



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 4.2

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal for the closure of a series of UTSC undergraduate programs to which admissions has been suspended

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves the closures of undergraduate programs within an existing degree, as defined by the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process. (*AP&P Terms of Reference, Section 4.4.b.i.*)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

This is a proposal for the closure of a number of UTSC undergraduate Specialist, Major and Minor programs with very low enrolments. Admissions to these programs was suspended between 2009-10 and 2011-12 as indicated in the proposal and it is anticipated that all students in progress will have graduated by the full closure date of June 2015.

The proposal identifies the courses and programs which continue to be offered and can accommodate students with interests in these areas.

The closure of the programs below was approved by the UTSC Academic Committee on January 29, 2013 which constitutes the final level of approval at the Divisional level.

The programs being closed include:

Department of Anthropology:

- Specialist Co-operative in Anthropology (BA/BSc)
- Specialist in Medical Anthropology (BA/BSc)

Department of Biological Sciences:

- Specialist in Conservation Biology (BSc)
- Specialist Co-operative in Conservation Biology (BSc)

Centre for Critical Development Studies:

- Interfaculty Combination Program in International Development and Environmental Studies

Centre for French and Linguistics:

- Minor in French as a Second Language (BA)

Department of Historical and Cultural Studies:

- Major in Religion (BA)

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences:

- Specialist in Natural Sciences (BSc)
- Major in Environmental Science – General Environmental stream (BSc)
- Major in Environmental Science – Environmental Biology stream (BSc)
- Major in Environmental Science – Water Science stream (BSc)

Department of Political Science:

- Major Co-operative in International Studies (BA)

Department of Psychology:

- Specialist in Cognitive Science (BSc)
- Major in Cognitive Science (BSc)

Department of Social Sciences:

- Major program in Society and Environment (BA)

Department of Sociology:

- Specialist Co-operative in Sociology (BA)

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: There is no impact on students or faculty.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves:

THAT the proposed closure of the following undergraduate programs, to which admissions has already been suspended as described in the attached proposal from the University of Toronto Scarborough dated January 15, 2013, be approved with an anticipated program closure date of June 2015:

Department of Anthropology:

- Specialist Co-operative in Anthropology (BA/BSc)
- Specialist in Medical Anthropology (BA/BSc)

Department of Biological Sciences:

- Specialist in Conservation Biology (BSc)
- Specialist Co-operative in Conservation Biology (BSc)

Centre for Critical Development Studies:

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- Minor in French as a Second Language (BA)

Department of Historical and Cultural Studies:

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- Specialist in Natural Sciences (BSc)
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- Specialist in Cognitive Science (BSc)
- Major in Cognitive Science (BSc)

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- Specialist Co-operative in Sociology (BA)