

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic Affairs Committee
June 24, 2026

SUBJECT: CIP Change Request, University of South Florida

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider Approval of the CIP Change Request for the University of South Florida's Ph.D. in Economics.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of South Florida proposes changing the CIP code for the Ph.D. in Economics, CIP 45.0601, to CIP 45.0603, Econometrics and Quantitative Economics. The request is based on the evolution of the curriculum since the program was approved by the Board of Governors in 2010, with the program's increasing emphasis on quantitative methods. While the current curriculum retains the foundational focus on economics, greater emphasis is placed on applied microeconomics, with stronger attention to econometrics, optimization, and statistical analysis.

Graduates of the program will continue to be prepared for research-intensive careers in economics. The proposed CIP change will have no impact on the program's budget, faculty, curriculum, or resources. The university will continue to charge the approved graduate-level tuition for both in-state and out-of-state students. Reclassification to CIP 45.0603, Econometrics and Quantitative Economics, will align the program with peer institutions that classify similar doctoral programs under this CIP.

If approved by the Academic Affairs Committee, the proposed CIP change request will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If approved by the Board of Governors, the University of South Florida will implement the CIP change effective fall 2026.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will present an overview of the proposal.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Board Staff Analysis
2. Proposal

Facilitators/Presenters: Dr. Lynn Nelson