



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs
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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

University of Toronto Scarborough: 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 University of Toronto Scarborough is proposing one new undergraduate specialist program and five program deletions for the calendar year 2010-11. The Specialist program in Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution is presented in the attached proposal, along with the associated academic rationale, program descriptions and requirements, and learning outcomes. The Department of Biological Sciences was established in 2007 as part of restructuring of the Department of Life Sciences into the Departments of Psychology and Biological Sciences. The restructuring allowed for a focus on undergraduate teaching with each new unit re-assessing program delivery and student needs in their respective disciplines.

The program will present students with a foundation for understanding how ecology and evolution shape organismal features (from morphology and physiology to behaviour) and the structure and function of communities and ecosystems. The proposal is aligned with the UTSC degree learning expectations¹.

Deleted Programs

UTSC proposes deletion of the following programs. The rationales are outlined in the attached documentation.

Specialist Program in Conservation Biology (Non co-op & Co-op)
Minor Program in French as a Second Language
Specialist Program in Medical Anthropology
Minor Program in International Development Studies

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

The program additions and deletions were approved by the UTSC Subcommittee for Programs and Curriculum on November 23, 2009 and by the UTSC Academic Committee on December 1, 2009. 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 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 University of Toronto Scarborough, effective for the May 2010 Summer Session.