

**FORM B**

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO  
PROGRAM PROPOSAL**



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| Academic Unit: 3  | Date of Submission to School Dean: |
| Requested Effective: Fall <del>X</del> , Spring <del>X</del> 2007   |                                    |
| Name of Contact Person, if not Department Chair:<br>Dr. Dale Russell, Undergraduate Program Coordinator   |                                    |
| Title of the Program: Division of Social Work, Baccalaureate Program  |                                    |
| <b>Type of Program Proposal:</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification in Existing Program:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantive Change<br>___ Non-Substantive Change<br>___ Deletion of Existing Program<br><br>___ <b>New Programs</b><br>___ Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan<br>___ New Degree Programs<br>___ Regular Process<br>___ Fast Track Process<br>___ Pilot Process<br>___ New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis<br>___ New Certificate Program |                                    |
| <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at <a href="http://www.csus.edu/acaf/unjvmanual/index.htm">http://www.csus.edu/acaf/unjvmanual/index.htm</a>   |                                    |

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.

The proposed program change would be adding a needed course, Introduction to Social Work to the Bachelor of Social Work curriculum. Currently, the Division of Social Work at California State University is one of the few programs (less than 5% of accredited BSW programs do not offer an introductory course) that does not offer in introductory course. This course will be offered as both a GE course and will be considered a requisite for those who intend to declare social work as their major. Currently, the BSW program has no way of offering a bridge course to help students make an informed decision before they declare social work a major. This course not only aids students in their decision-making but also assists social work faculty in early recruitment, ultimate retention and preparation of social work majors.

This course aims to assist students to: promote knowledge about the nature of social work practice including its underlying assumptions, values, ethics, roles and activities; promote basic understanding about generalist practice; promote understanding some of the differences between conventional and progressive approaches to social work; to promote understanding more about themselves in regard to social work; to promote some familiarity with the work of social workers in the community.

The proposed change does not increase the total number of units needed to graduate from the social work program, the required number of units remains at 48.

Approvals:

Department Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/23/07

School Dean: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 03/26/07

University Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Vice President and Dean  
for Academic Affairs: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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APPROVAL 4/11/07