

University of Toronto Closure of an Existing Program (graduate or undergraduate) Proposal

Section 1	
Closure Proposed:	The closure of a number of programs to which admissions has been suspended is proposed.
Department / Unit (if applicable):	Various
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Department / Unit contact:	n/a
Effective date program will be closed to new admissions:	Various – see Section 2
Effective date of full closure of program: (Date by which students currently in the program will be expected to graduate.)	Summer 2015
Version Date:	15 January 2013

Section 2

1. Brief Summary

Admissions to the following programs were administratively suspended effective the date indicated below, and enrolment is nil to very limited. The University of Toronto Scarborough is now proposing to close these programs effective September 2015.

Department of Anthropology:

- Specialist Co-operative in Anthropology (BA/BSc) closed to admissions effective 2011-12
- Specialist in Medical Anthropology (BA/BSc) closed to admissions effective 2011-12

Department of Biological Sciences:

- Specialist in Conservation Biology (BSc) closed to admissions effective 2010-11
- Specialist Co-operative in Conservation Biology (BSc) closed to admissions effective 2010-11

Centre for Critical Development Studies:

• Interfaculty Combination Program in International Development and Environmental Studies - closed to admissions effective 2010-11

Centre for French and Linguistics:

• Minor in French as a Second Language (BA) – closed to admissions effective 2010-11

Department of Historical and Cultural Studies:

• Major in Religion (BA) – closed to admissions effective 2010-11

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences:

- Specialist in Natural Sciences (BSc) closed to admissions effective 2010-11
- Major in Environmental Science General Environmental stream (BSc) closed to admissions effective 2009-10
- Major in Environmental Science Environmental Biology stream (BSc) closed to admissions effective 2009-10
- Major in Environmental Science Water Science stream (BSc) closed to admissions effective 2009-10

Department of Political Science:

Major Co-operative in International Studies (BA) – closed to admissions effective 2010-11

Department of Psychology:

- Specialist in Cognitive Science (BSc) closed to admissions effective 2009-10
- Major in Cognitive Science (BSc) closed to admissions effective 2009-10

Department of Social Sciences:

• Major program in Society and Environment (BA) – closed to admissions effective 2009-10

Department of Sociology:

• Specialist Co-operative in Sociology (BA) – closed to admissions effective 2011-12

2. Rationale

There is insufficient student demand for these programs to warrant continuing to offer them.

Department of Anthropology:

- Specialist Co-operative in Anthropology (BA/BSc)
 1 student is currently enrolled
- Specialist in Medical Anthropology (BA/BSc)
 - 0 students are currently enrolled

Students interested in this area of study can choose from the following available programs: Specialist, Major and Minor in Anthropology. Students interested in pursuing a co-op program may do so via the Social Sciences and Humanities Co-operative option.

Department of Biological Sciences:

- Specialist in Conservation Biology (BSc)
 2 students are currently enrolled
- Specialist Co-operative in Conservation Biology (BSc)
 - 1 student is currently enrolled

Students interested in this area of study can choose from the following available programs: Specialist and Major in Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution, and Specialist in Integrative Biology.

Centre for Critical Development Studies:

Interfaculty Combination Program in International Development and Environmental Studies

 0 students are currently enrolled

Students interested in this area of study will be able to choose the Specialist/Specialist Co-op in International Development Studies (BSc).

Centre for French and Linguistics:

Minor in French as a Second Language (BA)
 5 students are currently enrolled

Students interested in this area of study can choose from the following available programs: Specialist, Major and Minor in French.

Department of Historical and Cultural Studies:

- Major in Religion (BA)
 - 1 student is currently enrolled

The Department of Historical and Cultural Studies will continue to offer a limited number of courses in Religion, but will not continue to offer programs in this area of study.

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences:

- Specialist in Natural Sciences (BSc)
 - 0 students are currently enrolled
- Major in Environmental Science General Environmental stream (BSc)
 18 students are currently enrolled
- Major in Environmental Science Environmental Biology stream (BSc)
 0 10 students are currently enrolled
- Major in Environmental Science Water Science stream (BSc)
 - 3 students are currently enrolled

Students interested in this area of study can choose from the following available programs: Specialist in Environmental Biology, Specialist in Environmental Chemistry, Specialist in Environmental Geoscience, Specialist in Environmental Physics, and Major and Minor in Environmental Science.

Department of Political Science:

Major Co-operative in International Studies (BA)
 6 students are currently enrolled

Students interested in this area of study can choose from the following available programs: Specialist/Specialist Co-op, Major and Minor in International Development Studies.

Department of Psychology:

- Specialist in Cognitive Science (BSc)
 - 2 students are currently enrolled
- Major in Cognitive Science (BSc)
 - 3 students are currently enrolled

Students interested in this area of study can choose from the following available programs: Specialist, Major and Minor in Linguistics, Specialist in Psycholinguistics, Specialist/Specialist Co-op and Major in Neuroscience, Specialist, Major and Minor in Philosophy, Specialist/Specialist Co-op and Major in Mental Health Studies, Specialist/Specialist Co-op, Major and Minor in Psychology. Department of Social Sciences:

Major program in Society and Environment (BA)
 9 students are currently enrolled

Students interest in this area of study can choose from the following available programs: Major in Environmental Studies, Specialist in Environmental Biology, Specialist in Environmental Chemistry, Specialist in Environmental Geoscience, Specialist in Environmental Physics, and Major and Minor in Environmental Science.

Department of Sociology:

Specialist Co-operative in Sociology (BA)

o 2 students are currently enrolled

Students interested in this area of study can choose from the following available programs: Specialist, Major and Minor in Sociology. Students interested in pursuing a co-op program may do so via the Social Sciences and Humanities Co-operative option.

3. Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure

The closure of these programs will have no impact on other units/programs. The courses that supported these programs will continue to be offered by individual disciplines.

4. Student Accommodation

Students currently enrolled in the programs will be allowed to complete them. There will be a sufficient number of suitable courses offered to enable students to meet program requirements. It is anticipated that all students in progress will have completed their program requirements by the spring of 2015 if they progress at a normal rate.

5. Faculty / Staff Accommodation

The closures will have no impact on either faculty or staff because there are no faculty or staff formally attached to the programs.

6. Governance Process

Levels of Approval Required	Date
Departmental Curriculum Committee	n/a
Dean's Office Sign Off	January 8, 2013
Provostial Sign Off	January 17, 2013
UTSC Divisional Governance	Approved January 29, 2013
Submission to Provost's Office	January 30, 2013
AP&P	
(approval of program closures: undergrad specialists/majors; minors where there is no specialist of major)	
Academic Board	
(approval of degree closures)	
Executive Committee of Governing Council	
(For degree, grad program, diploma closures)	
Inclusion in Annual report to Quality Council	
Inclusion in Annual report to MTCU	
(in case of closure of degree)	

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