



Graduate Curriculum Approval Form Changes to Graduate Majors

Degree Program CIP Code 26.1201
Degree (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.): M.S.
Name of Major (e.g. Biology) Biotechnology
Name of affected Concentration(s) (e.g. Botany)
Proposed Effective Term (e.g Fall 2017) Fall 2018
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APPROVALS	Name	Signature	Action	Date
Dept. Chair	Robert Deschenes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	2/28/18
School Committee Chair (if applicable)			<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
College Committee Chair	Karl Muffly		<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	2/28/18
College Dean/ Associate Dean	Michael Barber		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	2/28/18
Concurrence <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Needed	Dept: Chair:		<input type="checkbox"/> Concurs <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't concur <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
Grad Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Comments	Graduate Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove	

Summary of Changes – Select all that apply:

Admissions Section:

- Change Priority Admission Deadlines
 - Fall: _____
 - Spring: _____
 - Summer: _____
 - To "fall admissions only"
- From Regular to Direct Receipt Admissions
- From Direct Receipt to Regular Admission
- Admission Requirements

Curriculum Requirements

- Current Curriculum Requirements
 - Core
 - Add New Concentration, Specialization, or Track*
 - Delete Concentration, Specialization, or Track
 - Thesis/Dissertation
 - Comprehensive/Qualifying Exam
- Other: _____

*Requires submission to APAC for comment/clearance

Why are these changes necessary?

- a) We are requesting some changes to the admission requirements. Since some of our prospective students have very significant research experience in bioinformatics and some of them graduated from schools long ago and therefore do not have valid GRE scores, we propose to amend admission requirements to read: "The GRE may be waived in special circumstances where the applicant can demonstrate substantial graduate level experience. This experience can include (but is not limited to) a post-graduate degree, 2-3 years of research and/or development experience in an academic or industrial settings, or participation in research projects leading to published papers. The decision on the waiving of GRE will be at the Graduate Director's discretion."
- b) Two required courses will become electives, which will change the number of elective credits from 5 to 12. This will allow students to better tailor the curriculum to disciplines within Biotechnology that align with their interests and career goals. This change will provide a curriculum that will appeal to a more diverse group of students with interest in Biotechnology and applications.

Attach the current Catalog Copy, with the requested revisions shown using Track Changes. Catalog copy is not required for changes to the Admission Deadline. All other changes require Catalog Copy. To obtain the most current catalog, email cdh@usf.edu. Once College has approved, scan and email this Approval Form, and the revised Catalog Copy in Word to Graduate Studies by the deadline posted online <http://www.grad.usf.edu/graduate-council.php>. For questions, contact cdh@usf.edu