



Board of Governors, State University System of Florida
ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM TERMINATION FORM
In Accordance with BOG Regulation 8.012

INSTITUTION: _____

PROGRAM NAME: _____

DEGREE LEVEL(S): _____ **CIP CODE:** _____
(B., M., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.) (Classification of Instructional Programs)

ANTICIPATED TERMINATION TERM: _____
(First term when no new students will be accepted into the program)

ANTICIPATED PHASE-OUT TERM: _____
(First term when no student data will be reported for this program)

Please use this form for academic program termination. The form should be approved by the University Board of Trustees (UBOT) prior to submission to the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida for consideration. Please fill out this form completely for each program to be terminated in order for your request to be processed as quickly as possible. Attach additional pages as necessary to provide a complete response. In the case of baccalaureate or master's degree programs, the UBOT may approve termination in accordance with BOG Regulation 8.012, and submit this form to the Board of Governors, Office of Academic and Student Affairs. For doctoral level programs, please submit this form with all appropriate signatures for Board of Governor's consideration. The issues outlined below should be examined by the UBOT when approving program terminations.

1. Provide a narrative rationale for the request to terminate the program.

6. Identify any potential negative impact of the proposed action on the current representation of females, minorities, faculty, and students in the program.

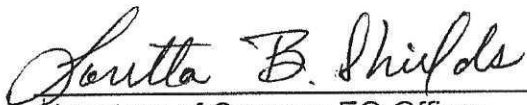
We anticipate no negative impact on program representation. All currently enrolled students will complete the program, and all new students will enter the new Master of Science in Applied Data Science program. All faculty have been reassigned to the new Applied Data Science program or undergraduate data/computer science.

7. If this is a baccalaureate program, please explain how and when the Florida College System (FCS) institutions have been notified of its termination so that students can be notified accordingly.


The Data Science program is a master's level program.


Requestor/Initiator

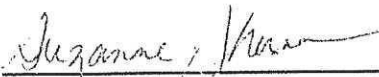
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Signature of Campus EO Officer

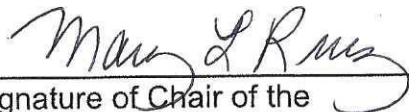
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Signature of College Dean

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Signature of President or Vice President
for Academic Affairs

4/13/2021
Date


Signature of Chair of the
Board of Trustees

4/21/2021
Date

04/20/2021
Date Approved by the Board of Trustees

Substantive Change Cover Sheet

1. Complete and submit a Substantive Change Cover Sheet with every substantive change submission.
2. Submit substantive changes as separate submissions except as permitted by policy.
3. Multiple changes in one submission, except as allowed by policy, will be returned.
4. An invoice will be issued, if required, when action is taken; no need to send payment until invoiced.

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

INSTITUTION NAME (NO ABBREVIATIONS)	MAIN CAMPUS CITY + STATE (OR NON-U.S. COUNTRY)
IS THE INSTITUTION CURRENTLY ON REIMBURSEMENT FOR TITLE IV FEDERAL FUNDING? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ► If "Yes" see policy for approval process requirements.	OFFICE USE

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RESTRICTION

1. Is the institution currently on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Was the institution placed on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause on or after September 3, 2020, and subsequently removed from sanction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Is the institution currently under provisional certification for participation in federal financial aid programs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If ANY are "Yes" the institution is on SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RESTRICTION . Refer to the <i>Substantive Change Policy and Procedures</i> for differential requirements and conditions.		◀◀

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TYPE (ONLY USE DESCRIPTIONS DEFINED IN POLICY)	SUBMISSION DATE	IMPLEMENTATION DATE
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE DESCRIPTION		

OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL SITES /ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS RELATED TO THIS SUBMISSION

	Site Name	Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Country
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						

PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS SUBMISSION

	Program Name (to include discipline)	Credential (Diploma, Bachelor of Arts, etc.)	Instructional Level (undergrad/grad)
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5.			

SUBMITTED

I certify the information on this form is correct and accurately represents the current status of the institution at the time of submission.

LIAISON or CEO NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	Suggest electronically signing with Adobe Acrobat when complete and before submitting (optional).

April 23, 2021

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges
Attn: Dr. Belle Wheelan, President
1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dr. Wheelan,

In accordance with the SACSCOC *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures*, New College of Florida is seeking approval for a program closure. Specifically, New College of Florida is seeking approval for the teach-out process of its Master of Science in Data Science program, effective January 1, 2022.

New College of Florida initiated the Master of Science in Data Science program in 2016, with the SACSCOC Board of Trustees approving New College's membership at Level III in June 2017. Since that time, the program has grown to become wildly successful. In fact, every student completing the program has received an offer of employment within three months of graduating (at a median starting salary of \$95,000). We are proud of what New College's first graduate program has achieved in such a small amount of time.

Then why would we want to close such a successful program?

Results from program assessment activities, along with feedback from employers and insight from the program's advisory council, have consistently indicated that both students and employers want more focus on *applied* data science. Students and employers are looking for a data science program that teaches students to *apply* data science to difficult problems in industry and society.

With that feedback, our Director of Data Science worked with faculty to begin development of a new data science program that would focus more heavily on the application of data science. The new program was designed with two primary goals:

- (1) Increase access for students to enter the field of Data Science (through a new introductory data science bootcamp)
- (2) Increase student exposure to experts from our corporate partners and applications of data science (through an industrial workshop series and additional practicum experience).

Even though the rest of the curriculum would remain unchanged, the decision was made to treat this as a new program with a new name and CIP:

	Original (outgoing) program	Newly developed program
Program name	Master of Science in Data Science	Master of Science in Applied Data Science
CIP	30.3001 (Computational Science)	11.0104 (Informatics)
Credit Hours	36 credit hours	36 credit hours
New content	--	Introductory bootcamp, industrial seminar series, and an Industrial Practicum (all not-for-credit) represent approximately 10% new content.

The creation of this new program (with its new CIP) triggered a State University System of Florida process whereby New College would need to request Board of Governors approval for a new program. The New College of Florida Board of Trustees approved the new program on February 11, 2021, and the Florida Board of Governors approved the new program on March 23, 2021.

With the new program approved, New College of Florida now appears to offer two master's level programs in data science: the Master of Science in Data Science (CIP 30.3001) and the Master of Science in Applied Data Science (CIP 11.0104).

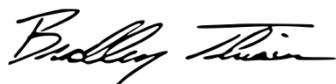
Currently Approved Program Inventory				
The Currently Approved Program Inventory includes all programs that have not been terminated, regardless of suspension status. For information about terminated programs see the Historical Program report.				
Legend: B-Bachelors; M-Masters; A-Advanced Master; E-Engineering; S-Specialist; P-Professional Doctorate; R-Research Doctorate				
Color Codes: STEM - Blue, Education - Green, Global - Purple, Gap Analysis- Red, Health - Brown				
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CIP	CIP Title	NCF	ExcelCIP	Area
11.0104	Informatics	M	'11.0104	STEM
30.3001	Computational Science	M	'30.3001	STEM
				1 - 2
Legend: B-Bachelors; M-Masters; A-Advanced Master; E-Engineering; S-Specialist; P-Professional Doctorate; R-Research Doctorate				

Source: [State University System of Florida Program Inventory](#) (screenshot taken 4/07/2021)

New College of Florida is seeking SACSCOC approval of the teach-out plan for the original (outgoing) Master of Science in Data Science program. New College will continue to teach and support all students currently enrolled in the program until they have a reasonable opportunity to complete it by May 2022. New College will also support all faculty and staff in the original program as they are reassigned to the new program.

The teach-out plan, including all information required by the SACSCOC *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures* for program closure follow. If the Commission would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

Submitted by: Brad Thiessen, Chief of Staff and Institutional Accreditation Liaison



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Sarasota, FL 34243
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New College of Florida Master of Science in Data Science Teach-Out Plan

Closure date:

Students will no longer be admitted into the program for Spring 2022 (January 1, 2022)

Date the decision was made to close the program:

New College of Florida's Board of Trustees approved the decision to terminate the Master of Science in Data Science program on April 20, 2021.

Date of cessation of instruction:

Instruction will cease after May 2022, when all currently enrolled students have had a reasonable opportunity to complete the program.

Explanation of how affected parties – students, faculty, and staff – will be informed of the impending closure:

As they contributed to the development of the new Applied Data Science program, all faculty and staff are already aware that the original Master of Science in Data Science program is being phased-out as the new Applied Data Science program begins. All faculty in the outgoing Data Science program are being reassigned to teach in the Applied Data Science program (along with their other assigned duties in our undergraduate statistics and computer science programs). No faculty or staff will be displaced by the closure of the Data Science program.

Since all currently enrolled students will continue in the Data Science program until they have a reasonable opportunity to complete it, no current students will be affected by the closure.

The only students who are affected by the closure are two students who were admitted for Fall 2020 but deferred their enrollment until Fall 2021. New College's Director of Data Science will notify these students that the Data Science program no longer exists and that they will enroll in the new and improved Applied Data Science program (that has the same credit hour requirement, same expected time-to-degree, and same cost as the outgoing program).

Explanation of how all affected students will be helped to complete their programs of study with minimal disruption or additional costs:

New College will continue to teach and support current students until all have a reasonable opportunity to complete the two-year program.

Since it is a two-year program, all students currently enrolled in the outgoing Master of Science in Data Science program are expected to graduate by May 2022. New College will continue to support these students by teaching the courses required for program completion. These students will complete the program without disruption by May 2022 at no additional cost.

If any currently enrolled students do not complete the program by May 2022, they will be allowed to complete corresponding (substitute) courses in the new Applied Data Science program so that they can complete the program without disruption and at no additional cost.

All graduate students intending to enter New College of Florida in Fall 2021 or later will enroll in the new Applied Data Science program (and, therefore, will not be affected by the closure of the Data Science program).

Explain whether the students subject to the teach-out plan will incur additional charges or other expenses because of the teach-out and, if so, how the students will be notified:

No students will incur additional charges or other expenses because of the teach-out plan.

All students currently enrolled in the Master of Science in Data Science program will complete the program at no additional cost.

The two students who deferred admission until Fall 2021 will enter the new Master of Science in Applied Data Science program without additional charges or expenses. The new program has the same tuition and fees as the outgoing program.

Copies of signed teach-out agreements with other institutions, if applicable:

New College of Florida has not signed any teach-out agreements with other institutions.

A description of how faculty and staff will be redeployed or helped to find new employment:

No faculty or staff will be displaced by the closure of the Master of Science in Data Science program.

All faculty and staff currently assigned to the outgoing Data Science program are being reassigned to the new Applied Data Science program and will continue with their other assigned duties in our undergraduate statistics and computer science programs.