Request for Program Modification

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Institution submitting request: The University of Oklahoma
Contact person: Cecelia Brown, Ph.D.
Title: Professor and Director, School of Library and Information Studies
Phone number: 325-3921

Current title of degree program (Level II): Master of Library and Information Studies
Current title of degree program (Level III): Library and Information Studies
State Regent’s three-digit program code: 151
Degree Granting Academic Unit: College of Arts and Sciences
With options in: A. Library and Information Studies M650
B. Library and Information Studies electronic delivery M651
C. 
D. 
E. 

TYPE OF REQUEST: Check those appropriate and complete appropriate pages ONLY!

☐ (1) Program Deletion
☐ (2) Program Suspension
☐ (3) Change of Program Name and/or Degree Designation
☐ (4) Option Addition
☐ (5) Option Deletion
☐ (6) Option Name Change
☑ (7) Program Requirement Change
☐ (8) Other Degree Program Modification

Complete and return ONLY this cover sheet AND the appropriate page specifying the requested modification along with the signature page!

Signature of President: __________________________ Date: __________
Date of Governing Board Approval: ________________
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REQUEST FOR PROGRAM MODIFICATION
(continued)

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State Regents' three-digit program code and Program name of program to be modified:
151 Master of Library and Information Studies

(7) PROGRAM REQUIREMENT CHANGES

☑ Course requirement change (change in number of core courses, electives, general education, etc. Changes in course prefixes that do not effect content should be reported, but do not require approval.)

☐ Degree program requirement change (i.e. prerequisites, minimum GPA for admission or other admission criteria changes, graduation criteria change, etc.)

☑ Total credit hours for the degree will NOT change.

☐ Total credit hours for the degree will change from ______ to ______.

Summary of changes (attach no more than one page if space provided is inadequate):

Two summaries are attached, one for the on-campus program (M650) and one is for the online/electronic delivery (M651).

Will total number of credit hours required for the degree change ☑ No ☐ Yes

Explain:

Attach current and proposed degree program requirements and degree program objectives (on no more than three pages). Indicate the changes clearly.

Will requested change require additional funds? ☑ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please specify the number of the additional costs, the source of the funds, and how they will be expended (attach no more than one page if space provided is inadequate).

Reason for requested action (attach no more than one page if space provided is inadequate):

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# Summary of Program Modification

**Department:** School of Library and Information Studies  
**Date:** October 8, 2010

**Program to be modified:** Master in Library and Information Studies  
**Major Code:** M650  
(on-campus delivery)

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Master of Library and Information Studies 151
(Program Name & Code being modified)

Approval Signatures

[Signature]
(Department/School Chair/Director)

10.5.10
(Date)

(College Dean)

(Date)

(Graduate College)

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(Academic Programs Council)

(Date)

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