University of Houston System

Summary of New Academic Programs

Academic, Research and Student Success Committee

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Component	Program	Proposed Implementation Date	Purpose	Comments
UH	Master of Science in Quantitative Social Science		The University of Houston requests approval to establish a Master of Science in Quantitative Social Science. The proposed degree consists of 30 semester credit hours to be completed over two years. The program will leverage available capacity in mostly existing courses to create a new degree that focuses on training students in a field with growing labor force demand for social data analysis, and whose title appropriately signals students' analytic interests and competencies. Students will take substantive social science courses from multiple departments enabling them to take advantage of faculty expertise in areas such as economic forecasting, public opinion, demography, and big data analysis. Graduates will be prepared to fill analytic jobs in the public sector, non-profit, and business organizations, and will be properly suited for doctoral studies or other advanced research roles.	In-Person