Program Approval Form

For approval of new programs and deletions or modifications to an existing program.

**Action Requested:**
- [x] Modify Existing (check **ALL** that apply)
- [ ] Title (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
- [ ] Concentration (Choose one): [ ] Add  [ ] Delete  [ ] Modify
- [x] Degree Requirements
- [x] Admission Standards/ Application Requirements
- [ ] Other Changes:

**Type** (Check one):
- [ ] B.A.  [x] B.S.  [ ] Minor (req. C3 approval)
- [ ] Ph.D.
- [ ] Undergraduate Certificate* (req. C3 approval)
- [ ] Graduate Certificate*
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| Effective Term: | Fall 2016 |

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**Effective Term:** Fall 2016  
**Please note:** For students to be admitted to a new degree, minor, certificate or concentration, the program must be fully approved, entered into Banner, and published in the University Catalog.

**Justification:** (attach separate document if necessary)

**See Attached on page 2**

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**Concentration(s):**

**Admissions Standards / Application Requirements:** (Required only if different from those listed in the University Catalog)

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**Application Requirements**

**Existing**
- Successfully complete undergraduate 3 credit course work
- General Statistics from any accredited institution
- An overall GPA of 3.0 for the last 60 undergraduate credits
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 in all undergraduate course work

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**Application Requirements**

**Existing**
- Please forward recent scores (within the previous five years and waived if you are a GMU graduate) of either:
  - The Miller Analogies Test (MAT) minimum score of 395 or
  - The revised Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test with a minimum Verbal score of 150 and a Quantitative score of 141
- If you have scores from the old GRE exam that are less than five years old, a minimum of 450 in both the Verbal and Quantitative sections are required.

**New/Modified**
- Request transcripts of all previous college work, showing completion of the required undergraduate course work
- Three letters of recommendation (two from professors)
- Submission of a carefully written goals statement (1,000 words) outlining:
  - Background and experience (academic and/or professional) as they relate to chosen career path

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- If you are an international student, your TOEFL score must be a minimum of 88
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Degree Requirements:
Consult University Catalog for models, attach separate document if necessary using track changes for modifications

Courses offered via distance:
(if applicable)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:
30 credits

*For Certificates Only: Indicate whether students are able to pursue on a

Full-time basis ☐ Part-time basis ☐

Approval Signatures

2/18/2016 3.16.16

If this program may impact another unit or is in collaboration with another unit at Mason, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

For Minors and UG Certificates only (Cross-College Curriculum Committee Approval)

C3 Committee Member ____________________________ Provost Office ____________________________ C3 Committee Approval Date ____________

For Graduate Programs Only

Graduate Council Member ____________________________ Provost Office ____________________________ Graduate Council Approval Date ____________

Program Modification Justification

The Sport and Recreation Studies graduate program is modifying the application requirements.

Rationale
It is proposed that the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores be no longer considered as a requirement for admission to the Sport and Recreation Studies (SRST) Master’s program. This change would take effect for applicants to the SRST Master’s program starting with the Fall 2016 semester. This change would be implemented for a trial period of three years after which a programmatic review will be conducted to assess the positive/negative impacts and determine whether the GRE/MAT waiver should be continued or reinstated.

Since the program’s inception, satisfactory scores on graduate standardized tests (i.e., GRE and MAT) have been considered as one of the requirements for admission to the SRST program. However, over the years, no strong correlation has been found between the pre-admission GRE or MAT scores and student performance once in the SRST program. Anecdotal evidence from a number of sport management-based graduate programs suggests that they no longer require standardized testing as an admissions requirement. As for Mason’s other CEHD Master’s program, many have eliminated standardized testing. Given this situation, some SRST graduate faculty strongly believe that continuing to impose the GRE or MAT score as an admission requirement can be a deterrent to many applicants, particularly the full-time employed professionals who are one of the target audiences for the SRST degree. Maintaining the GRE or MAT as an admission requirement may inhibit the SRST graduate program’s ability to competitively attract potential students to the program.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) will continue to be required for international students who are non-native English language speakers.

Applicants will be encouraged to submit additional information (including GRE or MAT scores, evidence of previous post-graduate work and work experience in sport and/or recreation) to support their application, particularly when their GPA falls below a 3.0; or when their undergraduate degree is from a non-sport or recreation program.

Approximate Timing for Implementation

Fall 2016