanced course, awards a letter grade, and our intention is for it to be taught by faculty or lecturers with a PhD.

**For these reasons we are requesting approval of 4430 with an initial offering of the course for Autumn 2012.**

**If there are any questions or the need for clarification, please contact me.**

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**From:** Vankeerbergen, Bernadette  
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Mike,

OK. If you reply to this e-mail and explain why it is important the course be offered this AU, I can simply attach the e-mail to the package.

Thanks,  
Bernadette

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**From:** Trudeau, Michael  
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We'd like to offer it in the Autumn.  
I'll prepare the appeal.  
Thanks for catching this.  
Mike

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**From:** Vankeerbergen, Bernadette  
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Dear Mike,

Speech & Hearing Science 4430 has an effective date of AU12:  
<https://curriculum.osu.edu/curriculum/course.jsf?id=1008825&scid=13287>

Will this course be offered in AU12 (in which case you'll need to appeal the new SP13 requirement)? Or can I change the date to SP13?

I'll advance the course after I hear from you.

Many thanks & regards,  
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