

## Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

### Existing Degree Program Title Change Request

Directions: Complete this form to request a change to the title (name) of an existing degree program. The degree program must already be on an institution's program inventory. A degree program title consists of the following two parts:

- 1) degree designation, such as Bachelor of Science (BS), Master of Arts (MA), or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD); and,
- 2) name of the discipline, such as History, Mechanical Engineering, or Zoology.

*NOTE: This form requires the signature of the Provost or Chief Academic Officer.*

Submit the *Degree Program Title Change Request* via the Online Submission Portal:

<https://www1.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/proposals/>

Information: Contact the Division of Academic Quality and Workforce at 512/427-6200.

#### Administrative Information

1. Institution: Texas A&M University

2. Current Degree Program Title – Show how the program appears on the Coordinating Board's approval letter (e.g., Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting):

Master of Recreation and Resources Development

3. Degree Program CIP Code: 52090300

4. Contact Person: Provide contact information for the person who can answer specific questions about the degree program.

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Request for Change in Degree Program Designation (e.g., Bachelor of Science (BS), Master of Arts (MA), or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD))

Current Degree Program Designation: **MRR**

Proposed Degree Program Designation: **MS**

Implementation Date (MM/DD/YYYY): **09/01/2018**

Reason for Change:

*Describe why this change would be beneficial to students and/or the degree program.*

The MRR did not attract enough students throughout the state. The MRR degree has been dormant for a few years; no students are currently enrolled. The MS is considered an academic degree that is research focused and includes advanced courses in the field of study. This is more acceptable to the general public and has been requested by several state agencies (i.e., AgriLife Extension and Department of Family and Protective Services) that support the development of the degree program. There is a high demand for an online master's degree focusing on the role recreation plays in the development of youth and their well-being in out-of-school settings within communities; an MS degree is required for job advancement by key employers.

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Request Change in Name of Discipline (e.g., History, Mechanical Engineering, or Zoology)

Current Name: **Recreation and Resource Development**

Proposed Name: **Recreation and Youth Development**

Implementation Date (MM/DD/YYYY): **09/01/2018**

Reason for Change:

*Describe why this change would be beneficial to students and/or the program.*

The current MRR degree has been dormant for a few years; no students are currently enrolled and only one has graduated from the program. The program focused mostly on recreation and resources development within various communities. However, the impact of human behavior is viewed as having a major impact on those resources currently and in their future use. There is a high demand for an online master's degree focusing on the role recreation plays in the development of youth and their well-being in out-of-school settings within communities. Skill and knowledge in managing the development of resources for youth, their families and the communities they live in have become vital to the future of society. Students enrolled will be able to understand the role recreation and resource development plays but also be able to consider the social and natural environmental context which includes family, friends, neighborhood, societal institutions, socio-political systems and worldviews.

**Signature of Compliance**

I hereby certify that all of the above changes have been approved in accordance with the procedures required by my institution, system office, and Board of Regents, as applicable.

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Provost/Chief Academic Officer

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Date