



Graduate Curriculum Approval Form Changes to Graduate Majors

Degree Program CIP Code: 11.0501
 Degree (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.): MS
 Name of Major (e.g. Biology): Business Analytics and Information Systems
 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 |
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| Dept. Chair | Manish Agrawal | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached | |
| School Committee Chair (if applicable) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached | |
| College Committee Chair | Paul Solomon | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments attached | |
| College Dean/ Associate Dean | KAUSHIK DUTTA | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached | |
| Concurrence* | Dept: Chair: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Concur <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't concur <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached | |
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Summary of Changes – Select all that apply:

Admissions Section:

- Admission Deadlines
- To "fall admissions only"
- From Regular to Direct Receipt Admissions
- From Direct Receipt to Regular Admission
- Admission Requirements (3 year degree)

Curriculum Requirements

- Current Curriculum Requirements
 - Core
 - Add New Concentration, Specialization, or Track
 - Delete Concentration, Specialization, or Track
 - Thesis/Dissertation
 - Comprehensive/Qualifying Exam
- Other: ___ Change in pre-requisites _____

UPDATE CATALOG COPY

Attach the current Catalog Copy, with the requested revisions shown using Track Changes.

If the only change is to the Admission Deadline revised Catalog Copy is not required– just specify the change below (e.g. current deadline/new deadline). All other changes require Catalog Copy. To obtain the most current catalog, email cdh@usf.edu.

Submission for approval: When submitting the request for approval, send a scan of the signature form, including the brief response section (page 2), and the updated Catalog Copy in Word (not in PDF).

Curriculum – Change of Graduate Major – Page 2

Degree: MS **Major:** Business Analytics and Information Systems

Concentration (if applicable): _____

BRIEF RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Why are these changes necessary?

Pre-requisites: In present days, there are multiple ways to acquire pre-requisite knowledge of the program than taking formal semester wide university courses. There are many courses from renowned universities that can satisfy the pre-requisites, but are not semester long. To have greater flexibility in meeting the pre-requisites, we intend to remove the restriction of “one semester course” from the pre-requisites.

Change of Core Course: “Operations and Supply Chain Management” will be replaced by “Analytical Methods for Business”. A separate new course form is being submitted in parallel.

Admissions criteria: Following a college vote, the following was added to admissions criteria:

For applicants with a 3-year Bachelor’s Degree from a regionally accredited institution, the following requirements need to be met in addition to those listed above:

Minimum GMAT score of 650 or a minimum GRE score of at least 321, and a minimum of 25 in the verbal portion of the test.

When the 3-year Bachelor’s Degree is less than 120 hours from Non-Bologna Accord Institutions, a transcript evaluation from a NACES member is required to confirm equivalency.

FOR ANY NEW CURRICULUM (New Concentration, Track, Specialization, Grad Certificate, etc.), answer the following:

2. How does this align with USF System and State University System strategic goals (with particular focus on BOG’s “areas of strategic emphasis”)?
3. What is the demonstrated need and demand? (in the context of statewide and regional enrollment/degree productivity, including USF institutions, SUS, and FSC), making compelling reasons for “necessary duplication,” if appropriate.
4. What is the potential impact of new degree programs and new program majors on existing programs in the USF System? (*Including new concentrations, tracks, specializations, etc.- if there are any existing offers, please address impact*)
5. Are there adequacy of resources (faculty, space, equipment, graduate assistants, staff, library etc. – the leveraging of shared resources across and between institutions will be important). Programs will not be considered contingent upon legislative budget requests

6. Quality assurance and commitment to any requisite accreditation.

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