



Academic Senate

GRADUATE COUNCIL

April 24, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Viji Santhakumar, Chair
Graduate Council

RE: [Campus Review] (Proposal) Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Graduate Council reviewed the proposal for a Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence at their April 16, 2026 meeting. The Council was concerned by the broad scope of the current title and would like to see a letter from CNAS regarding the mutually agreed proposals related to AI described in the Executive Summary in order to clarify areas of potential overlap and how the two will complement each other.

This would also clarify other concerns that were discussed, such as renaming the degree to Master of Science in Engineering in Artificial Intelligence, exclusion of relevant Math and Statistics courses applicable to AI, and the inclusion of several courses listed that are not specific to AI.

The Professional Development requirement states that students will satisfy the requirement by enrolling in CS 287, are students expected to pass this course or just enroll? This should be made clear.