

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
November 6, 2014**

SUBJECT: Master's of Data Science (CIP 11.9999) at New College of Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider for approval the Master's of Data Science at the New College of Florida, CIP 11.9999.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New College of Florida (NCF) is proposing to offer a Master's of Data Science. The program will be offered at its main campus. The purpose of the program is to provide individuals with post-baccalaureate training required to pursue a career in the rapidly evolving data science sector. The proposed NCF program would be the first stand alone Master in Data Science program to be offered by a public university in the state of Florida.

The proposed master program will require the completion of 36 credit hours (9 required core courses, 2 restricted elective courses, and 1 practicum semester). Letters of support have been provided by Florida Polytechnic University, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, and University of South Florida because they offer similar majors or concentrations in this area.

The NCF Board of Trustees approved the program on August 28, 2014. If approved by the Board of Governors, NCF will implement the program in fall 2015.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials