

# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

## Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

UGPC APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 UFS APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 CATALOG \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT:  
 SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

COLLEGE:  
 COLLEGE FOR DESIGN AND SOCIAL INQUIRY

PROGRAM NAME:  
 MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**  
 (PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

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: Michael J. Hampton  
 College Curriculum Chair: Elwood R. Hamlin  
 College Dean: [Signature]  
 UGPC Chair: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Graduate College Dean: \_\_\_\_\_  
 UFS President: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Provost: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

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Email this form and syllabus to [UGPC@fau.edu](mailto:UGPC@fau.edu) one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

### **Current Catalog Language:**

#### **Admission Requirements for Advanced Standing Students**

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Applicants are required to successfully pass (a grade of "B" or higher) the 3-credit Transition Course (SOW 6693). This course is intended to assist applicants in transitioning from undergraduate B.S.W.-level coursework to graduate-level M.S.W. coursework. The course is offered prior to the fall semester of admission. Applicants may be conditionally accepted in the Advanced Standing Program prior to successfully completing the transition course.

Applicants who take the transition course and are not accepted into the Advanced Standing Program may drop the course in accordance with University policy. Applicants should consult the Academic Calendar regarding withdrawal and fee-liability deadlines.

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### **Proposed Catalog Language**

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