

## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

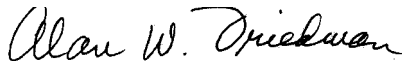
**PROPOSED CREATION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY CERTIFICATE IN THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2018-2020***

Dean Luis H. Zayas in the School of Social Work has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following proposal to create a Public Safety Certificate in the School of Social Work chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*. On October 5, 2016, the Dean and faculty in the School of Social Work approved the proposal. The Secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to a single college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the proposal on May 15, 2017, and forwarded it to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with the Provost on behalf of the President.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by October 12, 2017.



Alan W. Friedman, Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Council  
The University of Texas at Austin  
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- Type of Proposal:**  New Certificate Program  
 Change an Existing Certificate Program  
 Delete a Program

**Note: If the certificate program proposed for addition or change includes a requirement of 21 to 24 semester credit hours, an additional form is required for THECB approval/notification.**

**Proposed classification:**  Exclusive    General    Major

**1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACSCOC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.**

- Is this a new transcript-recognized certificate program? Yes  No
- Is this a request to delete an existing transcript-recognized certificate program? Yes  No
- Does the certificate offer courses that will be taught off campus? Yes  No
- Will courses in this program be delivered electronically? Yes  No
- Will courses be developed specifically for the new certificate? Yes  No

**2. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES: (Please check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in other colleges                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in proposer’s college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Flags  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course in the core curriculum                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in course sequencing for an existing program   | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Courses that have to be added to the inventory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in admission requirements (external or internal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office) |   |

**3. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE:**

- a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes  No   
If yes, then how?
- b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes  No   
If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
- c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college? Yes  No   
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
- d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges? Yes  No   
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

**If 3 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions. If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.**

How many students do you expect to be impacted? Six to ten a year.

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

4. **OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE NAME:** Undergraduate Certificate: Public Safety Certificate
5. **PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Fall 2018
6. **CIP CODE** (administrative unit awarding the certificate): Social Work (44.0701)
7. **STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE:** The certificate in public safety will provide undergraduate social work students with coursework and service learning opportunities that prepare them for careers in public safety. These careers may include work in such settings as law enforcement, fire departments, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and emergency management at the local, state, and national levels.
8. **NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE EACH SEMESTER:** Six to ten per year students will complete an application form and submit it to the Undergraduate Program Coordinator, who, in consultation with the Sr. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, will offer admission to the Certificate Program.
9. **NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION (Note: If the number of required hours is 21 to 24, THECB form is required):** Eighteen hours
10. **LIST FACULTY ON THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FACULTY COMMITTEE.**

Name of Faculty Member	College/Department	Title at UT Austin	Highest Degree and Awarding Institution
Allan Cole	Social Work	Sr. Assoc. Dean/Professor	Ph.D., Princeton Seminary
Michael Lauderdale	Social Work	Professor	Ph.D. Univ. of Oklahoma
Lori Holleran-Steiker	Social Work	Professor	Ph.D. Arizona State Univ.
Tanya Voss	Social Work	Clinical Professor/Asst. Dean	MSSW, The University of Texas at Austin
Cossy Hough	Social Work	Clinical Associate Professor	MSSW, The University of Texas at Austin
Mary Mulvaney	Social Work	Clinical Professor	MSSW, The University of Texas at Austin

11. **ACADEMIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Use this table to identify the courses that qualify for this certificate program.

Course Abbreviation and Number	Course Title	SCH
PSF 311	Social Work and Public Safety	3
SW 325	Foundations of Social Justice	3
PSF 360K	Public Safety Field Immersion	3
SW 311 (Topic 3) SW 360K (Topic 12) SW 360K (Topic 14) SW 360K (Topic 15) SW 360K (Topic 8)	<u>Three Courses Chosen from the Following:</u> Introduction to the Criminal Justice System Social Work in the Legal System Working with Youth Gangs Youth, Delinquency, and Juvenile Justice Leadership in the Community	9

SW 360K(Topic 5)	Advanced Topics in Social and Economic Justice	
SW 360K (Topic 6)	Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence	
SW 360K (Topic 3)	Treatment of Substance Use Disorders	
SW 360K(Topic 17)	Principles of Recovery and Relapse Prevention	
SW 360K (Topic 11)	Communication Skills in Interdisciplinary Settings	
SW 360K (Topic 4)	Social Work Practice with Abused and Neglected Children and their Families	
SW 360K (Topic 9)	Loss and Grief: Individual, Family, and Cultural Perspectives	
SW 306L (Topic 18)	Mental Health Issues in Public Safety	

## 12. OTHER CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS:

All courses need to be completed with the grade of C or higher. PSF 360K Public Safety Field Immersion will be taken on a pass/fail basis. Field Immersion placements will be completed in public safety related settings, including such possibilities as the Austin Police Department, UT Police Department, Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Corrections, City of Austin Office of Emergency Management, Travis County Office of Emergency Management, and Austin EMS.

**13. GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S):** Preparing social work students for careers in public safety settings will broaden career options for bachelor-level social workers. This preparation will also enhance opportunities for social work values and skills to shape efforts for ongoing excellence and positive change in a range of human service contexts.

## 14. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:

Department approval date: October 5, 2016      Approved by whom: Faculty  
 College approval date:      October 5, 2016      Approved by whom: Faculty  
 Dean approval date:      October 5, 2016      Approved by whom: Luis H. Zayas

## • PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT

Catalog language; section [Catalogs](#) > [Undergraduate](#) > [School of Social Work](#) > Minor and Certificate Programs

### **Certificate in Public Safety for Bachelor of Social Work Students**

The certificate in public safety provides undergraduate social work students with coursework and service learning opportunities that prepare them for careers in public safety. These careers may include work in such settings as law enforcement, fire departments, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and emergency management at the local, state, and national levels.

### **Requirements**

The certificate will be awarded to students whose successful completion of the BSW program of work includes six courses (eighteen hours) in the area of focus, including:

1. PSF 311 Social Work and Public Safety (three hours)
2. SW 325 Foundations of Social Justice: Values, Diversity, Power, and Oppression (three hours )
3. Three courses chosen from the following: (nine hours)
  - SW 311 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
  - SW 360K Social Work in the Legal System
  - SW 360K Working with Youth Gangs
  - SW 360K Youth, Delinquency, and Juvenile Justice
  - SW 360K Leadership in the Community
  - SW 360K Advanced Topics in Social and Economic Justice

- SW 360K Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence
- SW 360K Treatment of Substance Use Disorders
- SW 360K Principles of Recovery and Relapse Prevention
- SW 360K Communication Skills in Interdisciplinary Settings
- SW 360K Social Work Practice with Abused and Neglected Children and their Families
- SW 360K Loss and Grief: Individual, Family, and Cultural Perspectives
- SW 360K Mental Health Issues in Public Safety
- 4. Public Safety Field Immersion (one hour per week seminar and 120 hrs. of service learning)  
(three hours)

#### Field Immersion Placements

Placements will be completed in public safety related settings, including such possibilities as the Austin Police Department, UT Police Department, Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Corrections, City of Austin Office of Emergency Management, Travis County Office of Emergency Management, and Austin EMS.

#### **Application Process**

Students will complete an application form and submit it to the Undergraduate Program Coordinator, who, in consultation with the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, will offer admission to the Certificate Program.