



Graduate Curriculum Approval Form Changes to Graduate Majors

Degree Program CIP Code	44.0701
Degree (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.):	Ph.D.
Name of Major (e.g. Biology)	Social Work
Name of affected Concentration(s) (e.g. Botany)	Social Work
Proposed Effective Term (e.g. Fall 2017)	Fall 2019
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APPROVALS	Name	Signature	Action	Date
Dept. Chair	Riaan van Zyl, Ph.D.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	2/14/18
School Committee Chair (if applicable)	Iraida V. Carrion, Ph.D.	(pp)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	2/14/18
College Committee Chair	Debra Dobbs, PhD		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	2/21/18
College Dean/ Associate Dean	Catherine Batschelet ^{PhD}		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	2/21/18
Concurrence X N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Needed	Dept: Chair:		<input type="checkbox"/> Concur <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: Changed title of class SOW 7981 to Scientific Communication and Dissemination Practices.

*Requires submission to APAC for comment/clearance

Why are these changes necessary?

The Ph.D. in Social Work was approved by the Graduate Council to plan in 2003; and approved to implement in 2004. It was originally a part-time program and the first cohort began in 2005. In year 2016, admissions to the program were suspended because the School no longer had sufficient senior faculty to mentor doctoral students. The faculty staffing pattern has now been increased and the program has been reactivated with the intent to admit the first new group of students in Fall 2019. Before requesting reactivation, the faculty reviewed the program model and made significant changes. The program proposal approved by faculty is attached. The following is a summary of the major changes:

- The program will now be a full-time program.
- The program will be interdisciplinary. Only 7 out of the 68 Ph.D. Social Work programs currently have an interdisciplinary focus.

- Unique to this program is the strategic emphasis on topic areas for areas of concentration courses aligned with the strengths of the College, USF, and forecasted direction of the profession. These are: (1) Behavioral Health (2) Global Issues, (3) Health, (4), Leadership and Business¹, and (5) Societal Change and Innovation².
 - ¹ Leadership and Business refers to the study and practice of administrative competence including management and leadership theories, and policy implementation in complex organizations.
 - ² Social Change and Innovation refers to the study and implementation of novel, and often interdisciplinary, solutions to challenging social and environmental policies and/or conditions that aim to support social justice progress for vulnerable groups or larger systems.
- The required number of core courses has been reduced to 5 within the School. These courses are already designated and approved for the Ph.D. program.
- Three required research methodology courses can be taken in other departments in the College or University.
- A minimum of three courses in one of the concentration areas is required.
- The required number of credit hours for this program has been reduced to 42 post MSW/master's degree. A minimum of 30 credit hours from the MSW/master's degree can be applied to this degree. No credit hours for field work/internship will be counted towards the required credit hours for the Ph.D.
 - Students will be required to take 36 credit hours through course work, a minimum of four hours of directed research credits, and at least two dissertation credit hours during the semester of their dissertation defense.
- The Ph.D. program will also be supported by the cost recovery program in the School and by students being included on externally funded research projects. A plan was developed to offer a minimum stipend of \$22,500 for PhD students from all sources of funding.
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with preferred scores of at least 30% in the quantitative section and at least 50% in the verbal section. This was recommended by the OGS.
- Applicants without a Master's degree in social work, but with a Master's degree in a related discipline are welcome to apply and will be considered on a case by case basis.

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

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