

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

The Mandel School Doctoral Program Executive Committee recommends creation of a terminal master's degree within the Ph.D. 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) and reflects the research and theory competencies of the degree.

The proposed terminal Master of Arts degree falls under the School of Graduate Studies 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 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 admitted to the program who are exiting the program before completion of the PhD. Students will not be required to complete the Master of Arts in Research and Theory in Social Welfare. This degree will not generate any new costs. Students exiting the program before completion of the PhD may petition to receive the terminal Master of Arts in Research and Theory in Social Welfare by fulfilling the above requirements. This degree will not be awarded retrospectively to students who have already graduated or separated from the Ph.D. Program in Social Welfare; it will be awarded to continuing students who satisfy the requirements on or after the date of final approval.

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