# SPEECH COMMUNICATION DEGREE, B.A.
## EFFECTIVENESS PROGRAM
### 2014-2015

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**ASSESSMENT RESULTS**

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**USE OF RESULTS**

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