



Oscar Vega  
Department of Mathematics  
California State University, Fresno  
Fresno, CA 93740

November 10, 2018

CALIFORNIA  
STATE  
UNIVERSITY,  
FRESNO

Dear Committee Members and/or Corresponding Authorities,

On behalf of the Department of Mathematics at Fresno State, I write to you requesting a **Degree Designation Change** for our Master of Arts in Mathematics program. We believe that the enclosed documentation justifies a change from our current Master of Arts into a Master of Science, starting in the Fall semester of 2019.

Please find enclosed a packet collecting documentation supporting this request, which consists of:

1. All necessary forms signed by our chair, Dr. Rajee Amarasinghe, and myself.
2. Redesignation Justification.
3. A comparative spreadsheet of mathematics Master's programs in the CSU system.
4. Course justification, catalog description, and model syllabus for each of the three new courses: MATH 200, MATH 201, and MATH 272, and each of the revised ones: MATH 251, MATH 252, and MATH 260.

Please find enclosed a summary of all the changes we are requesting to be approved.

It is worth mentioning that our change of designation request will not create the need for extra resources to run our program. The three new courses that we are creating are only replacing courses that have been recently eliminated (MATH 250 and MATH 260) or taken off our course rotation (MATH 202). At the same time, two of our new courses are on Mathematics Education (MATH 200 and MATH 201), they take the place of Curriculum and Instruction courses that used to be required, or could be used as electives, for our teaching option; with these new courses all the courses for our program are housed in our department.

I also enclose an e-mail exchange between the Graduate Coordinator for the Curriculum and Instruction program and me, in which I inform Dr. Carol Fry Bohlin about the changes we are making to our program and, in particular, that our Master's students will no longer be required to take CI 250 and CI 275.

Finally, in order to be compliant with Executive Order 1071, we have merged our two Options into one, effectively eliminating our Teaching Option. We will continue our mission of working with students interested in mathematics education and teaching through our mathematics education courses and by providing active mentoring and advising.

Please contact me if you have any questions, my e-mail is [ovega@csufresno.edu](mailto:ovega@csufresno.edu) and my phone number is 559.278.4903, I would be happy to answer all your queries if any arose.

Sincerely,

Oscar Vega  
Professor of Mathematics  
Graduate Coordinator



College of Science  
and Mathematics  
Department of Mathematics  
5245 N. Backer Ave. M/S PB108  
Fresno, CA 93740-8001  
559.278.2992  
Fax 559.278.2872  
[www.csufresno.edu/math/](http://www.csufresno.edu/math/)