Proposal for Individualized Plan of Study

The School for Global Inclusion and Social Development (SGISD) recognizes that our students are unique. We specifically seek students with creativity, vision, and entrepreneurial aspirations. Therefore, in return, we are ready to support the development of those visions through academic means.

While we provide predetermined areas of concentration from which students may choose, we also offer a mechanism by which students can organize an Individualized Plan of Study. The opportunity to create an Individualized Plan of Study is designed specifically for those students who have compiled a collection of classes that constitute a clearly defined specialized concentration that will fulfill a professional role or responsibility.

The Master’s curriculum consists of 39 credits: 24 of those credits represent core courses (SGISD 601, SGISD 605, SGISD 606, SGISD 608 or 609, SGISD 610 or 611, SGISD 615 or 616, and SGISD 801); the remaining 15 credits represent elective courses that lead to a well-thought-out professional application.

Students proposing an Individualized Plan of Study may select courses from any School within the University of Massachusetts, Boston. While creating the Individualized Plan of Study, students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisors to discuss and assess the elective classes constituting the Plan of Study; the academic advisor must sign off on the proposed curriculum before submitting to the SGISD Academic Affairs Committee and then final approval is by the Dean. An Individualized Plan of Study must be approved by the Office of the Dean no later than the onset of the student’s second academic semester. If a student changes his/her elective coursework, he/she must complete and re-submit this form with revised classes and justifications. With those details understood, the following details must be provided for consideration:

1. Title of Proposed Plan of Study/Area of Specialization: _________________________________

2. List the elective courses that make up your Proposed Plan of Study:

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3. Provide 2-3 sentences for each course listed above and how that contributes to your professional goals.

4. Provide a brief description of why this Plan of Study is best suited for you personally (no more than 500 words):

5. Provide a brief description as to how this Plan of Study is applicable to your career goals (no more than 500 words):

Signature of Student: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Signature of Academic Advisor: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Signature of the Chair of the SGISD Academic Affairs Committee ___________________________

Date ___________________________

Date Received in Office of the Dean: ___________________________

Approval of the Dean: Yes No

If no, reason for decline: ________________________________________

Signature of the Dean: ___________________________ Date: ____________