# Program Proposal
## Form B

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### Title of the Program (Please be specific; indicate minor, undergraduate or graduate degree, etc.):
Master of Social Work

### Type of Program Proposal:

- [ ] Modification in Existing Program:
  - [ ] Substantive Change
  - [x] Non-Substantive Change
  - [ ] Deletion of Existing Program

- [ ] New Programs
  - [ ] Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan
  - [ ] New Degree Programs
    - [ ] Regular Process
    - [ ] Fast Track Process
    - [ ] Pilot Process
  - [ ] New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis
  - [ ] New Certificate Program

### PLEASE NOTE: 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 [http://www.csus.edu/umanual/acad.htm](http://www.csus.edu/umanual/acad.htm).
Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.

The proposal is to raise the minimum GPA for entry into the graduate program from 2.5 to 2.8. A detailed analysis of the GPA for incoming students for 2010/2011 indicates the average GPA of incoming students to be 3.4. We further concluded that very few students with lower than a 2.8 GPA gained entry into the program because of the highly competitive applicant pool.

We also believe that students with less than a 2.8 GPA will have more difficulty maintaining the minimum 3.0 GPA required in order to remain in the program. The overall requirements of the program, particularly the writing component, has become more rigorous in recent years with increased writing requirements and expectations for active engagement in research and the culminating experience.

Applications for the graduate program exceed considerably the available slots for admission. As an example for the 2010/2011 academic year the division received over 500 applications for 96 slots. Increasing the GPA will allow for a more competitive and qualified pool of applicants. Review of historical data also indicates that although potentially the pool could be smaller, there will be very little adverse impact on the demographics, e.g., Ethnic and gender balance will remain relatively the same.

Approvals:

Department Chair: [Signature] Date: 2-7-11

College Dean: [Signature] Date: 2-8-11

University Committee: [Signature] Date:

Associate Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs: [Signature] Date:
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Current language

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Master of Social Work program, applicants must have:

- a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;
- passed an approved course in statistics with a grade of "C" or better;
- completed a course with human biology content with a grade of "C" or better;
- a minimum GPA of 2.5 for the last 60 units of coursework;
- demonstrated writing proficiency; and
- completed the Liberal Arts foundation (GE requirements).

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Proposed language

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