



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 5

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Proposal for the closure of the three Specialist programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science

**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 three Specialist programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

1. Closure of the International Relations/Peace and Conflict Studies (IR/PCJ) Joint Specialist, Munk School of Global Affairs and Trinity College to new admissions June 2013 and full closure of the program June 2015.

The decision to close this program is a product of the on-going curricular review in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Faculty in the Munk School and Trinity College decided to close the program on the grounds that the program is not sufficiently distinct from either the IR programs or the PCJ program to warrant retention. Students will achieve comparable (or superior) learning outcomes by pursuing a double Major in International Relations and Peace, Conflict and Justice Studies. Students currently enrolled in the joint Specialist would be able to complete their program.

2. Closure of the Specialist, Math and its Application (Computer Science), Department of Mathematics to new admissions June 2013 and full closure of the program June 2016.

The decision to close this program is a product of the on-going curricular review in the Faculty of Arts and Science. The structure of the program is complex and the program has

not been popular with students. The Department suggests that students would achieve the same academic results more easily by enrolling in the Specialist program in Computer Science and completing a major or minor in Mathematics.

3. Closure of the Specialist, Math and its Application (Design your own), Department of Mathematics to new admissions June 2013 and full closure of the program September 2014.

The decision to close this program is a product of the on-going curricular review in the Faculty of Arts and Science. The Specialist has not been popular with students. The Department speculates that the program has appeared risky and difficult for students faced with the additional task of finding their direction.

The closure of the above programs was approved by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science, January 30, 2012.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:** The closure of these three programs will not have any negative impact on students or faculty.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves:

THAT the proposed closure of the following undergraduate program s, as described in the attached proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Science dated January 22, 2013, be approved as follows:

1. Closure of the International Relations/Peace and Conflict Studies (IR/PCJ) Joint Specialist, Munk School of Global Affairs and Trinity College to new admissions June 2013 and full closure of the program June 2015.
2. Closure of the Specialist in Math and its Application (Computer Science), Department of Mathematics to new admissions June 2013 and full closure of the program June 2016.
3. Closure of the Specialist Math and its Application (Design Your Own), Department of Mathematics to new admissions June 2013 and full closure of the program September 2014.