

Changing CSU Degree Designations

Chancellor's Office approval is required for changes in degree designation, for example from BA to BS. To propose a degree designation change, campuses submit a request to Academic Program Planning (app@calstate.edu). The request should include:

1. A rationale for the change
2. Assurance that all necessary campus approvals have been obtained

A rationale would typically be one or two paragraphs long and should refer to campus policy differentiating BA and BS degrees or MA and MS degrees, if the campus has such a policy. There is no prescribed format, but the rationale may address disciplinary convention, recruitment issues, employer concerns, or the degree designations used at other CSU campuses or at public or private institutions across the country, for example. The Master Plan and longstanding Trustee policy discourage the proliferation of degree designations and degree terminology, so these proposals are evaluated carefully.

Changes in degree designation do not require prior Trustee approval, but they will be included in the next campus Academic Plan sent to the Board of Trustees.

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