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COLLEGE/SCHOOL : COAS

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Course: Add: _____ Delete: _____
(check all that apply) Change: Number _____ Title _____ SCH _____
Description _____ Prerequisite _____

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current catalog, copy and paste the text from the and indicate changes in red.

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Justification: Name change only: BA in Urban Studies to be changed to BA in Urban Planning and Administration. This proposed name change reflects the applied nature of the degree. The name change has already been approved by faculty involved in the urban studies program, and by the Department of Social Sciences during its November Meeting.

Approvals:	Signature	Date
Chair Department Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
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College Curriculum Committee

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Name Change
Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies to Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning and
Administration.

Executive Summary
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The change in name of the BA in Urban Studies Degree to BA in Urban Planning and Administration Degree reflects the fact that the degree in its present state, while broadly social scientific in its curriculum, is designed largely to enable students to gain employment in local, county, or state government, or in entities that conduct urban-related research in the private and non-profit sectors. In short, it is an applied degree, and the name change will better reflect the spirit of the degree.

There will be no significant change to the curriculum and no new faculty will be needed. During the first year, the Department of Social Sciences plans to add one additional course in Public Administration, potentially titled "Public Sector Budgeting" (or something similar), and one additional course in Urban Planning, titled "Special Topics in Urban Planning." In both cases, we already have the faculty to teach them. Approximately four faculty members could teach the proposed planning course, given its broad focus, and it would only be taught approximately once every year and a half or two years. Approximately three faculty members could teach the proposed public administration course, which also would be taught approximately once every year and a half. Given the dramatic cuts in research-related course reductions for tenured faculty that the Administration has indicated will occur, there will be absolutely no shortage of faculty to teach these two courses. On the contrary, the addition of these two courses will help to keep faculty more fully utilized in terms of course offerings. Furthermore, there would be no change whatsoever to the required number of semester credit hours (SCH) of the degree once these courses are implemented in a year's time.

The current enrollment in the program is approximately nine majors. The name change certainly will enable the program to recruit more students, given that it better reflects the applied nature of the degree than the current program title. Furthermore, the name change will not affect students currently in the program. According to TAMU policy, students are "grandfathered in" according to the catalog that corresponds to the year during which they select their major.