

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 23:** **Change the name of Master of Liberal Arts to  
Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

**Effective Date: Fall 2014**

**1. Delete:** On page 215, the program title:

**Master of Liberal Arts**

**Add:** On page 215, in place of deleted entry:

**Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

**2. Replace:** Throughout the catalog replace Master of Liberal Arts with Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and MLA with MLAS

**Impact:** Students and faculty will have their natural and social science coursework and contributions recognized in the program title. There will be no impact on the resources and staffing of the MLA program due to this change.

**Rationale:** When the MLA program was approved in 1987 (SD0187F), its choice of title was common, particularly for programs emphasizing the humanities. The MLA program offers substantive and growing numbers of courses in the natural and social sciences, and student interest and enrollment in these courses are strong. We have also added a Certificate in Climate Change and Society, comprised of four courses that carry the CCS 560 prefix and number, all of which are among the natural sciences. Increasingly, such master-level programs are choosing to acknowledge the social and natural sciences through their program title. The MLA degree carries the CIP code 24.0101 Liberal Arts and Science/Liberal Studies, which the MLAS would continue to do; therefore, this is a change of title, not a change of degree.