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**TO:** UTSC Academic Affairs Committee

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**DATE:** May 20, 2021 for May 27, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Minor Modifications: Undergraduate Curriculum Changes – Humanities UTSC

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

University of Toronto Scarborough Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) “is concerned with matters affecting the teaching, learning and research functions of the Campus (*AAC Terms of Reference, Section 4*).” Under section 5.7 of its Terms of Reference, the Committee “receives annually from its assessors, reports on matters within its areas of responsibility.”

**GOVERNANCE PATH:**

- 1. UTSC Academic Affairs Committee [For Information] (May 27, 2021)**

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

No previous action in governance has been taken on this item.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Office of the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean reports, for information, all curricular changes that do not impact program and course learning outcomes or mode of delivery. These include, but are not limited to:

- Adding, deleting or moving an optional course in a program;

*Undergraduate Minor Modifications – for Information*

- Adding, deleting or moving a required course in a program, as long the change does not alter the nature of the program;
- All course deletions; and
- Changes to course level and/or designator, prerequisites, enrolment limits and breadth requirement categories.

This package includes minor modifications to undergraduate curriculum, submitted by the academic units identified below. These changes will be in effect as of Fall 2021, for the 2021-22 academic year.

- The Department of Philosophy (Report: Department of Philosophy)
  - 1 course change

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no significant financial implications to the campus operating budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is presented for information only.

**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

1. 2021-22 Curriculum Cycle: Undergraduate Minor Curriculum Modifications for Information Report: Department of Philosophy, dated May 7, 2021.

## 2021-22 Curriculum Cycle

### Undergraduate Minor Curriculum Modifications for Information

#### Report: Philosophy

May 7, 2021

Philosophy (UTSC), Department of

### 1 Course Modification:

#### PHLD89H3: Advanced Seminar in Philosophy: The Socrates Project for Applied Ethics

**New Course Code:** PHLD89H~~Y~~3

**Description:**

The Socrates Project for Applied Ethics is a ~~full-year~~ seminar course **which occurs over two terms** that provides experiential learning in philosophy in conjunction with a teaching assignment to lead tutorials and mark assignments in PHLB09H3. Roughly 75% of the seminar will be devoted to a more in-depth study of the topics taken up in PHLB09H3. Students will write a seminar paper on one of these topics under the supervision of a UTSC Philosophy faculty member working in the relevant area, and they will give an oral presentation on their research topic each semester. The remaining 25% of the seminar will focus on the methods and challenges of teaching philosophy, benchmark grading, and grading generally

**Prerequisites:** Permission of the instructor and Department.

**Enrolment Limits:** 5

**Mode of Delivery:** In Class

**Breadth Requirements:** History, Philosophy & Cultural Studies

**Rationale:**

This course, which was approved in Cycle 3 for the 2021-22 academic year, was proposed with a credit weight of 1.0 FCE, and clearly states in the course description that will be a two-term course; however, it was designated as an H course in the course code. H courses have a credit weight of 0.5 – therefore the revisions to the course code correct the error and clarify for students that this is a 1.0 credit course that is taught over two consecutive terms. The changes to the course description also clarify that the course is taught over two terms.

**Consultation:**

The academic unit alerted the Dean's Office to the error on May 6, 2021. The original proposal was reviewed by the Dean's Office and the decision made that, since the credit weight in the proposal clearly states 1.0 FCE, the change to course code is a correction of an error. The Dean's Office updated the Registrar's Office on May 6, 2021. The change has been implemented in the CM system, and will be reflected in the 2021-22 Calendar.

**Resources:** None.