APPROVAL FORM FOR

DEGREE PROGRAMS

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

NOTE: This form is a cover sheet that must accompany the degree program change proposal. The actual proposal should be prepared in accordance with format requirements provided in the *Guide and Format for Curriculum Proposals* published by the UCCC. Both cover sheet and proposal should be submitted to UCCC Mail Stop 9702 (281 Garner Hall), Phone: 325-9410.

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Nature of Change: Modification **Date Initiated:** 12/1/2022 **Effective Date:** Fall 23

Current Degree Program Name: Master of Science

Major: **Concentration:**

Secondary Education

Summary of Proposed Changes:

Modification of the Campus 1, 2, & 5 program of study to ensure all courses are approved distance courses for Campus 5.
The following courses have been added to the required courses: EDS 8103, EDS 6403, EDS 8623, RDG 8653. Program of study is also reduced from 33 hours to 30 which aligns with universities across the region.

Approved: **Date:**

J Nicholson — 1. 26. 2023
Department Head

Dana Pergfeld — 1/5/2023
Director of Academic Quality

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January 4, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The secondary education faculty supports the degree program modification for the Masters of Science in Secondary Education.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Paul Binford — Date

Peggy Hopper — 1/6/2023
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TO: Box Council and UCCC Committee Members

FROM: Interim Head, Meridian Division of Education

RE: Degree Modification Proposal: Master of Science Secondary Education

DATE: January 6, 2022

Dear Box Council and UCCC Committee Members,

This letter of support is offered by the Interim Head for the Meridian Division of Education for the proposed revisions to the Master of Science in Secondary Education program. As indicated by the signature below, I support the proposal as written for submission to the Box Council and the UCCC.

Sincerely

Jeffrey Leffler, Ph.D.
Interim Head
Meridian Division of Education

Master of Science – Secondary Education Modification

CURRENT Degree Description	PROPOSED Degree Description
Degree: Master of Sciences Major: Secondary Education	Degree: Master of Sciences Major: Secondary Education
This program requires a minimum of 33 semester hours of coursework beyond the bachelor's degree and a written comprehensive exam. The focus of the program is on secondary education with supporting coursework from related fields and the teaching discipline. The written comprehensive examinations for the Master of Science degree are scheduled twice a year. The dates are the second Tuesday of October and February. Students can take the comprehensive examination when they are within 6 hours of completing their degree or are in their terminal semester, have an overall graduate GPA of 3.00, and have completed the courses that will be covered on the comprehensive examination. A student's program of study must be filed in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education by the end of the first semester.	This program requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework beyond the bachelor's degree and a written comprehensive exam. The focus of the program is on secondary education with supporting coursework from related fields and the teaching discipline. The written comprehensive examinations for the Master of Science degree are scheduled twice a year. The dates are the second Tuesday of October and February. Students can take the comprehensive examination when they are within 6 hours of completing their degree or are in their terminal semester, have an overall graduate GPA of 3.00, and have completed the courses that will be covered on the comprehensive examination. A student's program of study must be filed in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education by the end of the first semester.

CURRENT CURRICULUM OUTLINE	Req. Hours	**PROPOSED CURRICULUM OUTLINE**	Req. Hours
EDF 8363 Function and Methods of Research in Education	3	EDF 8363 Function and Methods of Research in Education	3
EDS 8683 Dispositions and Reflective Practice in Teaching	3	**EDS 8103 Adv. Methodologies in Middle and Secondary Education**	3
EDS 8613 Middle and Secondary School Curriculum	3	EDS 8613 Middle and Secondary School Curriculum	3
EDS 8653 Issues of Accountability in Schools	3	**EDS 6403 Evaluation in Secondary Schools**	3
EDS 8653 Improving Instruction in Secondary Schools	3	**EDS 8623 Principles of Effective Instruction**	3
RDG 8000 – Elective	3	**RDG 8653 Teaching Reading in the Secondary Schools**	3
Two content courses (mathematics, science, English, foreign language, social studies, reading, etc. as approved by advisor)	6		
Three electives chosen from either education or content area approved by advisor	9	**Four electives approved by advisor**	**12**
Total Hours	*33*	Total Hours	**30**

Justification and Student Learning Outcomes

The proposed degree modification is justified to meet the needs of secondary educators in the community via a distance Master's program. The current online Master of Science degree has been advertised as "mostly online". Students in our distance program need flexibility of having all courses online with a standard rotation. The secondary faculty analyzed the program of study as it relates to course quality and rotation and modified to create a better program of study with courses that will be offered on a consistent rotation. Furthermore, the reduction of the program of study from 33 to 30 hours will align with other universities across the region.

Specifically:

- University of Mississippi – 30 hours (M.ED in Secondary Education)
- University of Southern Mississippi – 30 hours (Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction)
- Auburn University – 30 hours (M. Ed in Secondary Education)
- University of Alabama – 30 hours (Masters in Curriculum and Instruction)
- Louisiana State University – 30 hours (Masters of Arts in Teaching)
- Vanderbilt University – 30-32 hours (Masters of Education in Secondary Education)
- University of Memphis – 30 hours (Masters of Science in Instruction and Curriculum Leadership)

In addition the clarification on the electives will make the program stronger because it allows the advisor to work with the student in selecting courses that will assist with future plans. For example, some students desire more content courses so they can teach at a community college. On the other hand some students desire more education courses to they can apply to those to a Ph.D.

1. Will this program change meet local, state, regional and national educational and culture needs?

   Yes. The secondary faculty have reviewed the modifications and agree they will meet all accreditation requirements.

2. Will this program result in a duplication in the system?

   No, there will be no duplication in the system.

3. Will this program change/advance student diversity within the discipline?

   This program modification will ensure an online master's program will be 100% offered on a consistent rotation. This will bring in more students from a greater distance and contribute to a more diverse population of students.

4. Will the program change result in the potential placement of graduate in MS, the Southeast and the U.S.? If so, please explain?

   The modification will help grow the enrollment numbers of educators seeking a master's degree. Because the majority of secondary education graduate students are Mississippi educators this will have a positive impact on numbers of educators in the region with advanced degrees.

5. Will the program change result in an increase in the potential salaries of graduates in MS, the Southeast, and the U.S.?

   Yes, the master's program in secondary education will grant graduates the possibility of receiving a AA license from the Mississippi Department of Education. This license, in a public school setting, will grant a higher annual salary.

SUPPORT
See attached letter of support from the College of Education Secondary Education Faculty and the MSU Meridian Campus Chair.

PROPOSED 4-LETTER ABBREVIATION
No Change

EFFECTIVE DATE
Fall 2023