

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
Academic Senate

Resolution on Changing the Biology MA into an MS

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Resolved: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the Provost that Curriculum Proposal *10-006, which converts the Biology MA into an MS with **no changes in degree requirements**, be approved.

Background and Rationale:

The Chancellor's Office has no definitions that make a distinction between an MA and an MS.

The change from MA to MS simply updates the name of the degree to reflect current trends in the discipline. When the Biology MA was established 40+ years ago, "MA" implied a more broad-based degree while an "MS" was a more technical degree. Today, a science-based Master's degrees is usually an MS. The degree requirements will not change as part of the change from MA to MS.

This change will require Chancellor's Office approval.

*The complete curriculum proposal may be found on the ICC SharePoint site under "Proposals" → "Senate – Approval Pending"