



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

University of Toronto at Scarborough: Major Calendar Changes 2009-2010

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has authority for approval of changes to curriculum within established degree programs that can be accomplished with existing resources and are not major, as in specialist, major and minor programs in arts and science.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The University of Toronto at Scarborough is proposing new undergraduate programs and program deletions for the calendar year 2009-10 with an emphasis on internationalism and emerging areas of study. UTSC has gone through a strategic planning process last year. Detailed academic plans are now in the process of being developed by the departments. The proposed changes are presented in the attached summary, along with the associated academic rationale, program descriptions and requirements, and learning outcomes. The proposals are aligned with the UTSC degree learning expectations¹.

New programs of study:

Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences

**Computer Science, BSc Minor
Statistics, BSc Minor**

These programs complement existing Specialist and/or Major programs offered by the Department. The Computer Science proposal has been extensively discussed with the Computer Science departments across the three campuses as this will be first minor in computer science to be offered at the University.

¹ <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/policy/academic/DLE.htm>

Department of Humanities

African Studies, BA: Minor
Classical Studies, BA: Minor
Global Asia Studies, BA: Specialist, Major, Major (Co-op), Minor
Intersections, Exchanges, Encounters in the Humanities, BA: Major
Media Studies, BA: Major
Religion, BA: Major (complements an existing minor program)

The Department of Humanities is large and currently offers several programs. The Department was last reviewed in 2005. The reviewers noted that real opportunities exist for the Department to foster distinctive and leading programs that take into account its catchment, the interdisciplinary and tricampus possibilities in its programs.

Department of Management

Management and Accounting, BBA: Specialist
Management and Finance, BBA: Specialist
Management and Human Resources, BBA: Specialist
Management and Strategic Management, BBA: Specialist

The Department currently offers the Management BBA program and proposes defining a separate Specialist Program for each of the streams in this existing specialist program.

Department of Psychology

Mental Health Studies, BSc: Specialist, Major and Co-op
Psychology, BSc: Specialist Co-op

The Department was established in 2007 as part of restructuring of the Department of Life Sciences into the Department of Biological Sciences and the Department of Psychology. The restructuring allowed for a focus on undergraduate teaching with each new unit re-assessing program delivery and student needs in their respective disciplines.

(Course descriptions for existing courses that are part of the proposed programs can be found at the UTSC calendar, located online at <http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/courses/calendar/>)

Deleted Programs

UTSC proposes suspension or deletion of the following programs. The rationales for the deletion are outlined in the attachment.

Department of Biology	Conservation Biology, BSc: Specialist, Specialist Co-op
Department of Humanities	Education of Teachers in French, BA: Specialist Political science & Economics for Management Studies, BA: Specialist
Department of Management	Management & Humanities, BBA: Specialist Management & Language, BBA: Specialist Management & Life Sciences, BBA: Specialist Management & Sciences, BBA: Specialist Management & Social Sciences, BBA: Specialist
Department of Psychology	Cognitive Science, BSc: Specialist, Major Psychology and its Applications, BSc: Specialist Co-op
Department of Social Sciences	Society & Environment, BA: Major

The program additions and deletions were approved by the UTSC Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences Curriculum Committees on November 11, 12, and 13, 2008 respectively and by the UTSC Academic Committee on December 2, 2008. The programs have been developed in consultation with appropriate partners and cognate departments in the University and have been reviewed by the tri-campus decanal curriculum committee.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the proposed programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approve:

The proposed major calendar changes, as described in the submission from the University of Toronto Scarborough, effective for the May 2009 Summer Session.