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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 6

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

**Faculty of Arts & Science, St. George Campus: Major Calendar Changes 2008-2009.**

## 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 in arts and science.

## PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

## HIGHLIGHTS:

The Faculty of Arts & Science, St. George Campus, is proposing new undergraduate programs and program deletions for the calendar year 2008-09. Information regarding the new programs, academic rationale, fit with academic plan and the expected learning outcomes are included in the attached documentation.

The Faculty is proposing two new minor programs of study (Nanoscience and Environmental Biology) to be jointly offered with the National University of Singapore (NUS): U of T students can attend NUS for one semester and take courses towards a minor program, and vice versa. The joint minors represent a unique opportunity and are consistent with the Faculty's Stepping UP plan in terms of linking academic programs to research experiences and providing a forum for significant international experience.

### *New Programs of study:*

Animal Physiology Major, Department of Cell and Systems Biology  
Cell and Systems Biology Major, Department of Cell and Systems Biology  
Cognitive Science and Artificial Intelligence Major, University College  
Environment and Energy Minor, Centre for Environment  
Environment and Behaviour Minor, Centre for Environment  
Environmental Biology Minor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
Forest Biomaterials Science Major and Minor, Faculty of Forestry  
Islamic Studies Major, Department and Centre for the Study of Religion  
Molecular Biophysics Specialist, Department of Physics  
Nanoscience Minor, Department of Chemistry  
Sexual Diversity Studies Specialist, University College  
Commerce Program: Specialist in Accounting, Specialist in Management, and Specialist in Finance and Economics

*Deleted Programs*

Comparative Animal Physiology Specialist, Department of Cell and Systems Biology  
Molecular Plant Biology Specialist, Department of Cell and Systems Biology  
Chemistry and Geology Specialist, Department of Chemistry  
Commerce Programs – Specialist in Commerce and Finance and Specialist in Economics  
Specialist in Economic History & Economics, Department of Economics

(Course descriptions for existing courses that are part of the above programs can be found on the Faculty of Arts & Science calendar, located online at <http://www.artsandscience.utoronto.ca/ofr/calendar/crsindex.htm> )

The program additions and deletions were approved by the Faculty's Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences Curriculum Committees at their meetings of November 13, 14 and 15, 2007 respectively and by the Arts and Science Council on December 3, 2007. 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 committee.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the program additions and changes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

The new specialist, major and minor programs, and program deletions, as described in the submission from the Faculty of Arts & Science, St. George Campus, effective for the academic year 2008-2009.