



# University of Toronto

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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 3

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

**University of Toronto at Mississauga: Major Calendar Changes 2007-2008.**

## 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 Mississauga (UTM) is proposing a number of new undergraduate programs and program changes for the calendar year 2006-07. The proposed changes are presented in the attached summary, along with the associated program descriptions, rationales, learning outcomes and requirements.

The two specialist programs being introduced are entirely new programs that are consistent with UTM's academic plan: *Biological Physics*, and *Crime, Law and Deviance*. The Biological Physics program is a direct outcome of the Stepping UP plan for the Department of Chemical and Physical Science, bridging the life and physical sciences. The *Crime, Law and Deviance* program will build on the growing UTM faculty strength in this area and responds to student demand for a specialized program of study in criminology and law at UTM. In the area of Health Sciences Communication, a major program is proposed that will be geared toward life science students, and builds on the growing minor program in this area.

UTM is proposing the discontinuation of the Minor and Major programs in German Cultural Studies as these programs have low enrolments and there is no sign for potential increased demand at UTM. UTM proposes to discontinue the Specialist Program in English and History as a result of low enrolment and the fact that it is more common for students to pursue a major in both of these areas.

The programs have been developed in consultation with appropriate partners, with an informed understanding of student demand, and an analysis of the resource implications. All will be supported by core faculty within UTM departments and by a strong selection of

course offerings. The program changes have been reviewed by UTM's Academic Affairs Committee and tri-campus decanal committee and approved by Erindale College Council.

(Course descriptions for existing courses that are part of the above programs can be found online at <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/regcal/>)

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the program additions and changes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

The new specialist and major programs, and program deletions, as described in the submission from the University of Toronto at Mississauga, dated December 12, 2006, effective for the academic year 2007-2008.