Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

**Department:** School of Social Work  
**College:** College for Design and Social Inquiry

**Program Name:** Master of Social Work (MSW)

**PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:**

**Request**
The School of Social Work requests the Admission Requirements for Advanced Standing students within the Master of Social Work (MSW) program no longer require completion of the Transition Course (SOW 6693) to enter the MSW program.

**Rationale**
Shortly after the MSW program was implemented, the faculty recommended that BSW graduates admitted to the Advanced Standing MSW program receive additional graduate-level coursework to help their success in the MSW program. Subsequently, BSW competency requirements have increased prior to their graduation. Therefore, the faculty voted to discontinue the required Transition Course (SOW 6693). This discontinuation will not affect the current 30-credit graduation requirement for Advanced Standing students.

**Attachment**
Current catalog language and Proposed catalog language

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**Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.**
None

**Approved by:**
Department Chair:  
College Curriculum Chair:  
College Dean:  
UGPC Chair:  
Graduate College Dean:  
UFS President:  
Provost:  

**Date:** 2-13-13

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Admission Requirements for Advanced Standing Students
The Advanced Standing Program is available to a limited number of applicants who have completed their Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree within the last five years. The B.S.W. must have been earned from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)-accredited program.

Applicants must meet previously stated admission requirements and have a GPA of 3.5 or better in the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework. Also, one of the letters of recommendation must be an outstanding recommendation from the student's program director of Field Education. Students admitted to this program will follow the Advanced Year Curriculum, which consists of 30 credits.

Undergraduate coursework will be examined by the admissions committee. Meeting minimal standards does not guarantee admission. The total application packet will be considered in making admissions decisions. Highly promising applicants who do not precisely meet the GPA admission requirements may petition the School of Social Work graduate admissions committee for exceptional consideration.