**SCHOOL FOR GLOBAL INCLUSION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON**

**GISD**

**Concentration Proposal Form**

The School for Global Inclusion and Social Development (SGISD) recognizes that our students are unique. We specifically seek students with creativity, vision, and entrepreneurial aspirations. Therefore, in return, we are ready to support the development of those visions through academic means.

We provide a variety of concentrations a student may choose from, intended to allow students to foster a specialization that will also complement the overall GISD curriculum. The concentration is a requirement of the GISD Master’s curriculum, as well as its post-BA track PhD curriculum, and is comprised of 15 credits (5 courses total) which are designed to offer a specialized sub-plan that will lead to a well-thought-out professional application. Students may choose from the following concentration areas:

* Disability Studies
* Gerontology
* Human Rights
* Individualized Plan of Study\*
* Non-profit Management
* Rehabilitation Counseling
* Transition Leadership
* Transnational, Cultural, and Community Studies
* Vision Studies

Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisors to discuss a proposed concentration area of interest. The academic advisor must sign off on a student’s designated concentration and approved paperwork should be submitted to the assistant dean for final review and approval. A concentration should be declared by the onset of the student’s second academic semester. If a student changes their designated concentration afterwards, they must complete and re-submit this form with revised classes and justifications. With those details understood, the following details must be provided for consideration:

1. Proposed Concentration:
2. List the courses that make up your Concentration\*\*:

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| **Title of Course** | **Department and Course #** | **# of Credits** | **Presumed Semester of Completion** |
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Signature of Student: Date:

Signature of Academic Advisor: Date:

Signature of the Graduate Program Director

Date

Approval: Yes No

If no, reason for decline:

\**Please see information provided in the GISD MA and PhD handbooks regarding the individualized plan of study, which requires a separate form and approval process*.

\*\**A list of courses associated with each concentration is provided in the GISD MA and PhD handbooks. With advisor approval, an alternative course/elective, as proposed by the student, may be substituted for one of the concentration courses that have been predetermined by the school.*