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## Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COLLEGE FOR DESIGN AND SOCIAL INQUIRY

PROGRAM NAME: MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

(PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

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

**IN FALL 2012, OUR FACULTY VOTED UNANIMOUSLY A CHANGE IN OUR MPA PROGRAM ADMISSION STANDARDS. WE DECIDED TO RAISE OUR CURRENT REQUIRED GPA OF 3.0 TO 3.2 EFFECTIVELY IN FALL 2013.**

**RATIONALE: AFTER WE REMOVE GRE REQUIREMENT, WE NEED TO RAISE OUR CURRENT GPA IN ORDER TO RECRUIT QUALITY STUDENTS. NO NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR STUDENT ENROLLMENTS IS EXPECTED. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE OVER 200 STUDENTS IN THE MPA PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THIS HIGHER ADMISSION STANDARD WE WILL BE ABLE TO RECRUIT MORE STUDENTS AND WILL HELP RAISE OUR CURRENT NATIONAL RANKING.**

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.  
There is no impact on other departments. Thus, there is no need for any consultation.

**Approved by:**

Department Chair: Khi V. Thai

College Curriculum Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

College Dean: \_\_\_\_\_

UGPC Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate College Dean: \_\_\_\_\_

UFS President: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:**

*April 8, 2013*

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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.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Rosalyn Carter, Dean, CDSI  
Elwood Hamlim III,  
CDSI Graduate Curriculum Committee

FROM: Khi V. Thai, Director *Khi V. Thai*

DATE: January 8, 2013

SUBJECT: Change of our MOPA Admission GPA

In fall 2012, our faculty voted unanimously a change in our MPA program admission standards. We decided to raise our current required GPA of 3.0 to 3.2 effectively in fall 2013.

Rationale: After we remove GRE requirement, we need to raise our current GPA in order to recruit quality students. No negative effect on our student enrollments is expected. Currently, we have over 200 students in the MPA program. We believe that with this higher admission standard we will be able to recruit more students and will help raise our current national ranking.