SPEECH AND HEARING PROGRAM
TRANSITION GUIDE
FOR MAJORS AND MINORS
SPRING 2014
What is The Big Switch?

• CSU is changing almost every undergraduate course to 3 credits
• Courses that are now more than 3 credits are being reduced to 3 credits
• Courses that are now fewer than 3 credits are being increased to 3 credits
• *There will be a NEW CSU Catalog reflecting these changes*
• *Bachelor’s degrees will require a minimum of 120 credits as of Fall 2014, reduced from the former minimum of 127 credits*
How does this change affect SPH majors and minors?

- Only 2 courses in the SPH Program change
- SPH 431 Basic Speech Disorders will be reduced from 4 credits to 3 credits
  - SPH 431 remains the WAC course for the SPH major
- SPH 438 Dialect Differences in the School increases from 2 credits to 3 credits
  - SPH 438 will cease to be a 3-day seminar and will become a regular semester-length course in 2015
How does this change affect SPH majors and minors?

- All students enrolled prior to Fall 2014 have the choice of keeping their graduation plans under the OLD catalog
  - SPH 431 is 4 credits
  - SPH 438 is 2 credits

- Or, students may change their graduation plans to the new catalog
  - SPH 431 is 3 credits
  - SPH 438 is 3 credits
Comparison of the OLD and NEW SPH Major

- OLD major: 40 credits in SPH courses
- NEW major: 40 credits in SPH courses **PLUS** 3 credits in Statistics
  - MTH 147, PSY 217, or an equivalent statistics course taken at CSU or transferred in
  - The addition of a statistics course is an ASHA requirement

- **The NEW major is 43 credits**
Comparison of the OLD and NEW SPH Minor

• OLD minor: 12 required SPH courses and 5-7 credits of SPH electives: 17-19 credits total

• NEW minor: 12 required SPH courses and 6 credits of SPH electives: 18 credits total

• Minor does not require Statistics
What happens to students who are in progress toward the major or minor now?

- Students who declare an SPH major/minor prior to Fall 2014 choose to complete either the OLD or the NEW catalog requirements.
- The SPH Program will accept both versions of the changing courses for students under both the OLD and the NEW catalog:
  - the 3 or 4 credit SPH 431 course is accepted
  - the 2 or 3 credit SPH 438 course is accepted
What happens to students who are in progress toward the major or minor now?

- Although the credit conversion looks simple (4+2=6 and 3+3=6), it’s not that straight-forward
- Some students may end up with a 1 SPH credit overage beyond what is required
- Some students may end up 1 credit short of required SPH credits
What happens to students who are in progress toward the major or minor now?

- Students are “held harmless” if the credit changes cause them to be 1 credit short of the 40 major credits needed for the OLD catalog or for the 43 major credits needed for the NEW catalog.
- SPH will **waive** the 1 credit shortage in major or minor credits that result from credit changes for SPH 431 and SPH 438.
What happens to students who choose the OLD catalog?

- Majors could end up short 1 credit
- Students who take SPH 431 for 3 credits and SPH 438 for 2 credits will have 39 credits in major
- The 1 credit will be waived
- Students who take SPH 431 for 3 credits and SPH 438 for 3 credits will have 40 credits in major; no credit adjustment is needed
What happens to students who choose the OLD catalog?

- Minors should not end up short of credits
- Minors who end up with an extra credit do not receive any accommodations
What happens to students who choose the OLD catalog?

• Students under the OLD catalog will not be required to take statistics
• Be aware that some graduate programs in speech-language pathology and audiology require statistics for admission
• ASHA requires statistics in order to grant certification
• Persons with Master’s or AuD degrees seeking ASHA CCC’s have to prove that they took statistics
What happens to students who choose the OLD catalog?

- Students who have taken SPH 431 for 4 credits will have a 1 credit *overage* if they take the new 3 credit SPH 438.
- Students in this situation will be permitted to take a special topics version of SPH 438 for 2 credits in order to avoid this credit overage (offered as SPH 495 Directed Study).
- Remember: SPH 438 is a Gen Ed course that meets the Social Diversity/African American requirement.
- Students will *not* receive general education credit if a special topics version is taken instead.
- Students will need to take a non-major course to meet the Social Diversity/African American Gen Ed requirement.
- Students may decide to take the new SPH 438 course for 3 credits to avoid the extra Gen Ed course.
What happens to students who choose the NEW catalog?

- Students who declare an SPH major or minor in Fall 2014 or later should follow the NEW catalog requirements
What happens to students who choose the NEW catalog?

- Majors who have taken SPH 431 for 4 credits and SPH 438 for 2 credits will have 43 credits in the major
- No credit adjustment is needed and no accommodations are made
What happens to students who choose the NEW catalog?

- Majors who have taken SPH 431 for 4 credits and who will take SPH 438 for 3 credits will have 44 credits in the major (a 1 credit overage)
- No accommodations are made for students in this situation
What happens to students who choose the NEW catalog?

• Majors who take SPH 431 for 3 credits and SPH 438 for 2 credits will have 42 credits in the major

• The 1 credit shortage will be waived
What happens to students who choose the NEW catalog?

- SPH minors may have a 1 credit overage or a 1 credit shortage
- Minors will have a 1 credit overage if they have taken SPH 431 for 4 credits and any of the other 3 credit electives
- Minors will have a 1 credit shortage if they have taken SPH 438 for 2 credits and any of the other 3 credit electives
- The 1 credit shortage will be waived
Reminder for all students under the OLD and NEW catalogs

- Credit waivers cannot reduce the total number of credits for graduation to below the minimum of 120 credits set by the state of Ohio
- Students must complete all CSU general education requirements
- Students must satisfy CSU residency requirements
  - Complete at least 30 credits at CSU, of which at least 24 credits must be upper division courses [300-400 level]
What is SPH doing to make THE BIG SWITCH?

- Every CSU program has a Big Switch advisor
- The SPH Big Switch advisor is Dr. Monica Gordon Pershey, Associate Professor
- The advisor’s job is to review the Degree Audit record of every SPH major and minor and prepare each student’s INDIVIDUALIZED transition plan
What should students do now?

• Read and understand this Power Point and the SPH Transition Guide
• Attend a group advising session on the dates specified in the email from Dr. Gordon Pershey
• Please do not expect individual advising questions to be handled at the group advising session
What should students do now?

• Read and understand the *Individualized Transition Plan* emailed to you by Dr. Gordon Pershey

• Review your Campus Net Degree Audit and decide if you think that the OLD or NEW catalog would be better for you

• Determine whether you agree with your *Individualized Transition Plan*
What should students do now?

- Use the Campus Net Starfish system to schedule your individual advising session with Dr. Gordon Pershey
- Attend the individual advising session ready to finalize your transition plan
- Dr. Gordon Pershey will update your Degree Audit record to reflect your transition plan
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