

COLLEGE of SCIENCES EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUEST

TO: Dr. David Boggs, CGS Chair
FROM: Dr. Douglas Klarup, COS Interim Dean
DATE: September 25, 2017
RE: Executive Action Taken at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting on September 22, 2017

The following request was approved by executive action at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee meeting on September 22, 2017. The request would be effective Spring 2018. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

Requested change:

To enforce graduate admissions standards and provide more clear guidance to incoming graduate students, a change to admissions requirements is requested.

For full admission to the PSM in GISci, applicants must submit:

- a statement of background and purpose
- 3 letters of recommendation

GRE scores are optional, but will be considered if submitted.

Rationale for change:

The need for this change is driven by the number of applicants, especially international applicants, who are requesting further clarification of admissions requirements. Lack of clearly stated requirements may cause confusion and/or hesitation among applicants. Most applicants provide these items voluntarily already

Effective Year/Term:

Spring 2018