



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

Report – Program Closures

Program: Anthropology (Biological) Specialist

Department: Anthropology

Effective date program will be closed to new admissions: 1 April 2012

Effective date of full closure of program: June 2014

Summary:

The Anthropology (Biological) Specialist Program will be closed. The Anthropology (Biological) Major Program will continue to exist as a program option for students.

Rationale:

Based on low enrollment in this program (19 students total; 5 students in second year) and encouragement from the Dean’s Office to streamline program offerings, it was decided that the Anthropology (Biological) Specialist Program should be closed. In addition, the number of faculty available to teach in this program is quite limited, so that the progression of course offerings is easily disrupted by leaves and sabbaticals.

Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure:

Due to the low number of students enrolled in this program, there is minimum impact on other programs by closing this program. The positive outcome of this closure is that it streamlines our program offerings. The biological anthropology courses will continue to be offered as they are courses that count toward the Anthropology (Biological) Specialist Program. The courses from other units that were offered as options in this program will continue to be the responsibility of the other units and will continue to be offered by those units. By closing this program, it eliminates any demand on these courses by Anthropology students.

Student Accommodation and Consultation:

	<i>Year one</i>	<i>Year two</i>	<i>Year three</i>	<i>Year four</i>
<i>Current enrollment</i>	#0	#5	#7	#7

Students will be allowed to complete their program and there is no deadline for them to do so. Students remain in the program until they complete the program. The biological anthropology courses will continue to be offered as they are courses that count toward the Anthropology (Biological) Major Program as well as our other programs. The courses from other units that were offered as options in this program will continue to be offered by those units. If students are unable to complete any of the program requirements, we will discuss their options with them and grant them appropriate course substitutions. Inactive students can reactivate the closed program. Students will have the option of enrolling in the Anthropology (Biological) Major Program.

The Anthropology Student Association (ASA) discussed the proposed closure of the Anthropology (Biological) Specialist Program at their weekly meeting and circulated through their listserv the minutes of these meetings in October 2010 and March 2011. At the St George Board meeting April 15, 2011

attended by two ASA student representatives, the following motion was approved: “That the Specialist in Anthropology (Biological) be deleted from our list of programs.”

Faculty/Staff Accommodation:

There is no impact on faculty. Staff will continue to advise students about this program until all students have completed the program.

Program: Archaeological Science Major

Department: Anthropology/Archaeology

Effective date program will be closed to new admissions: 1 April 2012

Effective date of full closure of program: June 2014

Summary:

The Archaeological Science Major Program will be closed. The Archaeology Major Program (formerly known as the Prehistoric Archaeology Major Program) will continue to exist as a program option for students. In addition, students will be able to select from the Archaeology Specialist Program and the newly created Archaeology Minor Program.

Rationale:

There is low enrollment in this program (17 students). The Department of Physics has indicated that it will discontinue one of the key sets of courses in the program (i.e., JPA305H and JPA405H). In light of encouragement from the Dean’s Office to streamline offerings, it makes more sense to encourage students interested in archaeological science to do a Double Major, matching the Archaeology Major Program with a Major in one of the sciences.

Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure:

Due to the low number of students enrolled, there is minimum impact on other programs by closing this program. Archaeology courses as well as courses from other units will continue to be offered. By closing this program, it eliminates any demand on these courses by Archaeology students.

Student Accommodation and Consultation:

	<i>Year one</i>	<i>Year two</i>	<i>Year three</i>	<i>Year four</i>
<i>Current enrollment</i>	#0	#9	#5	#3

Students will be allowed to complete their program and there is no deadline for them to do so. Students remain in the program until they complete the program. The Archaeology courses will continue to be offered as they are courses that count toward the other Archaeology programs. The courses from other units that are offered as options in this program will continue to be offered by those units. If students are unable to complete any of the program requirements, we will discuss their options with them and grant them appropriate course substitutions. Inactive students can reactivate the closed program. In some cases, students will be able to do a Double Major, and in any case will have the option of enrolling in the Archaeology Specialist, Major, or Minor Program.

The Archaeology Field Representative, in September 2009, met with representatives of the Anthropology Student Association, Near and Middle Civilizations Student Union, Association of Classics Students, and History Students' Association, which cover most of the students who tend to enroll in the archaeology programs. At the October 2009 meeting of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

meeting, an Anthropology Student Association student representative was present for the discussion of closing the Major in Archaeological Science. Anthropology Student Association representatives discussed the proposed closures at their weekly meeting and circulated through their listserv the minutes of these meetings in October 2009, October 2010, and March 2011. At the St George Board meeting April 15, 2011 attended by two ASA student representatives, the following motion was approved: "That the Major in Archaeological Science be deleted from our list of programs."

Faculty/Staff Accommodation:

There is no impact on faculty. Staff will continue to advise students about this program until all students have completed the program.

Program: Archaeological Science Specialist

Department: Anthropology/Archaeology

Effective date program will be closed to new admissions: 1 April 2012

Effective date of full closure of program: June 2014

Summary:

The Archaeological Science Specialist Program will be closed. The Archaeology Specialist Program will continue to exist as a program option for students. In addition, students will be able to select from the Archaeology Major Program (formerly known as the Prehistoric Archaeology Major Program) and the newly created Archaeology Minor Program.

Rationale:

Not only has this program had very low enrollment (9 students total), it has been very complicated, has relied too heavily on offerings in a large variety of departments, and is difficult for students to understand. In addition, the Department of Physics has indicated that it will discontinue one of the key sets of courses in the program (i.e., JPA305H and JPA405H). In light of encouragement from the Dean's Office to streamline offerings, it is more viable to encourage students interested in archaeological science to do a Double Major, by matching the Archaeology Major with a Major in one of the sciences.

Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure:

Due to the low number of students enrolled, there is minimum impact on other programs by closing this program. Archaeology courses as well as courses from other units will continue to be offered. There are a few course requirements offered by other units that are specifically required for this program—these courses will continue to be offered by those units. By closing this program, it eliminates any demand on these courses by Archaeology students.

Student Accommodation and Consultation:

	<i>Year one</i>	<i>Year two</i>	<i>Year three</i>	<i>Year four</i>
<i>Current enrollment</i>	<i>#0</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#5</i>

Students will be allowed to complete their program and there is no deadline for them to do so. Students remain in the program until they complete the program. The Archaeology courses will continue to be offered as they are courses that count toward the other Archaeology programs. The courses from other units that are offered as options in this program will continue to be offered by those units. If students are unable to complete any of the program requirements, we will discuss their options with them and grant them appropriate course substitutions. Inactive students can reactivate the closed program. In

some cases, students will be able to do a Double Major, and in any case will have the option of enrolling in the Archaeology Specialist, Major, or Minor Program.

The Archaeology Field Representative, in September 2009, met with representatives of the Anthropology Student Association, Near and Middle Civilizations Student Union, Association of Classics Students, and History Students' Association, which cover most of the students who tend to enroll in the archaeology programs. At the October 2009 meeting of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting, an Anthropology Student Association student representative was present for the discussion of closing the Specialist in Archaeological Science. Anthropology Student Association representatives discussed the proposed closures at their weekly meeting and circulated through their listserv the minutes of these meetings in October 2009, October 2010, and March 2011. At the St George Board meeting April 15, 2011 attended by two ASA student representatives, the following motion was approved: "That the Specialist in Archaeological Science be deleted from our list of programs."

Faculty/Staff Accommodation:

There is no impact on faculty. Staff will continue to advise students about this program until all students have completed the program.

Program: Paradigms and Archetypes Minor

Department: New College

Effective date program will be closed to new admissions: 1 April 2012

Effective date of full closure of program: June 2015

Summary:

This is a proposal for the closure of the Paradigms and Archetypes Minor Program, currently offered by New College. The retirement of two faculty members who taught in the program has had a significant negative impact on the program's viability. While New College retains the capacity to mount a subset of courses in Jungian Theory, it can no longer sustain a full Minor Program. It is intended that although the Minor Program itself will close, the courses on Carl Jung (NEW302Y *C.G. Jung: Stories, Dilemmas, Rituals*; NEW303H *Hypothesis of the Unconscious*; NEW402Y *Special Advanced Topics in Paradigms and Archetypes*; and NEW403H *Special Advanced Topics in Paradigms and Archetypes*), which comprise a core component of the curriculum, will continue to be offered as a group of New College interdisciplinary courses funded by the Marion and Ross Woodman Endowment (see proposed calendar descriptions in Appendix).

Rationale

The Paradigms and Archetypes Minor Program began in 2004 and grew out of the Humanism Program.

The retirement of two faculty members who taught in the program has had a significant negative impact on the program's viability. While New College retains the capacity to mount a subset of courses in Jungian Theory, it can no longer sustain the full Minor Program. Non-Jungian courses will be phased out.

The New College Academic Plan (2009) proposed merging the Paradigms and Archetypes Minor Program with the Buddhism, Psychology, and Mental Health Minor Program to form a single Major Program. This plan has not proved to be academically viable due to a lack of fit between the academic and curricular objectives of these programs.

Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure:

There will be no impact on other programs.

The current connection to other programs occurs through the cross-listing of NEW302Y *C.G. Jung: Stories, Dilemmas, Rituals* and NEW303H *Hypothesis of the Unconscious*; these courses will continue to be offered after the closure of the program.

While closure of the program represents a loss of interdisciplinary programming, the program is a small one, and the Jungian interdisciplinary courses will continue to be offered.

Student Accommodation and Consultation:

	<i>Year one</i>	<i>Year two</i>	<i>Year three</i>	<i>Year four</i>
<i>Current enrollment</i>	#1	#17	#19	#10

Students enrolled in the program prior to April 2012 will be able to complete the program. NEW209Y, the core foundation course, will be offered for the last time in 2011/12; students who still need this course after that time will be allowed to substitute NEW301Y, NEW304Y, or another appropriate course as assessed by the current Program Director and/or the Vice-Principal, Academic, New College. NEW301Y and NEW304Y will be offered in alternate years (the current pattern) through 2014/15. The program requires students to complete one of these courses. Should any student not have completed the program by 2014/15, substitution of available courses, relevant to the program, for core courses will be permitted. Inactive students could reactivate until the academic year 2014/15.

Students were consulted during September and October 2011 through the Jungian Society, the student group associated with the Paradigms and Archetypes Minor Program. The president of the Jungian Society led a student consultation by means of discussions with current and former executives of the Society, an email to the Society’s membership and listserv, and discussion with students at an evening event of the Society. In the course of the consultation, the Principal met with the president of the Jungian Society for three extensive conversations, along with the Vice-Principal, the College Registrar, and the Program Director. In the process of this consultation, we also invited and received feedback from students about future redevelopment of the interdisciplinary Jungian courses that we will continue to offer. Further conversation with students will take place over the next year about the development of these courses. In early January, we have sent an email to all students enrolled in the Paradigms and Archetypes Minor Program to inform them of the proposal for the closure of the program and the provisions made for grandfathering students currently enrolled in the program.

Faculty/Staff Accommodation:

None

Program: Philosophy of Science Specialist

Department: Philosophy

Effective date program will be closed to new admissions: 1 April 2012

Effective date of full closure of program: June 2013

Summary:

This is a proposal for the closure of the Philosophy of Science Specialist Program. There is no Major or Minor version of this program. As of the 2010-11 academic year, there are only five students enrolled in the program.

The closure of the program will result in no loss of academic opportunities for students. The content of the existing Philosophy of Science Specialist is available within the Philosophy Specialist, with chosen concentration at upper levels; by combining the Philosophy Major with the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (HPST) Major or Minor; or with another Major or Minor in science.

We anticipate no significant impact on students, faculty, or other programs. The PHL courses currently associated with the Specialist will continue to be offered.

Rationale:

Now that all Major programs in the Faculty of Arts & Science must include at least one 0.5 FCE at the 400-level, the Faculty has invited units to assess their Joint Specialist programs to ensure they present enough substantive differences with regards to the corresponding Double Majors. Over the past three years the Department of Philosophy has streamlined program offerings such that most of the previously listed combined Specialist programs were closed—with the exception of Philosophy and Physics and Philosophy and Mathematics—on the rationale that most combined Specialists could be achieved by students combining two Major programs; or some combination of Specialist, Major, or Minor programs.

The content of the existing Philosophy of Science Specialist is not distinct enough to justify retaining it. The same content may be covered: 1) in the Philosophy Specialist, with chosen concentration at upper levels; 2) by combining the Philosophy Major with the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (HPST) Major or Minor; or 3) by combining the Philosophy Major with a Major or Minor in science.

Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure:

Counsel was sought from colleagues, especially those working in the areas of philosophy of science and including philosophers attached to the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology. There were no objections to closing the program, which is virtually indistinguishable from doubling a Major in PHL and in HPST. We anticipate no impact on students, faculty, or other programs. The courses in PHL currently associated with the Specialist will continue to be offered.

Student Accommodation and Consultation:

	<i>Year one</i>	<i>Year two</i>	<i>Year three</i>	<i>Year four</i>
<i>Current enrollment</i>	<i>#0</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#2</i>

We plan to allow the currently enrolled students to complete the program if they wish, as the courses required for the program will still be available. However, we will notify them individually when the program is closed so they can choose the program combination that suits them best. As mentioned above, the combination of a PHL Major and HPST Major more than adequately meets the content of the Philosophy of Science Specialist. We plan to counsel the year-two student who has just enrolled in the program that a double Major would serve his interests just as well, which means the program could be fully closed by 2013.

There are only five students currently enrolled in the Philosophy of Science Specialist (including only one student in first year). We have notified them individually so they can choose the program combination that suits them best.

Faculty/Staff Accommodation:

None

Program: Molecular Biophysics Specialist

Department: Physics and Biochemistry (joint sponsors)

Effective date program will be closed to new admissions: 1 April 2012

Effective date of full closure of program: June 2014

Summary:

We propose to close the Molecular Biophysics Specialist Program, which consists of a selection of courses from the Departments of Physics, Biochemistry, and Mathematics. Only one course was unique to this program, and it has never been offered due to low demand. This program has never achieved a significant enrollment and it is effectively in competition with the Biological Physics Specialist Program, which has a healthy enrollment.

This closure does not impact existing offerings in either Physics or Biochemistry.

Rationale:

This program was first offered in 2008-2009. Since then, the largest total enrollment it has achieved is 11. The current total enrollment is 7. The program shows no potential for growth. In the current curriculum renewal process, the Department of Physics is consolidating its Joint Specialist offerings by eliminating unpopular, low demand programs. Although the interface between physics and the biological sciences is a very important growth area for the department, we envision achieving this by concentrating our efforts on the existing and more successful Biological Physics Specialist Program. The elimination of Molecular Biophysics Specialist Program removes the potentially confusing proliferation of biologically related physics programs in the calendar.

Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure:

The closure of this program has no impact on other units.

Student Accommodation and Consultation:

	<i>Year one</i>	<i>Year two</i>	<i>Year three</i>	<i>Year four</i>
<i>Current enrollment</i>	#1	#1	#3	#2

Students in the Molecular Biophysics Specialist Program will be allowed to complete the program, or make course selections that allow them to transfer to other Department of Physics programs with which there is substantial overlap, such as the Physics Specialist Program. The Molecular Biophysics Specialist Program has only one unique course, BCH427, which has never been offered due to low demand. It will be discontinued immediately. Students currently in the program who wish to complete the program can take BCH425, an existing course, in its place.

The students enrolled were consulted individually, either by email or in person on the status of the program. Several were disgruntled that the “capstone” course was cancelled due to low enrolment, yet this course has never been offered over the lifetime of the program. Of the 5 enrolled, 3 are in 3rd year and 2 in second year. A meeting was held with 3rd year students to discuss their options. The 2 lower level students were advised about the cancellation of the capstone course; it is straightforward for them to transfer to the Biological Physics Specialist.

Faculty/Staff Accommodation:

This closure has no impact on faculty or staff of either Physics or Biochemistry.