



# Graduate New Curriculum – Information Addendum Form

**Degree: MA Major: Political Science**

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**Concentration (if applicable): Africana Studies**

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

1. How does this align with USF System and State University System strategic goals (with particular focus on BOG’s “areas of strategic emphasis”)?

The MA in Political Science with a Concentration in Africana Studies will offer classes that teach students how to understand important issues concerning Africa, the Caribbean, African Americans in the United States, and the African Diaspora. Therefore, it will contribute to USF’s strategic goal of producing “well-educated and highly skilled global citizens.” Additionally, this program contains a strong research element; consequently, it will generate “high impact research and innovation to change lives, improve health, and foster sustainable development and positive societal change,” which is another USF strategic goal.

2. 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.

The Concentration in Africana Studies already exists in the MLA in Liberal Arts that is run by the Department of Humanities and Cultural Studies (HCS). When the School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies (SIGS) was created with Africana Studies as a major constituent, SIGS faculty believed that it was necessary to move this program from HCS to SIGS. SIGS already has the MA in Political Science Program; therefore, we can easily attach it to that program. HCS fully endorses this move. Consequently, the demand that existed for the concentration when it was in HCS will still exist when we move it to SIGS. Moreover, because this concentration is being moved instead of added, there will be no duplication.

3. 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)*

Again, because this concentration is being moved from one program to another, there is no impact on any existing programs. HCS fully endorses this request.

4. 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

Yes, the same faculty members who specialize in Africana Studies and taught for the program before will continue to teach for it after this change.

5. Quality assurance and commitment to any requisite accreditation.

We will use the same assessment procedures we used before.

Attach this form to any request for new curriculum – whether a New Major, or a Change to a Major that includes a new concentration, track, specialization; or a new Graduate Certificate. For questions, contact [cdh@usf.edu](mailto:cdh@usf.edu)