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Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template/Abbreviated Template with Curriculum

Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: NA (request is for removal of previously established program)
Currently Approved Title: Master of Arts (MA) degree in Sociology (request to remove)
School or Division or Location: Sociology Graduate Program
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code[1] (for new programs): NA
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 45.1101
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 07/01/2015
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: 05/01/2015

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

SECTION NO.		ITEM
Regents' General Consent Calendar Items		
R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar		
5.1.1	☐	Minor*
5.1.2	☐	Emphasis*
5.2.1	☐	(CER P) Certificate of Proficiency*
5.2.3	☐	(GCR) Graduate Certificate*
5.4.1	☐	New Administrative Unit
	☐	Administrative Unit Transfer
	☐	Administrative Unit Restructure
	☐	Administrative Unit Consolidation
5.4.2	☐	Conditional Three-Year Approval for New Centers, Institutes, or Bureaus
5.4.3	☐	New Center
	☐	New Institute
	☐	New Bureau
5.5.1	☐	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs
5.5.2	☐	Program Transfer
	☐	Program Restructure
	☐	Program Consolidation
5.5.3	☐	Name Change of Existing Programs
5.5.4	XX	Program Discontinuation
	☐	Program Suspension
5.5.5	☐	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
	☐	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Administrative Unit

Requires "Section V: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

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Signature   **Date:** 05/04/2015

Printed Name: Laurens H. Smith Jr., Executive Senior Vice Provost

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[1] CIP codes <u>must</u> be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55.

Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Sociology
12/29/2014

Section I: Request

The Sociology Graduate Program at Utah State University requests discontinuation of the Master of Arts (MA) degree in Sociology. Although the MA degree has remained among the list of approved degrees at USU, it has not been awarded for many years. Rather, the Master of Science (MS) degree program will continue to be used for students entering graduate study in Sociology at that level. This requested change will not have any effect on the existing curriculum or instructional activities.

Section II: Need

The MA degree has not been used by the Sociology program for many years, and having it remain "on the books" creates potential confusion for graduate program applicants. The Sociology graduate program is heavily focused on research and data analysis skills, which makes the MS degree far more appropriate for our students than the MA degree.

Section III: Institutional Impact

This requested discontinuation of the MA degree will have no effect on enrollments in the Sociology program or in any affiliated programs since that degree option has not been utilized for many years. It will also not have any effects on existing administrative structures, on faculty/staff requirements, or on facilities.

Section IV: Finances

The proposed change will not have any budgetary consequences.

Section V: Program Curriculum

All Program Courses (with New Courses in Bold)
No curricular changes will result from the proposed removal of the MA degree n Sociology at USU.

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
	Sub-Total	
Elective Courses		
	Sub-Total	
Track/Options (if applicable)		
	Sub-Total	
	Total Number of Credits	

Program Schedule

NA