

**TO:** Dr. Chris Laingen, CGS Chair  
**FROM:** Dr. Douglas Klarup, COS Interim Dean  
**DATE:** April 10, 2017  
**RE:** Executive Action Taken at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting on April 21, 2017

The following request was approved by executive action at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee meeting on April 21, 2017. The request would be effective Fall 2017. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

**Requested change:**

To allow the following existing courses to be delivered online, in addition to the currently approved face-to-face delivery:

- CDS 4810 – Sign Language and Deaf Culture for the Speech-Language Pathologist (2-0-2)
- CDS 4815 – Augmentative and Alternative Communication (2-1-2)

**Rationale for change:**

To provide greater flexibility for students to enroll in undergraduate coursework in CDS, especially transfer students and second bachelor's students. Since there are few courses that count toward the CDS major available at community colleges, transfer students frequently ask if there are courses they can take online at EIU while completing the Associates degree. Second bachelor's students are often non-traditional students who may not have the flexibility to relocate or commute to take these courses to be eligible for application to graduate school. In addition, we are seeing increasing numbers of students applying to our graduate program who are missing prerequisite undergraduate coursework; this is another population of students who may be interested in taking these courses. An increasing number of universities are offering undergraduate coursework in CDS online, targeting all of these populations.

**Effective Year/Term:** Fall 2017