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TO: UTSC Academic Affairs Committee

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DATE: Thursday, September 14, 2017

AGENDA ITEM: 3

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Minor Undergraduate Curricular Modifications

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

University of Toronto Scarborough Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) “is concerned with matters affecting the teaching, learning and research functions of the Campus” (*AAC Terms of Reference, Section 4*). Under section 5.6 of its terms of reference, the Committee is responsible for approval of “Major and minor modifications to existing degree programs.” The AAC has responsibility for the approval of Major and Minor modifications to existing programs as defined by the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (*UTQAP, Section 3.1*).

GOVERNANCE PATH:

- 1. UTSC Academic Affairs Committee [For Approval] (September 14, 2017)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On February 28, 2017 the UTSC Academic Affairs Committee approved Minor Undergraduate Curricular changes to the Major (Joint) program in New Media Studies (BA).

HIGHLIGHTS:

On February 28, 2017, UTSC Academic Affairs Committee approved minor program modifications to the Major (Joint) Program in New Media Studies (BA), which is housed in the Department of Arts, Culture and Media (ACM).

The changes to the Major, implemented to be effective for the 2017-18 academic year, consisted of:

1. Adding ACMB01H3 as a required course to component 1 of the program requirements; total credits of the component increased from 1.0 to 1.5;
2. Decreasing the total credits of component 2 of the program requirements from 1.5 to 1.0 to be chosen from MDSB61H3, MDSB62H3, MDSB63H3; and
3. Removing components 3 and 4 of the program requirements, which reduced the total credits to complete program by 1.0 credit – from 9.0 credits to 8.0 credits.

ACM and the Office of the Dean have discovered:

1. The program requirements, as they are described in the 2017-18 *Academic Calendar*, include that “Students must complete 8.0 credits of which at least 2.0 credits must be at the C- or D-level.” However, the program’s course components are comprised of 7.0 credits at the A- and B-level, and 1.0 credit at the D-level. A further 1.0 credit at the C- or D-level is missing from the program requirements making it impossible for students to complete.
2. The program no longer meets the UTSC Degree Criteria (2010), which mandates that a Major offering include a minimum of 2.0 credits at the C- or D-level.

The Dean’s Office and ACM have consulted extensively and taken the following action:

1. In the short term, to ensure students selecting the program as a Subject POST in 2017-18 are able to complete its course components, and also that the program meets the UTSC Degree Criteria, the curricular changes approved on February 28, 2017 have been reversed in the online *Academic Calendar*, and in Degree Explorer. Thus, the requirements for the Major (Joint) Program in New Media Studies revert fully to the requirements in place in the 2016-17 academic year, except where courses codes and titles had been updated to reflect course changes approved for 2017-18. These changes were implemented in the *Academic Calendar* and *Degree Explorer* on July 26, 2017, and are effective for the 2017-18 Academic Year.
2. In the long term, ACM will conduct a thorough review of the program – potentially resulting in future major modifications.

Students were apprised of the changes to the program through the *Academic Calendar*, the Department of Arts, Culture and Media, the Registrar’s Office, and the Academic Advising and Career Centre.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no net financial implications to the campus's operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Resolved,

THAT minor curricular modifications to the Major (Joint) program in New Media Studies, submitted by the Department of Arts, Culture and Media, as described in Undergraduate Minor Curriculum Modifications for Approval, Report 6, dated July 26, 2017, and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, Professor William Gough, be approved effective April 1, 2017 for the academic year 2017-18.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

1. 2017-18 Curriculum Cycle: Undergraduate Minor Curriculum Modifications for Approval Report 6, dated July 26, 2017.



2017-18 Curriculum Cycle

Undergraduate Minor Curriculum Modifications for Approval

Report 6

July 26, 2017

Department of Arts, Culture and Media

Program Changes

Major (Joint) program in New Media Studies (BA)

Overview of Changes:

1. Remove ACMB01H3 as a required course from component 1 of the program requirements;
2. Revise component 2 of the program requirements such that MDSB61H3, MDSB62H3, MDSB63H3 are all required courses; total credits to complete this component changes from 1.0 credits to 1.5 credits;
3. Reinstate components 3 and 4 of the program requirements, as they appear in the 2016-17 *Academic Calendar*; the total credits to complete the program increases by 1.0 credit – from 8.0 credits to 9.0 credits.

Rationale:

On Tuesday February 28, 2017, UTSC Academic Affairs Committee approved minor program modifications to the Major (Joint) Program in New Media Studies (BA); these changes were implemented to be effective for the 2017-18 academic year.

The Department of Arts, Culture and Media (ACM), and the Office of the Dean have discovered:

1. The program requirements, as they are described in the 2017-18 *Academic Calendar*, include that “Students must complete 8.0 credits of which at least 2.0 credits must be at the C- or D-level.” However, the program’s course components are comprised of 7.0 credits at the A- and B-level, and 1.0 credit at the D-level. A further 1.0 credit at the C- or D-level is missing from the course components making it impossible for students to complete the program.
2. The program no longer meets the UTSC Degree Criteria (2010), which mandates that a Major offering include a minimum of 2.0 credits at the C- or D-level.

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changes were implemented in the *Academic Calendar* and Degree Explorer on July 26, 2017, and are effective for the 2017-18 Academic Year.

2. In the long term, ACM will conduct a thorough review of the program – potentially resulting in future major modifications.

Consultation with Students:

Students were apprised of the changes to the program through the *Academic Calendar*, the Department of Arts, Culture and Media, the Registrar's Office, and the Academic Advising and Career Centre.

Appendix A: Showing minor curricular modifications to the Major (Joint) program in New Media Studies (BA) approved by AAC on February 28, 2017, to be effective for the 2017-18 academic year

Major (Joint) program in New Media Studies (BA)

Overview of Changes:

1. Add ACMB01H3 as a required course to component 1 of the program requirements; total credits of the component increases from 1.0 to 1.5;
2. Decrease the total credits of component 2 of the program requirements from 1.5 to 1.0 to be chosen from MDSB61H3, MDSB62H3, MDSB63H3;
3. Remove component 3 and 4 of the program requirements; reduces total credits to complete program by 1.0 credit.

Calendar Copy Showing Changes:

MAJOR (JOINT) PROGRAM IN NEW MEDIA STUDIES (ARTS)

Undergraduate Advisor: 416-287-7184 Email: nme-undergrad-advisor@utsc.utoronto.ca

Program Requirements

Students must complete **9.0** ~~8.0~~ full credits of which at least 2.0 must be at the C- or D-level, including:

1. ~~1.0~~ 1.5 credits:

MDSA01H3 Introduction to Media Studies

MDSA02H3 History of Media

ACMB01H3 Critical Reading, Thinking and Writing for ACM Programs

2. ~~1.5 credits:~~ 1.0 credit from the following:

MDSB61H3 Mapping New Media

MDSB62H3 Visual Culture and Communication

MDSB63H3 Sound and Visual Media

3. 0.5 additional credit in MDS courses

4. 0.5 credit from the following:

CSCA20H3 Computer Science for the Sciences

VPAA06H3 Visual and Performing Arts Management in the Digital Age

VPMC91H3 Electronic Music I

VPMC97H3 Music, Technologies, Media

VPSA62H3 Foundation Studies in Studio

VPSA73H3 Video I

VPSA74H3 Digital Studio I

VPSB67H3 Photo I

VPSB72H3 Digital Publishing

VPSB75H3 Photo II

VPSB76H3 Video II

VPSB80H3 Digital Studio II

VPSB86H3 Sculpture and Technology

VPSB87H3 Documentary Photography

VPSB88H3 Sound Art

VPSB89H3 Digital Animation I

VPSC52H3 Documentary Video

VPSC70H3 Theory and Practice: New Media in Studio

VPSC89H3 Digital Animation II

Note: Additional courses with a media focus offered by other programs and departments may be eligible to meet this requirement (with permission of the program director).

5. 3. 4.5 credits from Centennial College:

New Media Group 1.

NMEA01H3 Digital Fundamentals

NMEA02H3 Introduction to New Media Communications

NMEA03H3 The Language of Design

NMEA04H3 Interface Design, Navigation and Interaction I

New Media Group 2.

[Students will be eligible to enrol in these courses after successfully completing all courses in New Media Group 1]

NMEB05H3 Interface Design, Navigation and Interaction II

NMEB06H3 Project Development and Presentation

NMEB08H3 Application Software for Interactive Media

NMEB09H3 Sound Design

NMEB10H3 Design for New Media

6. 4. 1.0 full credit:

NMED01H3 New Media Senior Project

NMED20H3 Theory and Practice of New Media

Note: NMED01H3 and NMED20H3 are taught at UTSC. All other NME courses are taught at Centennial College.

Appendix B: Showing the 2016-17 Academic Calendar entry for the Major (Joint) Program in New Media Studies (BA)

MAJOR (JOINT) PROGRAM IN NEW MEDIA STUDIES (ARTS)

Undergraduate Advisor: 416-287-7184 *Email:* nme-undergrad-advisor@utsc.utoronto.ca

Program Requirements

Students must complete 9.0 full credits of which at least 2.0 must be at the C- or D-level, including:

1. 1.0 credit:

[MDSA01H3](#) Introduction to Media Studies

[MDSA02H3](#) History of Media

2. 1.5 credits:

[MDSB61H3](#) Mapping New Media

[MDSB62H3](#) Visual Culture and Communication

[MDSB63H3](#) Sound and Visual Media

3. 0.5 additional credit in MDS courses

4. 0.5 credit from the following:

[CSCA20H3](#) Computer Science for the Sciences

[VPAA06H3](#) Visual and Performing Arts Management in the Digital Age

[VPMC91H3](#) Electronic Music I

[VPMC97H3](#) Music, Technologies, Media

[VPSA62H3](#) Foundation Studies in Studio

[VPSA73H3](#) Video I

[VPSA74H3](#) Digital Studio I

[VPSB67H3](#) Photo I

[VPSB72H3](#) Digital Publishing

[VPSB75H3](#) Photo II

[VPSB76H3](#) Video II

[VPSB80H3](#) Digital Studio II

[VPSB86H3](#) Sculpture and Technology

[VPSB87H3](#) Documentary Photography

[VPSB88H3](#) Sound Art

[VPSB89H3](#) Digital Animation I

[VPSC52H3](#) Documentary Video

[VPSC70H3](#) Theory and Practice: New Media in Studio

[VPSC89H3](#) Digital Animation II

Note: Additional courses with a media focus offered by other programs and departments may be eligible to meet this requirement (with permission of the program director).

5. 4.5 credits from Centennial College:

New Media Group I.

[NMEA01H3](#) Digital Fundamentals

[NMEA02H3](#) Introduction to New Media Communications

[NMEA03H3](#) The Language of Design

[NMEA04H3](#) Interface Design, Navigation and Interaction I

New Media Group 2.

[Students will be eligible to enrol in these courses after successfully completing all courses in New Media Group 1]

[NMEB05H3](#) Interface Design, Navigation and Interaction II

[NMEB06H3](#) Project Development and Presentation

[NMEB08H3](#) Application Software for Interactive Media

[NMEB09H3](#) Sound Design

[NMEB10H3](#) Design for New Media

6. 1.0 full credit:

[NMED01H3](#) New Media Senior Project

[NMED20H3](#) Theory and Practice of New Media

Note: [NMED01H3](#) and [NMED20H3](#) are taught at UTSC. All other NME courses are taught at Centennial College.

Appendix C: Showing the revised 2017-18 Academic Calendar entry for the Major (Joint) Program in New Media Studies (BA)

Notes:

1. The course components described below are the same as those given in the 2016-17 Academic *Calendar* (see Appendix B, above), however, course codes and titles have been updated to reflect approved course changes, and round brackets have been added where courses have been retired effective 2017-18.
2. The revised *Calendar* entry was implemented in the online *Calendar*, and in Degree Explorer on July 26, 2017.

MAJOR (JOINT) PROGRAM IN NEW MEDIA STUDIES (ARTS)

Undergraduate Advisor: 416-287-7184 *Email:* nme-undergrad-advisor@utsc.utoronto.ca

Program Requirements

Students must complete 9.0 full credits of which at least 2.0 must be at the C- or D-level, including:

1. 1.0 credit:

MDSA01H3 Introduction to Media Studies

MDSA02H3 History of Media

2. 1.5 credits:

MDSB61H3 Mapping New Media

MDSB62H3 Visual Culture and Communication

MDSB63H3 Sound and Visual Media

3. 0.5 additional credit in MDS courses

4. 0.5 credit from the following:

CSCA20H3 **Introduction to Programming** **Computer Science for the Sciences**

VPAA06H3 Visual and Performing Arts Management in the Digital Age

VPMC91H3 Electronic Music I

VPMC97H3 Music, Technologies, Media

VPSA62H3 Foundation Studies in Studio

VPSA73H3 **B58H3** Video I

VPSA74H3 **B56H3** Digital Studio I

VPSB67H3 Photo I

VPSB72H3 **C80H3** Digital Publishing

VPSB75H3 Photo II

VPSB76H3 Video II

VPSB80H3 Digital Studio II

VPSB86H3 Sculpture **H** and Technology

(VPSB87H3) Documentary Photography

VPSB88H3 Sound Art

VPSB89H3 Digital Animation I

(VPSC52H3) Documentary Video

VPSC70H3 Theory and Practice: New Media in Studio

VPSB89H3 **B90H3** Digital Animation II

Note: Additional courses with a media focus offered by other programs and departments may be eligible to meet this requirement (with permission of the program director).

5. 4.5 credits from Centennial College:

New Media Group 1.

NMEA01H3 Digital Fundamentals

NMEA02H3 Introduction to New Media Communications

NMEA03H3 The Language of Design

NMEA04H3 Interface Design, Navigation and Interaction I

New Media Group 2.

[Students will be eligible to enrol in these courses after successfully completing all courses in New Media Group 1]

NMEB05H3 Interface Design, Navigation and Interaction II

NMEB06H3 Project Development and Presentation

NMEB08H3 Application Software for Interactive Media

NMEB09H3 Sound Design

NMEB10H3 Design for New Media

6. 1.0 full credit:

NMED01H3 New Media Senior Project

NMED20H3 Theory and Practice of New Media

Note: **NMED01H3** and **NMED20H3** are taught at UTSC. All other NME courses are taught at Centennial College.