



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs
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ITEM IDENTIFICATION: Faculty of Arts and Science, St. George: Major Calendar Changes 2010-11

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.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Faculty of Arts and Science is proposing one new undergraduate specialist, major and minor programs and program deletions for the calendar year 2010-11. 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 Faculty's degree learning expectations.¹

New program

Environmental Studies BA, Major and Minor, Centre for Environment

The proposed programs have resulted from review and consolidation of two of the Centre's programs: Environment and Society, and Environmental Policy and Practice. These two programs were developed independently by the former Division of the Environment and the Innis College Environmental Studies Program, respectively. The new major and minor programs will avoid duplication amongst existing program offerings while still maintaining a strong emphasis on providing breadth and depth within an interdisciplinary environmental program. An increased interest in the program is expected.

Deleted Programs

In 2008-09 the Faculty of Arts and Science participated in a curriculum review process and also developed the degree level expectations for its undergraduate degrees. Since then, the Faculty's academic units have been reviewing all of their own programs to align them the program objectives with degree level expectations and the degree requirements. The deletions proposed in the attached document have resulted from this process of curriculum review and renewal.

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Most of the proposed deleted programs are joint specialists that do not present enough substantive differences with regards to the corresponding double majors to justify the existence

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

of a separate program. The learning objectives of the joint specialist can be attained through enrolment in a double major.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the proposed program. Students currently enrolled in programs proposed for deletion will be able to complete them.

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 Faculty of Arts and Science, St. George Campus, effective for the academic year 2010-2011.