

Revised Proposal for a Master of Arts Degree within the PhD. Program in Social Welfare

The Mandel School Doctoral Program Executive Committee recommends creation of a terminal master's degree within the PhD. Program in Social Welfare. The degree would be called **Master of Arts in Research and Theory in Social Welfare**. The name of this degree was deliberately chosen in order to reduce any chance of confusion with the MSW degree (or its equivalents), which is recognized as the terminal master's-level degree within social work and which is a professional degree. The name also reflects the research and theory competencies that students must demonstrate to be eligible for the degree.

The proposed terminal Master of Arts degree falls under the School of Graduate Studies "Plan B" policy for master's degrees. The degree entails no requirements other than those already required of students in the Ph.D. Program in Social Welfare. Specifically, the Master of Arts in Research and Theory in Social Welfare would be awarded to students who have (a) successfully completed all required coursework and (b) passed the qualifying examination (both parts) and been advanced to candidacy but who are exiting the program before completion of the PhD. Students will not be recruited for the Master of Arts in Research and Theory in Social Welfare. This degree will not generate new revenue or impose any new costs. Students exiting the program before completion of the Ph.D. in Social Welfare may petition to receive the terminal Master of Arts in Research and Theory in Social Welfare after fulfilling the above requirements. This degree will not be awarded retrospectively to students who have already graduated or separated from the PhD. Program in Social Welfare; it will be available only to non-continuing students who satisfy the requirements on or after the date of final approval of this proposal.

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