

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
January 29, 2009**

SUBJECT: Ph. D. in Sociology at the University of South Florida

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider for Approval the Ph. D. in Sociology at the University of South Florida,
CIP Code 45.1101

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution
Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of South Florida's proposed Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) in Sociology is one of three new Ph.D. programs in the humanities and social sciences which make up the Global Sustainable Healthy Communities Doctoral Education and Research Initiative. All three programs are linked by the requirement of an interdisciplinary capstone seminar. The Ph.D. in Sociology requires 60 hours beyond the master's level, and specialized areas of study may include urban development, urban culture, disability in urban society, social problems of urban communities, immigration and migration, education and inequality, community health, or communities and the environment.

Increased emphasis on humanities and social sciences programs will position the University for membership in the American Association of Universities. This program has been reviewed by members of the Academic Programs Team during their October 30, 2008 conference call and the SPASOC committee at their November 20, 2008 meeting.

If approved by the Board of Governors, students will be admitted beginning Fall 2009.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposal and Staff Analysis included in November 2008 Board meeting materials:
http://www.flbog.org/pressroom/meeting_agenda.php?id=11

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