

This template is to be used for proposed name changes included on the Academic Plan and for which the unit has received specific written approval from the Provost's office to proceed with internal proposal development and review. A separate proposal must be submitted for each individual name change. The proposal template should be completed and submitted by the Dean's Office to the University Provost's Office [[mailto: curriculumplanning@asu.edu](mailto:curriculumplanning@asu.edu)]. The name change **may not** be implemented until the Provost's Office notifies the academic unit that the name change proposal has completed the approval process.

College/School/Institute: Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
Department/Division/School: Educational Leadership and Innovation
Proposing Faculty Group (if applicable)
Program type: Graduate Degree
Name of existing program: MA in Educational Psychology
Proposed new name: MA in Learning Sciences

Proposal Contact

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DEAN APPROVAL(S)

This proposal has been approved by all necessary unit and College/School levels of review. I recommend implementation of the proposed name change.

College/School/Division Dean name:

Signature Mari Koerner **Date:** 7/30/2013

College/School/Division Dean name:
(if more than one college involved)

Signature _____ **Date:** / / 20

Note: An electronic signature, an email from the dean or dean's designee, or a PDF of the signed signature page is acceptable.

University Approval(s)

Vice Provost for Graduate Education Andrew N. Webber

Signature: [Signature] **Date:** 8/13/13

Executive Vice President and Provost of the University Elizabeth D. Phillips

Signature: _____ **Date:** / /

Name of existing program: Educational Psychology

Proposed new name: Learning Sciences

Program type: Graduate Degree

If graduate/undergraduate degree or concentration is selected, indicate degree type and major (e.g., BA, MBA, PhD)
MA

Plan code(s) for the program:

If this is a degree program that has multiple concentrations, list all plan codes impacted.
EDPSYCHMA

Requested effective date: 2014-15

Select the catalog year for which students can begin applying into this program with the new name.

Note:

1. Name changes can only be implemented so as to be effective for a fall semester.
2. All existing and continuing students will be moved to the new name.
3. Students who complete the degree requirements prior to the fall effective date graduate under the old name.

Briefly describe the proposed change and rationale for the change:

Educational Psychology is an established field, and is evolving into the scientific understanding of learning. Thus by renaming the degree and emphasizing the elements of the design and implementation of learning innovations and improvement of instructional methodologies it will more closely align with the tenets of Learning Sciences. The name change will also underscore the cognitive, social and cultural-psychological foundations of human learning as embedded in Learning Sciences.

Discuss the impact of this change on current students and/or enrollment:

There are 8 students in the MA in Educational Psychology. We expect them to graduate before the new name takes effect. Advertising for the new degree will begin after the approval process, likely in Fall 2013 and the newly named degree will begin in Fall 2014. Given the existence of the Learning Sciences Institute and the collaboration with scholars in MLFTC who have to come to specifically work together, a renamed Learning Science Master's Degree, would attract competent and talent students from multiple disciplines from ASU as a pipeline and nationally into this emerging field.