



Program Proposal Form B



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Academic Group (College): College of Health and Human Services	Date of Submission to College Dean: February 11, 2013
Academic Organization (Department): Social Work	Requested Effective: Fall_X_, Spring___, 2013__.
Department Chair: Robin Kennedy	Contact if not Department Chair: Dale Russell, Jude Antonyappan
Title of the Program: Master of Social Work	
Type of Program Proposal: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification in Existing Program: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantive Change ___ Non-Substantive Change ___ Deletion of Existing Program <input type="checkbox"/> New Programs ___ Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan ___ New Degree Programs ___ Regular Process ___ Fast Track Process ___ Pilot Process ___ New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis ___ New Certificate Program	
PLEASE NOTE: Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/index.htm	

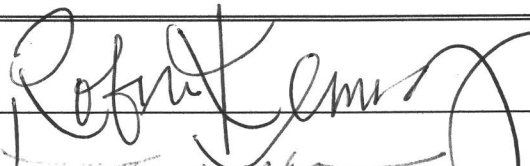
Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.

Substantive Change (highlighted in yellow):

Anticipating our new accreditation standards, SWRK 501 & 502 were developed to offer the competency integration that is required for the culminating experience as well as the research content of our graduate program. The Curriculum Committee in the Division of Social Work has spent more than 7 years exploring alternative options to the usual methods of both delivering additional research content and a comprehensive culminating experience to our MSW students. The current SWRK500 course, meets 2 goals: it serves as an advanced research course (Council on Social Work Education accreditation requirement) and also meets the University requirement of a capstone experience. However, the independent, self-directed nature of 500 prevents about 15 to 20% of our graduate students each year from graduating on time. For instance we have nearly 40 students who have completed all other areas of their master's education except the 500 requirement floating around from previous years. The goal of offering an alternative has been to offer students the structure of a consistently guided research and integration experience in accordance with the accreditation requirements and university's graduate culminating experience requirement. SWRK 501 & 502 will both preserve the advanced research course requirement of our accrediting body, Council of Social Work Education, CSWE, and offer a culminating experience option that is more guided, hands on and structured than the current SWRK 500 experience. It has been the perspective of the faculty that some students perform best with the structure of a class that meets regularly and thus offering choices for students for empowerment based learning and timely completion of their graduate program.

Approvals:

Department Chair:



Date:

3/15/13

College Dean:



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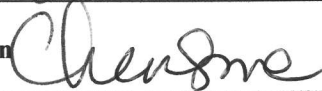
University Committee:



Date:

5-17-13

Associate Vice President and Dean
for Academic Affairs:



Date:

6-25-13

CSU Sacramento Master of Social Work Degree

	Proposed MSW Program of Study	Units	Current MSW Program of Study	Units
	<p>The Master of Social Work program is a 60-unit program that prepares students for advanced, autonomous Social Work practice. The curriculum is composed of two semesters of professional foundation and two semesters of a concentration curriculum. In the foundation part of the program, all students take a core of courses designed to provide them with the knowledge and skills expected of all professional Social Workers. The advanced curriculum prepares for multi-level practice with vulnerable life conditions. It consists of required advanced courses in Social Work practice and policy, and advanced electives. Through the use of elective units (9), there are opportunities for more specialized focus regarding practice with specific populations (e.g., the aged) or with particular conditions (e.g., substance abuse or mental disabilities).</p> <p>Graduate students enroll for two years of field instruction. In the first year, they are assigned to a social service agency for two days a week (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday). First year students must be available Thursdays and Fridays (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for field instruction in order to complete the concurrent program. In the second year, they are assigned to an agency for three days a week (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday). These field instruction requirements may only be fulfilled during regular working hours. Students are responsible for their own transportation to field instruction sites and for required</p>		<p>The Master of Social Work program is a 60-unit program that prepares students for advanced, autonomous Social Work practice. The curriculum is composed of two semesters of professional foundation and two semesters of a concentration curriculum. In the foundation part of the program, all students take a core of courses designed to provide them with the knowledge and skills expected of all professional Social Workers. The advanced curriculum prepares for multi-level practice with vulnerable life conditions. It consists of required advanced courses in Social Work practice and policy, and advanced electives. Through the use of elective units (9), there are opportunities for more specialized focus regarding practice with specific populations (e.g., the aged) or with particular conditions (e.g., substance abuse or mental disabilities).</p> <p>Graduate students enroll for two years of field instruction. In the first year, they are assigned to a social service agency for two days a week (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday). First year students must be available Thursdays and Fridays (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for field instruction in order to complete the concurrent program. In the second year, they are assigned to an agency for three days a week (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday). These field instruction requirements may only be fulfilled during regular working hours. Students are responsible for their own transportation to field instruction sites and for required</p>	

	<p>professional liability insurance.</p> <p>Students must be capable of meeting field site/organization eligibility requirements which include obtaining a Department of Justice clearance (passing a criminal background), being free of communicable diseases, having a valid driver's license, and automobile insurance. In addition to the prerequisites and corequisites noted below, other eligibility requirements are delineated in the Field Curriculum and Policy Guide which is accessible from the Division's field Web page hhs.csus.edu/swrk/field. Admission into the graduate program does not guarantee enrollment in field instruction.</p> <p>Students should develop a realistic plan for financial support for the period of time they are in school. Information about Financial Aid is included in the University's Application for Admission booklet. The Division of Social Work cannot guarantee courses on days and times that will not conflict with employment hours. The program offers some courses on weekends and all required courses have at least one evening section. In addition to the two-year full time program, the division also offers a three-year program option, a weekend cohort program, and advanced placement.</p> <p>Note: Please contact the Division of Social Work for a copy of the evaluation criteria for admission to the Master of Social Work program.</p>	<p>professional liability insurance.</p> <p>Students must be capable of meeting field site/organization eligibility requirements which include obtaining a Department of Justice clearance (passing a criminal background), being free of communicable diseases, having a valid driver's license, and automobile insurance. In addition to the prerequisites and corequisites noted below, other eligibility requirements are delineated in the Field Curriculum and Policy Guide which is accessible from the Division's field Web page hhs.csus.edu/swrk/field. Admission into the graduate program does not guarantee enrollment in field instruction.</p> <p>Students should develop a realistic plan for financial support for the period of time they are in school. Information about Financial Aid is included in the University's Application for Admission booklet. The Division of Social Work cannot guarantee courses on days and times that will not conflict with employment hours. The program offers some courses on weekends and all required courses have at least one evening section. In addition to the two-year full time program, the division also offers a three-year program option, a weekend cohort program, and advanced placement.</p> <p>Note: Please contact the Division of Social Work for a copy of the evaluation criteria for admission to the Master of Social Work program.</p>	
<p>B. MSW Requirements</p>	<p>(no change)</p> <p>Units required for the MSW: 60 Minimum required GPA: 3.0</p> <p><i>Courses in parentheses are</i></p>	<p>(no change)</p> <p>Units required for the MSW: 60 Minimum required GPA: 3.0</p> <p><i>Courses in parentheses are</i></p>	

	<p><i>prerequisites.</i></p> <p>Students must take all required courses in a prescribed, sequential order to advance to the next level of courses.</p> <p>The program is normally completed in four semesters of full time study, beginning in the fall semester (a three-year program is also available; requirements are the same). The program consists of 28 units of professional foundation common courses that all students must take and 32 units of the concentration curriculum which consists of advanced content and nine units of electives.</p> <p>Note: The faculty of the Division of Social Work may require a student to leave under specified terms, terminate a student's enrollment, or decline to award a degree if the Director of the Division, upon the recommendation of faculty, determines that this is in the best interests of the division or the community which it serves or that a student is not qualified for admission to the Social Work profession because of factors other than academic standing. Determination about factors other than academic standing are made in accordance with the NASW Code of Ethics and the Division of Social Work's Student Performance Standards.</p>	<p><i>prerequisites.</i></p> <p>Students must take all required courses in a prescribed, sequential order to advance to the next level of courses.</p> <p>The program is normally completed in four semesters of full time study, beginning in the fall semester (a three-year program is also available; requirements are the same). The program consists of 28 units of professional foundation common courses that all students must take and 32 units of the concentration curriculum which consists of advanced content and nine units of electives.</p> <p>Note: The faculty of the Division of Social Work may require a student to leave under specified terms, terminate a student's enrollment, or decline to award a degree if the Director of the Division, upon the recommendation of faculty, determines that this is in the best interests of the division or the community which it serves or that a student is not qualified for admission to the Social Work profession because of factors other than academic standing. Determination about factors other than academic standing are made in accordance with the NASW Code of Ethics and the Division of Social Work's Student Performance Standards.</p>	
<p>C. Foundation Requirements (28 units)</p>	<p>All professional Social Work programs are required to provide foundation content that consists of the knowledge, values, and skills that are basic for practice in any setting situation, and which prepare one for more advanced, specialized learning. Six areas of study are introduced in the foundation: Social Work research,</p>	<p>All professional Social Work programs are required to provide foundation content that consists of the knowledge, values, and skills that are basic for practice in any setting situation, and which prepare one for more advanced, specialized learning. Six areas of study are introduced in the foundation: Social Work research,</p>	

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	<p>SWRK 202 Social Work and Diverse Populations</p> <p>SWRK 204A Social Work Practice I (Corequisite: SWRK 295A)</p> <p>SWRK 204B Social Work Practice II (SWRK 204A and SWRK 295A; Corequisite: SWRK 295B)</p> <p>SWRK 210 Methods of Social Research (Undergraduate social statistics course)</p> <p>SWRK 235A Theoretical Bases of Social Behavior</p> <p>SWRK 235B Theoretical Bases of Social Behavior (SWRK 235A)</p> <p>SWRK 250 Social Welfare Policy and Services</p> <p>SWRK 295A Field Instruction (Must be classified graduate Social Work student and approval of the Field Director or designee; Enrollment is limited to students who have secured an approved Field placement Corequisite: SWRK 204A)</p> <p>SWRK 295B Field Instruction (Must be classified graduate Social Work student and approval of the Field Director or designee; Enrollment is limited to students who have secured an approved Field placement Corequisite: SWRK 204B)</p>	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 4	<p>SWRK 202 Social Work and Diverse Populations</p> <p>SWRK 204A Social Work Practice I (Corequisite: SWRK 295A)</p> <p>SWRK 204B Social Work Practice II (SWRK 204A and SWRK 295A; Corequisite: SWRK 295B)</p> <p>SWRK 210 Methods of Social Research (Undergraduate social statistics course)</p> <p>SWRK 235A Theoretical Bases of Social Behavior</p> <p>SWRK 235B Theoretical Bases of Social Behavior (SWRK 235A)</p> <p>SWRK 250 Social Welfare Policy and Services</p> <p>SWRK 295A Field Instruction (Must be classified graduate Social Work student and approval of the Field Director or designee; Corequisite: SWRK 204A)</p> <p>SWRK 295B Field Instruction (Must be classified graduate Social Work student and approval of the Field Director or designee; Corequisite: SWRK 204B)</p>	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 4
Multi-Level Practice Concentration Requirements 23 units	<p>SWRK 204C Multi-level Practice with Vulnerable Life Conditions (SWRK 204A, SWRK 204B, SWRK 295A, SWRK 295B; advanced to candidacy; Enrollment is limited to students who have</p>	3	<p>SWRK 204C Multi-level Practice with Vulnerable Life Conditions (SWRK 204A, SWRK 204B, SWRK 295A, SWRK 295B; advanced to candidacy;</p>	3

	<p>secured an approved Field placement Corequisite: SWRK 295C)</p> <p>SWRK 204D Multi-level Practice with Vulnerable Life Conditions (SWRK 204A, SWRK 204B, SWRK 204C, SWRK 295A, SWRK 295B, SWRK 295C; advanced to candidacy; Enrollment is limited to students who have secured an approved Field placement Corequisite: SWRK 295D)</p> <p>SWRK 251 Advanced Policy (SWRK 250, advanced to candidacy)</p> <p>SWRK 295C Field Instruction (Must be classified graduate Social Work student and approval of the Field Director or designee; Corequisite: SWRK 204C)</p> <p>SWRK 295D Field Instruction (Must be classified graduate Social Work student and approval of the Field Director or designee; Corequisite: SWRK 204D)</p> <p>Culminating Experience Choices:</p> <p>1) SWRK 500 Culminating Experience (Advanced to Candidacy, SWRK 210)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>2) SWRK 501 Advanced Research Methods Constitutes the first course of the two course alternative Culminating Experience option (Completion of SW 210, SW 202, SW 250, SW 204 A & B, Advancement to Candidacy)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>5</p> <p>5</p> <p>4</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Corequisite: SWRK 295C)</p> <p>SWRK 204D Multi-level Practice with Vulnerable Life Conditions (SWRK 204A, SWRK 204B, SWRK 204C, SWRK 295A, SWRK 295B, SWRK 295C; advanced to candidacy; Corequisite: SWRK 295D)</p> <p>SWRK 251 Advanced Policy (SWRK 250, advanced to candidacy)</p> <p>SWRK 295C Field Instruction (Must be classified graduate Social Work student and approval of the Field Director or designee; Corequisite: SWRK 204C)</p> <p>SWRK 295D Field Instruction (Must be classified graduate Social Work student and approval of the Field Director or designee; Corequisite: SWRK 204D)</p> <p>SWRK 500 Culminating Experience (Advanced to Candidacy, SWRK 210)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>5</p> <p>5</p> <p>4</p>
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	<p><u>SWRK 502 Integrative Capstone Project</u> Constitutes the second course of the two course alternative Culminating Experience option (Completion of SW 210, SW 202, SW 250, SW 204 A & B, Advancement to Candidacy & completion of 501)</p>	2		
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