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1. **Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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1. **Proposed Change** (for undergraduate curricular changes please provide an 8-semester plan (appendix A), if applicable)

1. Change program co-requisite from College Algebra to Research Methods, 2. Change unconditional entrance GPA to 3.2

1. **Effective Date**

8/1/2020

1. **Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

1. Change of co-requisite: Our research methods faculty have decided that students would be better-served by having had any type of undergraduate Research Methods course rather than College Algebra. This will help ensure that students are well-equipped to learn in the graduate-level Methodology sequence.

2. In the past several years, we have had something of a decline in the quality of the online MPA students. The MPA Faculty believes that students with a slightly higher undergraduate GPA will perform better in the program. This change will not affect the conditional admission standard for the program, only the unconditional standard.

**Bulletin Changes**

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