



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION: University of Toronto Scarborough, Major Calendar Changes, 2011-12

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has the authority for the approval of changes to curriculum within established degree programs that can be accomplished with existing resources including the addition and deletion of specialist, major and minor programs. More significant changes are recommended to the Academic Board.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS: The University of Toronto Scarborough is bringing forward a number of program changes including: one new program; a number of major modifications to existing programs for the 2011-12 Calendar; and the deletion of three programs for 2011-12. The proposed changes are summarized below and presented in greater depth in the attached appendix.

Approvals:

The proposed new program, major and minor modifications, and closures for the 2011-12 calendar were approved by UTSC Academic Committee on 7 December, 2010 (and by the Executive Committee of the UTSC Council on January 6, 2011).

New program proposals, major modifications and program closures also require approval by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs.

Summary: All Page numbers are to Appendix A

A. New Program, pp 2-18,

The proposal includes an academic rationale, program description, requirements, and learning outcomes for the new program.

Literature and Film Studies, BA, Minor
English

B. Major Program Modifications

The proposals in the Appendix include the academic rationale, program descriptions and requirements, and learning outcomes for the programs.

1. New Major in Human Biology, pp. 19-27

Department of Biological Sciences

- *Creation of a new major where there is already a specialist*

2. New Major in Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution, pp. 28-31

Department of Biological Sciences

- *Creation of a new major where there is already a specialist*

3. Change to Major Program in Physical Sciences, pp. 32-43

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences

- *Change to program requirements*

4. Changes to Major in Astrophysics and Physics, pp. 44-45

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences

- *New Program title: Major in Physics and Astrophysics*
- *Change to program requirements*

5. Changes to Specialist Physical and Mathematical Sciences, pp. 46-47

Department of Physical & Environmental Sciences

- *Change to program requirements*

6. Changes to Specialist Physics and its Applications, pp. 48-50

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences

- *New Program title: Specialist Physics and its Applications*
- *Change to program requirements*

C. Program deletions

The following three programs are being brought forward for deletion on the grounds that all have had persistently low enrolments. In the case of the latter two, it has been difficult to find suitable placements for students. Students will be supported until graduation.

Specialist program in Natural Sciences, Dept. of Computer and Mathematical Sciences

Specialist program in Anthropology (co-op), Dept. of Social Sciences

Specialist Program in Sociology (co-op), Dept. of Social Sciences

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources at the University-level required to implement the proposed new programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

The major calendar changes as described in the submission from the University of Toronto, Scarborough, effective for the academic year 2011-2012.