Section 1. Course Title and Description

Prefix & No.  Course Title  Credits
GSR 602  Program Continuation  1

Course Description:
This course is suitable for graduate students to maintain enrollment in their program of study.

Section 2. Review of Course

Will this be a common or unique course? (select the appropriate option below)

X This course will be a common course. (Complete below, then go to Section 3.)

Indicate universities that are proposing this common course:

BHSU  DSU  NSU  X SDSMT  X SDSU  X USD

Section 3. Other Course Information

1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?

X No, schedule management. Explain: The course will not require staff but will be offered each semester.

2. Existing program in which course will be offered: The course will be offered through the Graduate School and serve all non-thesis master’s graduate programs.

3. Proposed instructional method: B- Competency Based- Self-paced Study

Provide a brief justification:
This course will allow for a self-paced review, with faculty assistance, of program material in preparation for the non-thesis master’s final oral examination.

4. Proposed primary delivery: 098 - Other

5. Term in which change will be effective: Spring 2015

6. Can this course be repeated for additional credit? Yes with approval of VPAA or designee

7. Will the grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)? X Yes No

8. Will section enrollments be capped? No

9. Will this course be equated (i.e. considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common course in the course database? No

10. Is this prefix already approved for your university? Yes

Section 4. To be completed by Academic Affairs

1. University department code: SGRAD

2. Proposed CIP code: 30.1501

Is this a new CIP code for this university? X No
1. Provide specific reasons for the proposal of this course and explain how the changes enhance the curriculum.

SDSU master’s degrees may be completed in one of three options, labeled A, B and C. Option A master’s programs are traditional thesis programs where a student completes a substantial research project over the course of multiple semesters, under the supervision of a graduate faculty member, and enrolls in xxx 798 courses. Option B master’s programs require completion of a research project, typically in one semester, under the supervision of a graduate faculty member by enrolling in xxx 788 courses. Option C master’s programs require students to complete only selected didactic coursework all of which are taught by graduate faculty, and do not require research experiences. However, all master’s programs require a graduate faculty committee to supervise 1) the student’s progress, and 2) a culminating oral examination at the conclusion of the student’s program. To pass the oral exam the student must display an integrated understanding of the course content and critically analyze current issues facing their discipline.

Many masters Option B and C students are unprepared to complete the oral examination, or simply have not done so, by end of their final semester of coursework. These students must return to the university in subsequent semesters to complete their oral exam. This request for GSR 602 creates a course for students in Option B and C master’s programs to continue their studies toward passing the final oral examination but who have completed their research project and/or didactic course work. Such students continue to work with graduate faculty in a self-paced review of program material leading up to the culminating oral examination. The course will allow the student an opportunity to register for credit during this important period of time.

These students are still progressing toward the degree so therefore should be reported as an enrolled student.

Similarly, these students are using university resources, such as facilities, faculty and committee time, computing and telecommunication resources and library resources which incur costs to the university. Tuition payments will compensate the university for these costs.

2. Note whether this course is: ________ Required  X  Elective

3. In addition to the major/program in which this course is offered, what other majors/programs will be affected by this course?

This course will serve all graduate students enrolled in master’s programs with non-thesis options (i.e. those with non-thesis research projects or course work-only programs).

4. If this will be a dual listed course, indicate how the distinction between the two levels will be made.

5. Desired section size  No Limit

6. Provide qualifications of faculty who will teach this course. List name(s), rank(s), and degree(s).
Faculty with ‘graduate faculty status’ will supervise the self-paced preparation of students for the culminating oral examinations required by the SDSU Graduate School.

7. Note whether adequate facilities are available and list any special equipment that will be needed for the course. Office-, classroom-, library-, laboratory-space as well as telecommunication equipment and capacity will be used by students enrolled in this course. However all current facilities and equipment is adequate.

8. Note whether adequate library and media support are available for the course. Additional library materials are not required for this course. Students will, however, continue to use library resources when enrolled in this course.

9. Will the new course duplicate courses currently being offered on this campus? No

10. If this course may be offered for variable credit, explain how the amount of credit at each offering is to be determined.
    N/A