



# Northeastern University

## College of Social Sciences and Humanities

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**From:** Uta Poiger, Dean, College of Social Sciences and Humanities

**Cc:** Natasha A. Frost, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, CSSH

**Date:** January 22, 2018

**Re:** Graduate CSSH Semester Conversion

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This Fall, after consultation with the department chairs and members of the university administration, the College of Social Sciences and Humanities decided to pursue semester hour conversion across its graduate programs. This college-wide change will facilitate cross (and within) college collaboration and will enable more seamless integration across our undergraduate and graduate offerings.

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In keeping with university policy and curricular revision guidelines, we worked with the unit heads and program directors to ensure that curricular revisions necessitated by semester hour conversion were made in a principled manner. All of the curricular revisions proposed in this college-wide submission have been considered and formally voted on by the relevant faculty in each of the affected units. The Graduate Academic Advisory Committee of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities voted [5-0-0] on January 22, 2018 to approve college-wide semester hour conversion and all of the associated curricular maps. I strongly support this change and informative notice to the Graduate Council.

The College has assessed the budget implications and has worked to ensure that the impact on the overall costs of our graduate programs are minimized through a proposed reduction in the per semester hour cost of our programs. We will hold current students harmless. Implementation of the proposal does not require funds from the Provost's Office.

For questions or inquires please contact Natasha Frost, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, at [n.frost@northeastern.edu](mailto:n.frost@northeastern.edu) or 617-373-4076.

Sincerely,  
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