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Program Changes Pending Approval from Graduate Committee

Code	Field	Old Value	New Value
CEMBPH	Phone	575-6731	575-4401
	Effective Catalog Year	Fall 2015	Fall 2016

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy

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	Does Program Add/Delete Courses form Other Colleges	No	Yes
	Colleges Used		AFLS
ENDYPH	Program Requirements and Description	Requirements for Admission: Applicants should hold a master's degree in an environmental field such as anthropology, geography, geology, biological sciences, crop, soil, and environmental sciences, or environmental engineering, or in a social science field with an environmental focus (e.g. environmental economics, environmental policy, environmental sociology). Further, these students will be required to have at least a 3.20 GPA in graduate courses and strong scores on all components of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Applicants without the master's degree but with exceptionally strong qualifications may be admitted directly into the ENDY program but must complete the master's requirements. Admission into the program will be by committee evaluation. In addition to fulfilling the requirements for admission to the Graduate School, applicants must also supply the following materials:	Requirements for Admission: Applicants should hold a master's degree in an environmental field such as anthropology, geography, geology, biological sciences, crop, soil, and environmental sciences, or environmental engineering, or in a social science field with an environmental focus (e.g. environmental economics, environmental policy, environmental sociology). Further, these students will be required to have at least a 3.20 GPA in graduate courses and strong scores on all components of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Applicants without the master's degree but with exceptionally strong qualifications may be admitted directly into the ENDY program but must complete the master's requirements. Admission into the program will be by committee evaluation. In addition to fulfilling the requirements for admission to the Graduate School, applicants must also supply the following materials:
	College/School Code	Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences	Graduate School
	Department Code	Department of Arts and Sciences Dean	Department of Graduate Dean
	Effective Catalog Year	Summer 2014	Fall 2016
	Submitter		jkvamme
	Phone		5-6603
	Academic Unit		Major/Field of Study
	Method of Delivery		On Campus
	Colleges Used		AFLS
	Program Goals and Objectives		n/a to this change
	Student Demand		28
	Scheduled Program Review Date		2016
	Similar Programs Available		No
	Learning Outcomes		This will allow an enhanced base skill set for the students.
	Reason for Program Change		Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/ graduation requirements, adding Focused Study)
	Does Program Add/Delete Courses form Other Colleges		Yes
	Change Hours to Complete Program		No

	Description and Justification of the Request		We are proposing to require four courses instead of three and to require three semesters of ENDY 6991 Colloquium. The four required courses will be ENDY 5113 Global Change (Sp), ENDY 6013 Environmental Dynamics (Fa), ENDY/ANTH/GEOS 5053 Quaternary Environments (Fa), and ENDY/ANTH 6033 Society and the Environment (Sp). Previously, students were given an option of taking either ENDY/ANTH/GEOS 5053 or ENDY/ANTHG 6033. They will now be required to take both. This will allow a more rounded basic skill set for the students who come from varied backgrounds.
	Program Reviewer Comments		Ikulcza Wed, 14 Jan 2015 01:03:33 GMT Corrected College and Department associated with this program--as of fall 2014, ENDY moved to the Graduate School
SCWKMS	Effective Catalog Year	Fall 2015	Fall 2016
	Method of Delivery	On Campus	On Campus
	Program Requirements and Description	Admission Requirements: Admission to the University of Arkansas Graduate School as well as admission to the School of Social Work M.S.W. program is required. Admission requirements for the M.S.W. program include: a baccalaureate degree with a liberal arts perspective from an accredited college or university (official transcripts must be provided); a minimum 3.00 undergraduate GPA on a four-point scale; 2.75 for conditional admission; a personal statement of motivation for and experiences supporting admission to the MSW program; a social needs paper that discusses a current social need that is of concern and interest to you; three professional reference letters (faculty, employers, supervisors); a basic statistics course; and computer literacy demonstrated through prior course work. Applicants with a GPA between 2.5-2.99 for the last 60 hours of their most recent undergraduate degree are required to complete the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Millers Analogies Test (MAT) and to submit GRE/ MAT scores to the Graduate School. In addition to the above requirements, for admission to the Advanced Standing program, applicants must have a bachelor's degree in social work, received during the past six years, from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.	Admission Requirements: Admission to the University of Arkansas Graduate School as well as admission to the School of Social Work M.S.W. program is required. Admission requirements for the M.S.W. program include: a baccalaureate degree with a liberal arts perspective from an accredited college or university (official transcripts must be provided); a minimum 3.00 undergraduate GPA on a four-point scale; 2.75 for conditional admission; a personal statement of motivation for and experiences supporting admission to the MSW program; a social needs paper that discusses a current social need that is of concern and interest to you; three professional reference letters (faculty, employers, supervisors); a basic statistics course; and computer literacy demonstrated through prior course work. Applicants with a GPA between 2.75-2.99 for the last 60 hours of their first undergraduate degree are required to complete the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Millers Analogies Test (MAT) and to submit GRE/ MAT scores to the Graduate School. In addition to the above requirements, for admission to the Advanced Standing program, applicants must have a bachelor's degree in social work, received during the past six years, from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
	Student Demand	n/a	50 per year
	Description and Justification of the Request	This proposed program change reflects a shift in curriculum that removes a general practice course in the advanced year in order to provide students with the opportunity to take a population specific practice course (selective). This proposal also includes the addition of two new population specific practice courses from which students may choose.	We request to add an online option for the Advanced Standing Program in the University of Arkansas J. William Fulbright School of Social Work. We base this request on the need for more flexible and affordable options for students who have a bachelor of social work (BSW) and who want to pursue a masters of social work (MSW). Social workers with masters degrees are more skilled and earn significantly more money than do students with a BSW only. There are currently only three traditional MSW programs in Arkansas and no online advanced standing options in the state. With 500+ licensed BSW social workers in the state, the need is present for viable and affordable graduate school options that reach all corners of the state.

	Program Reviewer Comments	ddraper Wed, 01 Oct 2014 22:05:57 GMT Edited language in proposal for clarity per recommendation of the curriculum committee and with proposer's approval. ddraper 10/1/2014	agriffin Tue, 17 Mar 2015 18:23:54 GMT Uploaded revised LON to adjust formatting and incorporate syllabi and budget into one document.
	Reason for Program Change	Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding Focused Study)	Requesting Approval to Offer an Existing Certificate or Degree via Distance Technology—(LON 13)
	Reason for Offering Web-based Program		There are currently eight undergraduate and three graduate social work programs offered in Arkansas, with no online program options available. Providing an online Master of Social Work (MSW) Advanced Standing Program at the University of Arkansas will potentially increase significantly to the diversity and number of students able to complete this valuable degree in the most affordable way possible. Residents in our rural state will benefit from increased access to our graduate social work program, which allows the MSW student the flexibility to continue working while studying for a master's degree in social work and also allows learning in place, all across Arkansas. In many small communities a Licensed Master Social Worker is a valuable asset that is often inaccessible for low to moderate income individuals and families, those with unreliable transportation, those who are mentally or physically ill, and others who experience pain and loss.
	Web-Based Delivery Method		Online
	Web-Based Interaction Method		Other
	Description of Other Web-based Interaction		Blackboard Learning Management System with Collaborate; email
	Out-sourced Services		No services are supplied by consortia partners or outsources to outside organizations.
	Estimated Online Program Costs		see attached budget below
	Maximum Size of Web-based Courses		20
	Percentage Online		100%
	Add Attachments		Ltr of Notification - Distance Tech - SCWKMS.docx
SPANMA	Program Requirements and Description	Master of Arts Degree in Spanish	Master of Arts Degree in Spanish
	Effective Catalog Year	Summer 2014	Fall 2015
	Submitter		sbell
	Phone		575-2951
	Academic Unit		Major/Field of Study
	Method of Delivery		On Campus
	Program Goals and Objectives		no changes
	Student Demand		NA
	Scheduled Program Review Date		2019-2020
	Similar Programs Available		Yes
	Institutions offering Similar Programs		NA (UALR, perhaps others)
	Reasons for Program		This is not a new program, just a very minor program change.
	Learning Outcomes		no changes

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	Does Program Add/Delete Courses from Other Colleges		No
	Change Hours to Complete Program		No
	Description and Justification of the Request		We are making a very tiny change, just in the recently added Pedagogy Track within our SPANMA: We are just changing the distribution of additional credit hours from 24/9, to 24-27 and 6-9. This will allow faculty and students just a bit more flexibility in fulfilling requirements, for those instances, for example, in which a particular course might not be available, say, because of an OCDA assignment one semester.
	Program Reviewer Comments		agriffin Tue, 09 Dec 2014 16:13:45 GMT Inserted scheduled program review date.