

## UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.  
Gilmour Hall, Council Room (Room 111)

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S. Robinson

*Approval*

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**1. [Sessional Dates for 2024-2025](#)**

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## MEETING MINUTES OF UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom

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**Attendance:** Kim Dej (*Chair*), Nicholas Bock, Sean Corner, Rosa da Silva, Cathy Gris , Maryam Khan, Ziyu (Angel) Li, Beth Marquis, Teal McAteer, Karen McGarry, Caitlin Mullarkey, Bridget O'Shaughnessy, Sarah Robinson, Aaron Schat, Wynter Sutchy, Rob Whyte, Kelly Snow (*Assistant University Secretary*), Christine Richard (*Associate University Secretary*)

**Consultants:** Cait Brooks, Lynn Giordano, Amy Gullage, Cathy Mackenzie, Liz Maguire, Ben O'Connor, Greg Rombough, Nancy Solano, Liz Way, Maria White, Monique Savage Williams

**Invited:** Dan Piedra, *Associate Director, McMaster Continuing Education*  
Erin Aspenleider, *Associate Director, Program and Educational Development*  
Darren Bridgewater, *Associate Professor, Pathology & Molecular Medicine*

**Regrets:** Lorraine Carter, Sarah Dickson-Anderson, Lily Howden, Adrian Mesley, Nijhum Saha, Spring Wang

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### 1. Notice of Meeting - November 8, 2023

The Notice of Meeting was circulated on November 8, 2023

### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - September 26, 2023

Members heard that the Equitable Admissions Pilot program had been withdrawn from the Senate agenda and this had been reflected in the minutes.

It was duly moved and seconded,

**that the Undergraduate Council approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting, as circulated.**

The motion was *Carried*.

### 3. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

### 4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair spoke briefly to the ongoing labour dispute with ATU Local 107.

**5. Report from the Awards Committee**

Cathy Gris , *Chair of the Awards Committee*, presented the report.

**1. Report from the Office of the Registrar, Aid & Awards: Terms of Award**

At its meeting on October 31, 2023, the Awards Committee reviewed and approved the following for recommendation to Undergraduate Council.

*Approval*

- a. Proposed New Awards
- b. Changes to Award Terms
- c. Proposed New Bursaries
- d. Changes to Bursary Terms
- e. Awards Removed from the Undergraduate Calendar

*Information*

- f. Award Name Changes

It was duly moved and seconded,

**that the Undergraduate Council approve five new awards, changes to three award terms, two new bursaries, changes to one bursary term, and two awards to be removed from the Undergraduate Calendar, as circulated.**

The motion was *Carried*.

**2. Annual Reports from the Office of the Registrar, Aid & Awards**

At the same meeting, the Awards Committee received, for information, the following Annual Reports from the Office of the Registrar, Aid & Awards.

- a. 2022 In-course, Graduated, Travel and Community Contribution Award Recipients
- b. Aid & Awards - Award Disbursement Summary
- c. 2022-23 Major University & External Awards Selection Committee
- d. Travel & Exchange Reports

These items were for information only.

**6. Report from the Joint Committee on Certificates, Diplomas and Microcredentials**

Aaron Schat, *Chair of the Joint Committee on Certificates, Diplomas and Microcredentials*, presented the report.

**1. Revisions to Concurrent Certificates**

At its meeting on October 31, 2023, the Joint Committee on Certificates, Diplomas and Microcredentials approved, for recommendation to Undergraduate Council, revisions to three concurrent certificate programs.

- a. Concurrent Certificate in Biomedical Sciences (BMS)
- b. Concurrent Certificate in Health Humanities and Social Sciences
- c. Concurrent Certificate in Immunology, Microbiology, & Virology (IMV)

It was duly moved and seconded,

**that the Undergraduate Council approve, for recommendation to the Senate, the revisions to the concurrent certificates in: Biomedical Sciences (BMS), Health Humanities and Social Sciences, and Immunology, Microbiology & Virology (IMV), for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, as circulated and pending approval of the Faculty of Health Sciences.**

The motion was *Carried*.

**2. Revisions to Diploma Program**

At the same meeting, the Joint Committee on Certificates, Diplomas and Microcredentials approved, for recommendation to Undergraduate Council, revisions to the Business Administration (BUS) Generalist Diploma.

It was duly moved and seconded,

**that the Undergraduate Council approve, for recommendation to the Senate, the revisions to the Business Administration (BUS) Generalist Diploma, as circulated.**

The motion was *Carried*.

**7. Generative Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity**

Erin Aspenleider, *Associate Director, Program and Educational Development*, presented on Generative Artificial Intelligence. In response to a question, K. Dej explained that she can reach out to Kim Mason, *Academic Integrity Officer*, regarding the frequency of AI being cited as a concern for academic integrity cases.

**8. Other Business**

As there was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

**REPORT TO UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**  
*from the*  
**CURRICULUM AND ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**

**FOR APPROVAL**

**1. Curriculum Revisions and Calendar Submissions for Inclusion in the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar**

At the meeting held on November 28, 2023, the Curriculum and Admissions Committee approved, for recommendation to Undergraduate Council, the following curriculum revisions for inclusion in the *2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar*.

- a. Faculty of Business**
- b. Arts & Science Program**
- c. Faculty of Humanities**
- d. Faculty of Engineering**
- e. Faculty of Social Sciences**
- f. Faculty of Health Sciences**
- g. Faculty of Science**

It is now recommended,

**Faculty of Business:**

Curriculum and calendar revisions are included in the omnibus motion, Motion 8.

**Arts & Science Program**

Curriculum and calendar revisions, including the name of change of Intersession to the Inspire Office of Flexible Learning, are included in the omnibus motion, Motion 8.

**Faculty of Humanities**

Motion 1:

**that the Undergraduate Council approve the suspension of admittance to *Music 1*, as recommended by the Faculty of Humanities for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, as circulated.**

All other curriculum and calendar revisions are included in the omnibus motion, Motion 8.

**Faculty of Engineering**

Curriculum and calendar revisions are included in the omnibus motion, Motion 8.

### Faculty of Social Sciences

Motion 2:

**that the Undergraduate Council approve the *Interdisciplinary Minor in Civic Vitality, Democracy and Electoral Management (CIV-DEM)*, as recommended by the Faculty of Social Sciences for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, and as circulated.**

Motion 3:

**that the Undergraduate Council approve, for recommendation to the Senate, the major modification of the *Combined Indigenous Studies and Another Subject B.A. to an Indigenous Studies B.A.*, which includes the name change, as recommended by the Faculty of Social Sciences for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, and as circulated.**

Motion 4:

**that the Undergraduate Council approve, for recommendation to the Senate, the revisions to admission requirements recommended by the Faculty of Social Sciences for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar and as circulated.**

All other curriculum and calendar revisions are included in the omnibus motion, Motion 8.

### Faculty of Health Sciences

At its November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting, the Curriculum & Admissions Committee approved the name change of the Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) Program to the Honours Health Sciences Program (HHSP), including the Level 2 Transfer Program and the Child Health Specialization. As there remain outstanding questions regarding the effective date of the name change, including how and when it is to be implemented, the name change is moving forward to Undergraduate Council for information only at this time. It will return for approval at the January 30, 2024, meeting of the Undergraduate Council.

Motion 5:

**that the Undergraduate Council approve, for recommendation to the Senate, the change in name of *Honours Biochemistry- Biomedical Research Specialization Co-op*, to the *Honours Biochemistry Co-op*, as recommended by the Faculty of Health Sciences for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, and as circulated.**

All other curriculum and calendar revisions are included in the omnibus motion, Motion 8.

### Faculty of Science

Motion 6:

**that the Undergraduate Council approve, for recommendation to the University Planning Committee and the Senate, the closure of the *Honours Life Sciences - Sensory Motor Systems Specialization (B.Sc.)*, as recommended by the Faculty of Science for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, as circulated.**

Motion 7:



**that the Undergraduate Council approve, for recommendation to the Senate, the establishment of the *Honours Kinesiology Co-op Program* as a major modification to the *Honours Kinesiology Program*, as recommended by the Faculty of Science for inclusion in the *2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar*, and as circulated.**

All other curriculum and calendar revisions are included in the omnibus motion, Motion 8.

**Omnibus Motion**

Motion 8:

**that the Undergraduate Council approve all academic regulations and curriculum and calendar revisions for inclusion in the *2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar*, as circulated.**

**Undergraduate Council  
December 12, 2023**

**Faculty of Business  
Undergraduate Curriculum Report to Undergraduate Council  
FOR THE 2024-2025 UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR**

**Approved by the Faculty of Business Faculty Council October 26, 2023.**

**FACULTY OF BUSINESS  
REPORT TO SENATE  
SUMMARY OF MAJOR CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-2025  
ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER 2023**

This report highlights substantive changes being proposed to the Undergraduate curriculum. For a complete review of all changes, please refer to the Faculty of Business Curriculum Report for Changes to the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, located electronically at:  
<http://ug.degrootemcmaster.ca/curriculum-report/>

**New Programs**

- N/A

**Program Closures**

- N/A

**Major Revisions**

- N/A

**FACULTY OF BUSINESS  
REPORT TO UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL  
SUMMARY OF CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-2025 ACADEMIC  
CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER 2023**

This report highlights substantive changes being proposed to the Undergraduate curriculum. For a complete review of all changes, please refer to the Faculty of Business Curriculum Report for Changes to the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, located electronically at:  
<http://ug.degroote.mcmaster.ca/curriculum-report/>

Below is a summary of the proposed changes for approval by the Faculty of Business. Full proposals and course outlines can be found in the appendices beginning on page 17.

**REVISIONS TO ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- N/A

**REVISIONS TO MCMASTER GENERAL ACADEMIC REGULATIONS**

- N/A

**REVISIONS TO DEGROOTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (FACULTY OF BUSINESS) –  
ACADEMIC REGULATIONS**

- N/A

**REVISIONS TO EXISTING MINORS**

- Minor in Business
- Minor in Information Systems

**REVISIONS TO EXISTING CERTIFICATES**

- N/A

**NEW COURSES**

- N/A

**REVISIONS TO EXISTING COURSES**

- Commerce 1BA3 - Organizational Behaviour
- Commerce 1DA3 – Business Data Analytics
- Commerce 1E03 - Business Environment and Organization
- Commerce 1GR0 - DeGroote Student Experience and Development I

- Commerce 1TS0 - Orientation for New Transfer Students
- Commerce 2AB3 - Managerial Accounting I
- Commerce 2FB3 - Managerial Finance
- Commerce 2NG3 - Negotiations
- Commerce 2OC3 - Operations Management
- Commerce 3FK3 - Intermediate Corporate Finance
- Commerce 3FL3 - Sustainable and Social Finance
- Commerce 4BN3 - Leadership Development
- Commerce 4BP3 - Principles of Leadership
- Commerce 4SI3 - Innovation for Social Impact
- IBH 4AA3 – Leadership: Fostering Effective Communication Through Visual Literacy
- IBH 4SE3 - Social Entrepreneurship Capstone

**COURSE DELETION**

- IBH 2BC3 – Operations Management
- IBH 2BE3 – Canadian Business History: The Canadian Experience in International Perspective

**ARTS & SCIENCE PROGRAM**

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM REPORT TO**

**UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**

**FOR THE 2024-2025**

**UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR**

**30 November 2023**

## REPORT TO SENATE

### ARTS & SCIENCE PROGRAM SUMMARY OF MAJOR CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-2025

This report highlights substantive changes being proposed. For a complete review of all changes, please refer to the November 2023 Arts & Science Program Report to Undergraduate Council for changes to the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, found at <https://artsci.mcmaster.ca/2024-25-arts-science-curriculum-report/>.

#### **NEW PROGRAMS:**

N/A

#### **PROGRAM CLOSURES:**

N/A

#### **MAJOR REVISIONS:**

N/A. Minor updates and revisions to established combined honours programs will be determined with the relevant programs and posted on the Arts & Science website (<http://artsci.mcmaster.ca>).

## **REPORT TO UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**

### **ARTS & SCIENCE PROGRAM SUMMARY OF CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-2025**

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#### **ARTS & SCIENCE PROGRAM**

- Inclusion of program policies and minor revisions to/clarification of existing policies
- Minor changes to the notes that accompany program requirements to reflect the addition of courses, to assist with course management, and to clarify language
- 2 new courses
- 1 deleted course
- 5 revised course descriptions
- Housekeeping changes (including clarification of course prerequisites and antirequisites for 3 courses)

#### **INSPIRE OFFICE OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING (formerly Intersession)**

- Name change from Intersession to Inspire Office of Flexible Learning
- 1 new ABLD and 3 new INSPIRE courses
- 2 deleted INSPIRE courses
- 6 revised INSPIRE and 1 revised LATAM course descriptions
- Removal of Community Engagement courses from this section as moved to Faculty of Social Sciences
- Housekeeping changes, 11 new courses added to Course Lists, and requirement update for Interdisciplinary Minor in Latin American and Latinx Studies

#### **INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN SUSTAINABILITY**

- 7 new courses added to Course List
- 10 courses deleted from Course List



**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM REPORT  
TO UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**

**FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR**

**NOVEMBER 2023**

*As Approved by the Faculty of Humanities  
November 16, 2023*

**REPORT TO SENATE  
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES  
SUMMARY OF MAJOR CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-25**

**NEW PROGRAMS**

N/A

**MAJOR REVISIONS**

N/A

**DELETION OF A PROGRAM**

N/A

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For a complete review of all changes, please refer to the November 2023 Faculty of Humanities Report to Undergraduate Council for changes to the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, found at <https://www.humanities.mcmaster.ca/about-the-faculty-of-humanities/faculty-meetings/>

## REPORT TO UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

### FACULTY OF HUMANITIES SUMMARY OF CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-25

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#### 1. SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

- **Studio Art:**
  - Updating of program notes and requirements for Honours Studio Art as program is being phased out
  - Revisions to 13 existing courses (ART 2AA3, 3BA3, 3CC3, 3CF3, 3CI3, 3CL3, 3FW3, 3ID3, 3IM3, 3PD3, 4CC3, 4CI3, 4CL3)
  - Addition to Professor Emeriti
- **Art History:**
  - Updating of program notes and requirements for all programs and minor as courses are being phased out (Combined Honours B.A., Honours B.A., B.A., Minor)
  - Revisions to 7 existing courses (ARTHIST 2DF3, 3BB3, 3FL3, 3Q03, 3XX3, 3Z03, 4Z03)
  - Deletion of 8 courses (ARTHIST 2AA3, 3AB3, 3B03, 3P03, 4AA3, 4E03, 4V03, 4X03)
  - Revisions to List of Faculty Members
- **Music:**
  - Pausing of admission to Music I for September 2024
  - Updating of program notes and requirements for all programs and minor to reflect course deletions (Combined Honours B.A., B.A., Honours Music B.Mus., Honours Music (Music Cognition) B.Mus.)
  - Revisions to 6 existing courses (MUSIC 3SS3, 4O13, and 4SS3; and MUSICCOG 2MP3, 3SP3, and 4MP3)
  - Deletion of 4 courses (MUSIC 2A03, 2U03, 3V03, 4OC3)
  - Revisions to Departmental Notes
  - Revisions to List of Faculty Members
- **Theatre & Film Studies:**
  - Updating of program notes and requirements for all programs and minor as courses are being phased out (Combined Honours B.A., Honours B.A., B.A., Minor)
  - Revisions to 10 existing courses (THTRFLM 3AA3, 3FF3, 3L03, 3OP6 A/B, 3PS3, 3S06, 3QA3, 3SD3, 3VS3, 4D03)
  - Deletion of 8 courses (THTRFLM 3DD3, 3N03, 3PC3, 3PR3, 3U03, 3WW3, 3XX3, 4E03)
  - Revisions to Departmental Notes
  - Revisions to List of Faculty Members
- **iArts (Integrated Arts)**
  - Revisions to all program requirements as courses are being phased in (Combined Honours B.A., Honours B.A., Honours B.F.A.)
  - Inclusion of Honours iArts (Integrated Arts) with a Specialized Minor in Commerce (B.A.) based on previous years' approval
  - Addition of 39 new courses (IARTS 3AA3, 3AD3, 3BA3, 3CE3, 3CH3, 3CW3, 3DA3, 3EC3, 3FI3,

3FO3, 3IA3, 3ID3, 3IM3, 3IN3, 3LI3, 3MP6, 3ND3, 3OE3, 3PE3, 3QA3, 3RC6 A/B, 3SD3, 3SP6 A/B, 3SR3, 3TB3, 3VS3, 4AD3, 4AE3, 4C06 A/B, 4C12 A/B, 4CE3, 4D03, 4DM3, 4FO3, 4IN3, 4LI3, 4PF3, 4SD3, 4Z03)

- Revisions to 2 existing courses (IARTS 1T03, 4CS6 A/B)
- Revisions to Departmental Notes
- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

## **2. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES AND MEDIA ARTS**

### **• Communication Studies:**

- Addition of Combined Honours in Communication Studies and Media Arts (B.A.) in an amalgamated format for clarity
- Revisions to all program notes and requirements to reflect course additions, deletions and housekeeping (Combined Honours B.A., Honours B.A.)
- Addition of 2 new courses (CMST 3SC3, 4SC3)
- Revisions to 10 courses (CMST 2K03, 2RA3, 3B03 A/B S, 3DG3, 3DJ3, 3RR3, 3SM3, 3Z03, 4N03, 4P03)
- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

### **• Media Arts:**

- Revisions to all program notes and requirements to reflect course additions, deletions and housekeeping (Combined Honours B.A., Honours B.A.)
- Addition of 2 new courses (MEDIAART 2DF3, 3D03)
- Revisions to 1 existing course (MEDIAART 3EE3)
- Deletion of 1 course (MEDIAART 2A06)

## **3. DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND CULTURAL STUDIES**

- Addition of PEACJUST 2C03 (Peace, Justice and Popular Culture) to all English and Cultural Studies B.A. program requirements and removal of historical requirement terms (Combined Honours B.A., Honours B.A., Honours English and Cultural Studies and Mathematics B.A., B.A.)
- Changes to program requirements and notes for the Honours English and Cultural Studies and Mathematics (B.A.) as per Math department
- Addition of 2 new courses (ENGLISH 3BA3 and 4BN3)
- Revisions to 2 existing courses (ENGLISH 2AA3 and 2BB3)
- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

## **4. DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH**

- Revision to all programs and minor to reflect new FRENCH language course titles (Combined Honours B.A., Honours B.A., Honours French and Mathematics B.A., B.A., Minor)
- Changes to program requirements and notes for the Honours French and Mathematics (B.A.) as per Math department
- Revisions to 8 existing courses (FRENCH 1A06 A/B, 1Z06 A/B, 2B03, 2BB3, 2M06 A/B, 2Z06 A/B, 3C03, 4A03)
- Deletion of 1 course (FRENCH 2JJ3)
- Revisions to Departmental Notes, including new course note graphic
- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

## **5. GENDER STUDIES**

- Updating of Minor requirements

- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

#### **6. GLOBAL PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM**

- Revision to Combined Honours in Global Peace and Social Justice and Another Subject (B.A.) and Minor to reflect course additions and deletions
- Removal of reference to program requirements from previous years (Combined Honours Peace Studies and Another Subject B.A.)
- Addition of 1 course (PEACJUST 2G03)
- Revisions to 1 course (PEACJUST 1VM3)
- Deletion of 1 course (PEACJUST 2B03)
- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

#### **7. DEPARTMENT OF GREEK & ROMAN STUDIES**

- Revisions to 3 courses (GKROMST 2HB3, 3N03 and 4F03)
- Revision to Departmental Notes
- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

#### **8. DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

- Updating program notes and requirements for all programs and minor, and removal of historical requirement terms (Combined Honours B.A., Honours B.A., Honours History and Mathematics B.A., B.A., Minor)
- Changes to program requirements and notes for the Honours History and Mathematics (B.A.) as per Math department
- Addition of 8 new courses (HISTORY 1MA3, 2AM3, 2MI3, 2TC3, 3ID3, 3SR3, 3TU3, 4FM3)
- Revisions to 3 existing courses (HISTORY 2DF3, 3CH3, 4HP3)
- Deletion of 8 courses (HISTORY 1FF3, 2R03, 2XX3, 3HI3, 3W03, 4CE3, 4MM3, 4P03)
- Updating of Departmental Program and Course Notes and removal of historical requirements
- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

#### **9. FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**

- Revisions to Humanities I program notes and requirements
- Introduction of new mandatory Humanities Concurrent Certificate: Skills for Life
- Approval of calendar copy of Integrated Rehabilitation and Humanities (IRH) program
- Housekeeping revisions to Specialized Minor in Commerce
- Revisions to Interdisciplinary Minor in Africa and Black Diaspora Studies, including new courses lists
- Addition of 7 new courses (HUMAN 1DL3, 1HL3, 2AR1, 2DU1, 2IC1, 2PS1, 2TC1)
- Revision of 1 existing course (HUMAN 2CP2)
- Revision to Departmental Notes
- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

#### **10. DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES**

- Updating program notes and requirements, and removal of reference to historical course codes from all programs (Combined Honours Cognitive Science of Language B.A., Combined Honours Linguistics B.A., Honours Cognitive Science of Language B.A., Honours Linguistics B.A.)
- Revisions to Minor in Italian Studies

- Inclusion of Honours Cognitive Science of Language with a Specialized Minor in Commerce (B.A.) based on previous years' approval
- Addition of 2 new courses (LINGUIST 3WC3, 4TP3)
- Revision to 9 existing courses (GERMAN 2G03, 2ZZ3; ITALIAN 2ZZ3, 4I13; LINGUIST 2D03, 2DD3, 2RP3 A/B S, 3AA3 and 3NL3)
- Deletion of 9 courses (GERMAN 3Z03, 3ZZ3, 4CC3; ITALIAN 3Z03; LINGUIST 4TE3; POLISH 1Z03, 1ZZ3, 2Z03, 2ZZ3)
- Revision to Departmental Notes for German Italian, and deletion of Polish course departmental notes
- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

#### **11. DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

- Updating program requirements for all programs, and removal of historical requirement terms (Combined Honours Philosophy B.A., Honours Justice, Political Philosophy and Law B.A., Honours Philosophy B.A., Honours Philosophy and Biology B.A., Honours Philosophy and Mathematics B.A., Philosophy B.A.)
- Update of reference to requirements from previous years for Combined Honours Philosophy, JPPL, Honours Philosophy, Honours Philosophy and Biology
- Changes to program requirements and notes for the Honours Philosophy and Mathematics (B.A.) as per Math department
- Changes to program requirements and notes for the Honours Philosophy and Biology (B.A.)
- Addition of 2 new courses (PHILOS 4ME3 and 4SE3)
- Revision to 3 existing courses (PHILOS 2X03, 3L03 and 3VV3)
- Deletion of 1 course (PHILOS 4YE3A/B)
- Revisions to List of Faculty Members

#### **12. APPENDIX A: Letter from Director of School of The Arts Regarding Music I**

**APPENDIX A: Letter from Director of School of The Arts regarding Music I**



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October 17, 2023

Dear Pamela Swett, Dean Faculty of Humanities, and the Faculty of Humanities Curriculum Committee,

The School of the Arts has decided to pause admissions to our Hons. Bachelor of Music program, which is a direct-entry level-1 program. We will continue to support students in the B. Mus. and students entering Humanities 1 in 2024 will have the opportunity to take music courses in level 1 to be admitted into a BA Music in level 2.

Given the initial success we have seen in launching the iArts program, we feel it is the right time to consider a redesign of our music program. I have already begun to work with SOTA faculty, Assistant Dean Osterman and Associate Dean Corner on possible re-design strategies. Pausing admission to the Hons. B. Mus gives us the time and flexibility needed for this important work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Springgay".

Stephanie Springgay

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**BRIGHTER WORLD**

**Faculty of Social Sciences**  
Undergraduate Curriculum Report to  
Undergraduate Council  
FOR THE 2024-2025 UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR

Approved  
by  
The Faculty of Social Sciences  
Faculty Council

November 16, 2023



**REPORT TO SENATE  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-2025**

Below is the summary of substantive curriculum changes being proposed by the Faculty of Social Sciences. For complete review of all of the changes, please refer to the November 2023 Faculty of Social Sciences Report to Undergraduate Council for changes to the 2024-2025 Undergraduate Calendar, found on SharePoint: [Faculty of Social Sciences Curriculum Report 2024-2025Nov17.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

**1.0 NEW PROGRAMS: (For Information Only)**

**1.1 Interdisciplinary Minor in Civic Vitality, Democracy and Electoral Management (CIV-DEM)**

The CIVDEM Interdisciplinary Minor equips students to work towards strengthening civic vitality, democratic resiliency, and electoral integrity, as well as empowering the underrepresented to participate in the political and electoral process. Students gain the foundations of knowledge, focused thematic expertise, and research competencies with respect to core areas (Civic Vitality, Democracy, Elections) that are local, national and global in scope. They are encouraged to think beyond the walls of the classroom to prepare for a lifetime of civic learning and practice, built on connecting with a large and effective network of advocates, innovators, practitioners, researchers and policymakers who are working to advance civic engagement, democratic processes and institutions, electoral management and integrity.

**Notes:**

1. A minimum of 9 units must be taken from approved courses outside the student's home Faculty. To declare a Minor in CIVDEM, at least 12 units above Level I must be elective to the degree.
2. No more than 12 units of the student's Major program may be applied towards the completion of the Minor. Any cross-listed course between two or more Faculties and those of interdisciplinary programs will be counted as a course outside of the student's home Faculty.
3. It is the student's responsibility to check carefully for prerequisites, co-requisites, and enrolment restrictions of all courses in this list. Students are encouraged to speak to their Faculty's Academic Advisors about Faculty-specific rules on double-counting courses for the Minor.

**Thematic Areas:**

**Course List A (CIVIC Vitality)**

CMST 1A03 – Introduction to Communication  
ENVSOCY 1HA3 – Society, Culture and Environment  
FRENCH 1A06 A/B – Introduction to French Studies: ~~Advanced Level~~ Intermediate  
FRENCH 1Z06 A/B - ~~Beginner's~~ Intensive French I : Beginner  
GENDRST 1AA3 – Gender, Feminism and Social Justice  
GENDRST 1A03 – Gender, Race, Culture, Power  
GLOBALZN 1A03 – Global Citizenship  
HISTORY 1DD3 – The Making of the Modern World  
iARTS 1PA3 – Perspectives A: Arts in Society: Social Constructions of Class, Race and Gender  
iARTS 1PB3 – Perspectives B: Arts in Society: Technology and the Environment  
IBH 1BC3 - Fundamentals of Ethics  
COMMERCE 2BC3 – Human Resource Management and Labour Relations  
ECON 2Q03 - Economics of Bad Behaviour  
ENGLISH 2CC3 – Settler Colonialism and Writing in Canada  
ENGLISH 2CL3 – Canadian Literature of Dissent and Social Justice  
HISTORY 2TT3 – Survey of Canadian History, 1885 to the Present  
HISTORY 2IS3 – Historical Roots of Current Social and Political Crises in the United States  
HUMAN 3LM3 – Foundations of Ethical Leadership  
PEACJUST 2CS3 – Decolonization and Activism: Creating Social Change  
PHILOS 2N03 – Business Ethics  
PHILOS 2YY3 – Ethics  
POLSCI 2F03 – Politics, Power and Influence in Canada  
SOCIOL 2EE3 – Introduction to Indigenous-Settler Relations in Canada  
SOCIOL 2VV3 – Law and Society  
WORKLABR 2A03 – Unions in Action  
ANTHROP 3FO3 – Anthropology and the Other(ed)  
CMST 3DG3 – Digital Storytelling  
CMST 3DJ3 – Digital Justice  
CMST 3SM3 – Building Publics Using Social Media  
CMST 3PM3 – Public Memory and the African Diaspora  
CMST 3RR3 – Religion, Race and Media  
CMST 3Z03 – Mobile Practices, Technologies and Art  
FRENCH 3HH3 – Francophone Voices in Canada  
GLOBALZN 3A03/ ANTRHOP 3HH3 - Globalization, Social Justice, and Human Rights  
HISTORY 3CG3 – Canadians in a Global Age, 1914 to the Present  
HISTORY 3J03 – The United States in the 1960s  
HISTORY 3N03 / IBH 3BC3 - Poverty, Privilege and Protest in Canadian History  
INDIGST 3CC3 – Contemporary Indigenous Societies: Selected Topics  
INDIGST 3N03 – Indigenous Women: Land, Rights, and Politics  
WORKLABR 3L03 – Labour Policy and Advocacy  
WORKLABR 3P03 – Workers' Resistance - Past and Present  
PHILOS 3I03 – Philosophy and Feminism

PHILOS 3T03 – Philosophy and Race  
POLSCI 3BB3 / CMST 3D03 – Political Communication  
POLSCI 3PB3 – Politics from Below  
POLSCI 3V03 – Gender and Politics  
POLSCI 3Y03 – Democratization and Human Rights  
SCAR / POLSCI 3CC3 – Religion and Politics  
SOCIOLOG 3MM3 – Political Sociology  
THTRFLM 3QA3 – Documentary, Politics, and Social Change  
CMST 4N03 – News Analysis: Theory and Practice (*renamed “The News”*)  
CMST 4P03 – Social Activism and The Media  
POLSCI 4P03 – Public Opinion  
POLSCI 4UP3 – Urban Politics in the Post-Industrial Era

**Course List B (DEMOCRATIC Norms, Processes and Institutions)**

ENVSOCY 1HB3 – Population, Cities and Development  
PHILOS 1B03 – Philosophy, Law and Society  
POLSCI 1AA3 – Government, Politics, and Power  
POLSCI 1AB3 – Politics and Power in a Globalizing World  
SOCIOLOG 1C03 – Canadian Society: Social Problems, Social Policy, and the Law  
CMST 2K03 – Political Economy of the Media  
CMST 2LW3 / POLSCI 2LW3 – Communication Policy and Law  
COMMERCE 2FA3 / IBH 2BB3 – Introduction to Finance  
HISTORY 2KK3 / IBH 2BF3 – History of Capitalism  
POLSCI 2D03 – Canadian Democracy  
POLSCI 2O06 – Political Theory  
POLSCI 2U03 – Public Policy and Administration  
POLSCI 2US3 – US Politics  
POLSCI 2M03 – Governance, Representation, and Participation in Democracies  
COMMERCE 3FM3 – History of Finance  
ENVSOCY 3UR3 – Urban Social Geography  
HISTORY 3XX3 – Human Rights in History  
INDIGST 3J03 / POLSCI 3C03 – Government and Politics of Indigenous People  
INDIGST 3K03 / POLSCI 3KA3 – Indigenous Human Rights  
PHILOS 3N03 – Political Philosophy  
POLSCI 3CL3 – Constitutional and Public Law in Canada  
POLSCI 3RF3 – The Charter of Rights and Freedoms  
POLSCI 3VV3 – Democratic Theory  
POLSCI 3H03 – Honours Issues in Comparative Politics  
POLSCI 3PG3 – Political Geography  
WORKLABR 3C03 / COMMERCE 4BF3 – Labour and Employment Law  
COMMERCE 4BC3 – Collective Bargaining  
POLSCI 4G06 – Politics of Public Policy  
POLSCI 4KC3 – Comparative Democratization  
POLSCI 4O06 – Canadian Politics

**Course List C (ELECTIONS Management and Integrity)**

COMMERCE 2OC3 / IBH 3BE3 – Operations Management  
CMST 4X03 – Communications for Campaigns & Elections  
CIVDEM 3Z03 / POLSCI 3Z03 – Canadian Public Sector Management  
CIVDEM 3CS3 / POLSCI 3CS3 – Campaign School  
CIVDEM 3EL3 / POLSCI 3EL3 – Canadian Elections Policy and Law  
CIVDEM 4EM3 / POLSCI 4EM3 / COMMERCE 4..3 – Elections Management  
CIVDEM 4ED6 / POLSCI 4ED6 – Partnered Learning in Elections and Democracy

### Requirements

24 units total from Course Lists (no more than 6 units from Level 1 courses)

- Selected from two or more Faculties; must include a minimum of 6 units from each of the 3 Thematic Areas (Course List A, B, and C) (See **Notes 1, 2, 3** above)

### 2.0 PROGRAM CLOSURES: N/A

### 3.0 MAJOR REVISIONS:

#### 3.1 Major Modification:

#### ~~Combined Program in Indigenous Studies and Another Subject (B.A.)~~

Admission

Completion of any Level I program, with a Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 and a grade of at least C- in three units of INDIGST 1A03, 1AA3, or 1B03, ~~and satisfaction of admission requirements for the B.A. program in the other subject.~~

Notes

- ~~1. Three units of work in the other subject of the combined program which are also in the *Course List* may be used to fulfill the requirements of both program components.~~
- 1 2. Students who previously completed ANTHROP 2H03, 2VV3, 2W03, 3F03 or POLSCI 3C03 may use these units toward the *Course List* requirement.
- 2 3. Students who have completed only 3 units of level I Indigenous Studies will be required to complete 3 more units of Level I Indigenous Studies by the end of the following academic year.

Course List

- ANTHROP 2BB3 – Ancient Mesoamerica: Aztecs to Zapotecs
- ANTHROP 3Y03 – Indigenous Community Health and Wellbeing
- SOCWORK 3I03 – Social Work and Indigenous Peoples
- ANTHROP 2BB3 - Ancient Mesoamerica: Aztecs to Zapotecs

- ANTHROP 3Y03 - Indigenous Community Health and Wellbeing
- CAYUGA 2Z03 - Intermediate Cayuga
- ENGLISH 3W03 - Contemporary Native Literature in Canada (or PEACJUST 3W03 or PEACEST 3W03)
- ENGLISH 3X03 - Contemporary Native Literature in the United States
- HISTORY 2T03 - Survey of Canadian History, Beginnings to 1885
- HISTORY 2TT3 - Survey of Canadian History, 1885 to the Present
- HISTORY 3CW3 - Canada in a World of Empires, 1492-1919
- HISTORY 4DW3 – Indigenous History in a Decolonizing World
- MOHAWK 2Z03 - Intermediate Mohawk
- OJIBWE 2Z03 - Intermediate Ojibwe
- PEACJUST 2C03 - Peace, Justice, and Popular Culture
- PEACJUST 3B03 - Peace-Building and Health Initiatives
- PEACJUST 3W03 - Contemporary Native Literature in Canada
- PHILOS 3L03 - Environmental Philosophy
- POLSCI 2F03 - Politics, Power and Influence in Canada
- POLSCI 3C03 - Government and Politics of Indigenous People
- POLSCI 3F03
- SOCIOL 2EE3 – Introduction to Indigenous-Settler Relations in Canada
- SOCIOL 2UU3 – Indigenous Ontologies and Ways of Knowing
- SOCIOL 3VV3 – The Indian Act: A Social Problem
- SOCWORK 3I03 - Social Work and Indigenous Peoples
- SOCWORK 3Q03

**Justification:** consistency with Course List used for Honours programs, increased flexibility and options for students

Requirements

90 units total (Levels I to III), of which 42 may be Level I

30 units

from

- the Level I program completed prior to admission to the program.  
(See Admission above.)

6 units

from

- INDIGST 2M03 - Indigenous Research Methods and Ethics
- INDIGST 2MM3 - Indigenous Ways of Knowing: Theory

3 units

from

- ~~INDIGST 2A03 – Indigenous Peoples' Spirituality~~
- ~~INDIGST 2B03 – History of Indigenous Peoples' Sovereignty~~
- ~~INDIGST 2C03 – Current Issues in Indigenous Studies: Selected Topics~~
- ~~INDIGST 2D03 – Traditional Indigenous Ecological Knowledge~~

15 units

from

- ~~Level II Indigenous Studies~~
- ~~Level III Indigenous Studies~~
- ~~CAYUGA 2Z03 – Intermediate Cayuga~~
- ~~MOHAWK 2Z03 – Intermediate Mohawk~~
- ~~OJIBWE 2Z03 – Intermediate Ojibwe~~
- ~~courses from the Course List of which at least three units must be Level III.~~

~~(See Notes 2 and 3 above.)~~

9 units

from

- Level II Indigenous Studies

6 units

from

- Level III Indigenous Studies

3 units

from

- Level II or III Indigenous Studies or Course List

3 units

from

- CAYUGA 1Z03 - Introduction to Cayuga Language and Culture
- INUKTUT 1Z03
- MOHAWK 1Z03 - Introduction to Mohawk Language and Culture
- OJIBWE 1Z03 - Introduction to Ojibwe Language and Culture

0-3 units

from

- INDIGST 1A03 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies
- INDIGST 1AA3 - Introduction to Contemporary Indigenous Studies
- INDIGST 1B03 - Reconciling What? Indigenous Relations in Canada

24 units

- ~~courses specified for the other subject~~

9-12 33-36 units

- Electives

**Justification:** We are submitting this Major Modification to change the current Combined Indigenous Studies and Another Subject B.A. into an Indigenous Studies B.A.

FTE enrollments have been very low in this Combined BA program, ranging from as low as a total of 1.5 in recent years to a high of 5.5 back in 2017, as seen below:

<b>Combinations with Social Sciences</b>	<b>Combinations with Humanities</b>
2022/23: 0.7	2022/23: 0.8
2021/22: 2.4	2021/22: 1.2
2020/21: 2.2	2020/21: 0.9
2019/20: 1.3	2019/20: 0
2018/19: 2.2	2018/19: 0.3
2017/18: 4.4	2017/18: 1.1

*In light of the proposed changes, we would permit the currently enrolled students to remain in the Combined BA program to finish their degrees, if they wish, or they could transfer to the*

modified program. Newly admitted students would be placed in the single BA, effective September 2024, if they do not qualify for Honours.

Admissions has been a challenge with this program as very few students (who are mostly transfer students from outside McMaster) have a second subject to major in. So, we are either incorrectly admitting them to the Combined program and ignoring the second subject until they do well enough to move into Honours, or they must pick up the courses for the second subject to graduate. The suggested modifications will smooth out the admissions processes and hopefully will actually allow us to foster increased enrollments.

The proposed changes involve the units for the second subject being changed to elective units. Students would still be free to use their electives for a concentration other subject. Consultations regarding this change took place in the summer of 2023 with Erin Aspenlieder and Amy Gullage from the MacPherson institute and they supported the methodology for the modifications to this program.

This change was suggested by the Associate Dean's Office for consistency with all other B.A. programs in the Faculty of Social Sciences and to meet student needs. Units have been adjusted as needed to align with other B.A. programs and for consistency in required courses for the B.A. and Honours B.A. programs.

3.2 To accompany 3.1, revisions are also being made to the existing program:

### **Combined Program in Indigenous Studies and Another Subject (B.A.)**

*This program is being phased out and last entry will be for September 2024. The Department of Indigenous Studies is introducing an **Indigenous Studies (B.A.)**, beginning in September 2024.*

#### Admission

Completion of any Level I program, with a Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 and a grade of at least C- in three units of INDIGST 1A03, 1AA3, or 1B03, and satisfaction of admission requirements for the B.A. program in the other subject.

#### Notes

1. Three units of work in the other subject of the combined program which are also in the *Course List* may be used to fulfill the requirements of both program components.
2. Students who previously completed ANTHROP 2H03, 2VV3, 2W03, 3F03 or POLSCI 3C03 may use these units toward the *Course List* requirement.
3. Students who have completed only 3 units of level I Indigenous Studies will be required to complete 3 more units of Level I Indigenous Studies by the end of the following academic year.

#### Course List

- ~~ANTHROP 2BB3 – Ancient Mesoamerica: Aztecs to Zapotecs~~
- ~~ANTHROP 3Y03 – Indigenous Community Health and Wellbeing~~
- ~~SOCWORK 3I03 – Social Work and Indigenous Peoples~~



- ANTHROP 2BB3 - Ancient Mesoamerica: Aztecs to Zapotecs
- ANTHROP 3Y03 - Indigenous Community Health and Wellbeing
- CAYUGA 2Z03 - Intermediate Cayuga
- ENGLISH 3W03 - Contemporary Native Literature in Canada (or PEACJUST 3W03 or PEACEST 3W03)
- ENGLISH 3X03 - Contemporary Native Literature in the United States
- HISTORY 2T03 - Survey of Canadian History, Beginnings to 1885
- HISTORY 2TT3 - Survey of Canadian History, 1885 to the Present
- HISTORY 3CW3 - Canada in a World of Empires, 1492-1919
- HISTORY 4DW3 – Indigenous History in a Decolonizing World
- MOHAWK 2Z03 - Intermediate Mohawk
- OJIBWE 2Z03 - Intermediate Ojibwe
- PEACJUST 2C03 - Peace, Justice, and Popular Culture
- PEACJUST 3B03 - Peace-Building and Health Initiatives
- PEACJUST 3W03 - Contemporary Native Literature in Canada
- PHILOS 3L03 - Environmental Philosophy
- POLSCI 2F03 - Politics, Power and Influence in Canada
- POLSCI 3C03 - Government and Politics of Indigenous People
- POLSCI 3F03
- SOCIOL 2EE3 – Introduction to Indigenous-Settler Relations in Canada
- SOCIOL 2UU3 – Indigenous Ontologies and Ways of Knowing
- SOCIOL 3VV3 – The Indian Act: A Social Problem
- SOCWORK 3I03 - Social Work and Indigenous Peoples
- SOCWORK 3Q03

**Justification:** consistency with Course List used for Honours programs, increased flexibility and options for students

Requirements

90 units total (Levels I to III), of which 42 may be Level I

30 units

from

- the Level I program completed prior to admission to the program. (See *Admission* above.)

6 units

from

- INDIGST 2M03 - Indigenous Research Methods and Ethics

- INDIGST 2MM3 - Indigenous Ways of Knowing: Theory

3 units

from

- ~~INDIGST 2A03 - Indigenous Peoples' Spirituality~~
- ~~INDIGST 2B03 - History of Indigenous Peoples' Sovereignty~~
- ~~INDIGST 2C03 - Current Issues in Indigenous Studies: Selected Topics~~
- ~~INDIGST 2D03 - Traditional Indigenous Ecological Knowledge~~

15 units

from

- ~~Level II Indigenous Studies~~
- ~~Level III Indigenous Studies~~
- ~~CAYUGA 2Z03 - Intermediate Cayuga~~
- ~~MOHAWK 2Z03 - Intermediate Mohawk~~
- ~~OJIBWE 2Z03 - Intermediate Ojibwe~~
- ~~courses from the Course List of which at least three units must be Level III.~~

(See Notes 2 and 3 above.)

9 units

from

- Level II Indigenous Studies

6 units

from

- Level III Indigenous Studies

3 units

from

- Level II or III Indigenous Studies or Course List

3 units

from

- CAYUGA 1Z03 - Introduction to Cayuga Language and Culture
- INUKTUT 1Z03
- MOHAWK 1Z03 - Introduction to Mohawk Language and Culture
- OJIBWE 1Z03 - Introduction to Ojibwe Language and Culture

0-3 units

from

- INDIGST 1A03 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies
- INDIGST 1AA3 - Introduction to Contemporary Indigenous Studies
- INDIGST 1B03 - Reconciling What? Indigenous Relations in Canada

24 units

- courses specified for the other subject

9-12-6-9

- Electives

**Justification:** *This program is being modified to align the flexibility in the Indigenous Studies course requirements with the modified B.A. in Indigenous Studies and the course lists will align more closely with the Honours degree to facilitate transfer into the new B.A. program or the Honours program.*

#### **4.0 Changes to Level II Admission requirement:**

This proposed change will apply to both the Honours Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) program and the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) as follows:

#### **4.1 Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)**

##### **Admission**

**Enrolment in this program is limited.** Eligibility is dependent upon completion of an undergraduate degree from a recognized university, including a total of six units of introductory Social Work or introductory Sociology and six additional units of introductory level courses from the Course List below (or equivalent) Students who are interested in the B.S.W. (post degree) are strongly encouraged to take both SOCWORK 1AA3 and SOCWORK 1BB3 during their first degree. Students are also encouraged to take one or both of INDIGST 1A03 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies, or INDIGST 1AA3 – Introduction to Contemporary Indigenous Studies, in their first degree, as completion of one of these this courses will be required for completion of the B.S.W. To be considered for admission, students must normally have a minimum average of 6.0 on the most recent 30 units (five full credits) of university-level courses completed and evidence of personal suitability which may be evaluated by one or a combination of written statements, tests or interviews.

**Justification:** *Adding INDIGST 1AA3 as additional option for pre-req, along with INDIGST 1A03.*

##### **Students who apply to this program for Fall 2025 or later:**

##### **Volunteer/work experience including references (mandatory, not scored) -**

Applicants will be asked to submit details regarding previous volunteer, placement and/or work experience in social/human services. As well, applicants will be asked to

submit two references from a combination of their volunteer, social/human services work, and/or placement experience. Note – if a student has completed all hours within one organization, it is acceptable to submit two references from the same organization.

We require 100 hours of volunteer/work/placement experience. To provide flexibility, we will require 50 hours to be completed by April in the year of application and any remaining hours to be completed after admission to the program in the term before the student starts the first placement: SOCWORK 3DD6. We will not grade this experience but rather ask for it to be documented and for references to be provided.

We welcome a wide variety of experience: work, placement, or volunteer experience in human services/social change. We welcome volunteer experience with one's own faith-based or cultural community.

For students who completed their secondary schooling in Ontario, the required hours required will be in addition to an applicant's high school volunteer hours requirement, unless the high school volunteer hours were in human services/social change.

**Justification** - (Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences in fall 2023 but rejected by UGC due to timing so we are resubmitting for approval for 25/26 admissions cycle).

*We are introducing a requirement for volunteer/work/placement experience.*

*We are one of the only Social Work programs in the area that does not currently have a requirement of human service/social change work or volunteer experience. Examples of BSW programs at other universities that require volunteer experience include but are not limited to:*

*Toronto Metropolitan University*

*University of Waterloo, Renison*

*York University*

*Dalhousie University*

*Carleton University*

*Over the last couple of years, our field team has experienced increased difficulty finding field placements for students who may not have ever worked or volunteered anywhere. Lack of experience can lead to students being ill equipped to begin their placements and can lead to strain on both the agency and student. Furthermore, increased competition for field placement opportunities across area BSW and MSW programs means that we need our students to continue to be as prepared as possible and highly regarded by the community organizations who take on placement students.*

*Applicants to Level 2 of our Social Work programs will be asked to submit details regarding their previous volunteer and/or work experience in social/human services. As well, applicants will be asked to submit two references from a combination of their*

*volunteer, social/human services work, and/or placement experience. Note – if a student has completed all hours within one organization, it will be acceptable to submit two references from the same organization.*

*We will require a total of 100 hours of volunteer/work/placement experience. To provide flexibility as we roll out this change in this first year, we will require 50 hours to be completed by April 2025 and any remaining hours to be completed the term before the student starts the first placement: SOCWORK 3DD6\*. We will not grade this experience but rather ask for it to be documented and references provided.*

*We will welcome a wide variety of experience: work, placement, or volunteer experience in human services/social change. We will welcome volunteer experience with one's own faith-based or cultural community.*

*For students who completed their secondary schooling in Ontario, the required hours required will be in addition to an applicant's high school volunteer hours requirement, unless the high school volunteer hours were in human services/social change.*

*The School of Social Work will provide applicants with an "FAQ" document with guidance on applicable experiences and applicants will be able to reach out to the School of Social Work with questions.*

*\*Students who are admitted in September 2025 could start their first placement (SOCWORK 3DD6) in May 2026 (Summer block) OR September 2027 (Concurrent).*

### **Justification End.**

#### Course List

- ANTHROP 1AA3 - Introduction to Anthropology: Sex, Food and Death
- ANTHROP 1AB3 - Introduction to Anthropology: Race, Religion, and Social Justice
- CAYUGA 1Z03 - Introduction to Cayuga Language and Culture
- CMST 1A03 - Introduction to Communication
- ECON 1B03 - Introductory Microeconomics
- ECON 1BB3 - Introductory Macroeconomics
- ECON 1ME3 - Introduction to Mathematical Economics
- ENVSOCY 1HA3 - Society, Culture and Environment
- ENVSOCY 1HB3 - Population, Cities and Development
- GENDRST 1A03 - Gender, Race, Culture, Power
- GENDRST 1AA3 - Gender, Feminism and Social Justice
- GLOBALZN 1A03 - Global Citizenship
- HLTHAGE 1AA3 - Introduction to Health and Society
- HLTHAGE 1BB3 - Introduction to Aging and Society
- HLTHAGE 1CC3 - Introduction to Mental Health and Illness
- HLTHAGE 1ZZ3 - Inquiry: Introduction to Health and Society
- INDIGST 1A03 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies
- INDIGST 1AA3 - Introduction to Contemporary Indigenous Studies

- INDIGST 1B03 - Reconciling What? Indigenous Relations in Canada
- ~~INUKTUT 1Z03~~
- LABRST 1D03
- LABRST 1E03
- MOHAWK 1Z03 - Introduction to Mohawk Language and Culture
- OJIBWE 1Z03 - Introduction to Ojibwe Language and Culture
- PEACEST 1A03
- PEACJUST 1A03 - Peace, Justice, Human Rights
- POLSCI 1AA3 - Government, Politics, and Power
- POLSCI 1AB3 - Politics and Power in a Globalizing World
- PSYCH 1F03 - Survey of Psychology
- PSYCH 1FF3 - Survey of Biological Basis of Psychology
- PSYCH 1X03 - Introduction to Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour
- PSYCH 1XX3 - Foundations of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour
- SCAR 1B03 - What on Earth is Religion?
- SCAR 1SC3 - The Big Questions: Introduction to Society, Culture & Religion
- SOCPSY 1Z03 - An Introduction to Social Psychology
- SOCSCI 1SS3 - Inquiry in the Social Sciences
- SOCSCI 1T03 - Life, the University, and Everything
- SOCWORK 1AA3 - So You Think You Can Help? Introduction to Social Work I
- SOCWORK 1BB3 - Re-Imagining Help: Introduction to Social Work II
- SOCIOL 1C03 - Canadian Society: Social Problems, Social Policy, and the Law
- SOCIOL 1Z03 - An Introduction to Sociology
- WOMENST 1A03
- WOMENST 1AA3
- WORKLABR 1A03 - An Introduction to Work and Labour in Canada
- WORKLABR 1D03 - ~~Technology and the Future of Work~~
- WORKLABR 1E03 - Navigating the World of Work

#### Admission Notes

1. Students who have successfully completed the two-year College of Applied Arts and Technology Social Services Diploma with a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (75%) are considered to have completed the equivalent of SOCWORK 1AA3 and SOCWORK 1BB3. Students who have successfully completed this diploma **with a cumulative average of 3.4 - 4.0 (85%-100%)** are not required to complete six additional units of introductory level courses from the Course List above to be eligible for admission.
2. An applicant is required to complete the prerequisite undergraduate degree work by April of the year in which application is made.
3. Indigenous students (includes First Nations, Métis & Inuit) may select an alternate application process. Those who wish to do so should consult the School of Social Work for details.
4. **Enrolment in the B.S.W. program is limited.** Students who intend to apply to the B.S.W. program must follow the application instructions as found on the School of Social Work website: <http://www.socialwork.mcmaster.ca> <https://socialwork.socsci.mcmaster.ca/>. Applicants **must also apply** to the University.

5. **All applications** for admission to the School of Social Work are considered annually and must be made **directly to the School of Social Work well before the deadline(s) noted below.**
6. Applications that are submitted after the February 1 deadline will not be considered. Questions or concerns may be directed to the School of Social Work.
7. Offers of acceptance cannot be deferred; students must complete a required social work course in the year of admission.
8. For students seeking admission as of Fall 2025 or later: BSW students are required to complete 100 hours of volunteer/work/placement experience. A minimum of 50 hours is required for admission and any outstanding hours are to be completed after admission and by the term preceding their first placement: SOCWORK 3DD6.

#### **4.2 Honours Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)**

##### **Admission**

**Enrolment in this program is limited.** Eligibility is dependent upon completion of any Level I program including a total of six units of introductory Social Work or introductory Sociology and six additional units of introductory level courses from the Course List below (or equivalent). Students who are interested in the Honours B.S.W. are strongly encouraged to take both SOCWORK 1AA3 and SOCWORK 1BB3 in level 1. Students are also encouraged to take one or both of INDIGST 1A03 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies, or INDIGST 1AA3 – Introduction to Contemporary Indigenous Studies, in level I as completion of one of these courses ~~this course~~ will be required for completion of the B.S.W. Admission requires, as a minimum, completion of any level I program with a grade point average of at least 6.0 and evidence of personal suitability which may be evaluated by one or a combination of written statements, tests or interviews.

***Students who apply to this program for Fall 2025 or later:***

##### **Volunteer/work experience including references (mandatory, not scored) -**

Applicants will be asked to submit details regarding previous volunteer, placement and/or work experience in social/human services. As well, applicants will be asked to submit two references from a combination of their volunteer, social/human services work, and/or placement experience. Note – if a student has completed all hours within one organization, it is acceptable to submit two references from the same organization.

We will require 100 hours of volunteer/work/placement experience. To provide flexibility, we will require 50 hours to be completed by April in the year of application and any remaining hours to be completed after admission to the program in the term before the student starts the first placement: SOCWORK 3DD6. We will not grade this experience but rather ask for it to be documented and references provided.

We welcome a wide variety of experience: work, placement, or volunteer experience in human services/social change. We welcome volunteer experience with one's own faith-based or cultural community.

For students who completed their secondary schooling in Ontario, the required hours required will be in addition to an applicant's high school volunteer hours requirement, unless the high school volunteer hours were in human services/social change.

#### Course List

- ANTHROP 1AA3 - Introduction to Anthropology: Sex, Food and Death
- ANTHROP 1AB3 - Introduction to Anthropology: Race, Religion, and Social Justice
- CAYUGA 1Z03 - Introduction to Cayuga Language and Culture
- CMST 1A03 - Introduction to Communication
- ECON 1B03 - Introductory Microeconomics
- ECON 1BB3 - Introductory Macroeconomics
- ECON 1ME3 - Introduction to Mathematical Economics
- ENVSOCTY 1HA3 - Society, Culture and Environment
- ENVSOCTY 1HB3 - Population, Cities and Development
- GENDRST 1A03 - Gender, Race, Culture, Power
- GENDRST 1AA3 - Gender, Feminism and Social Justice
- GLOBALZN 1A03 - Global Citizenship
- HLTHAGE 1AA3 - Introduction to Health and Society
- HLTHAGE 1BB3 - Introduction to Aging and Society
- HLTHAGE 1CC3 - Introduction to Mental Health and Illness
- HLTHAGE 1ZZ3 - Inquiry: Introduction to Health and Society
- INDIGST 1A03 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies
- INDIGST 1AA3 - Introduction to Contemporary Indigenous Studies
- INDIGST 1B03 - Reconciling What? Indigenous Relations in Canada
- INUKTUT 1Z03
- LABRST 1D03
- LABRST 1E03
- MOHAWK 1Z03 - Introduction to Mohawk Language and Culture
- OJIBWE 1Z03 - Introduction to Ojibwe Language and Culture
- PEACEST 1A03
- PEACJUST 1A03 - Peace, Justice, Human Rights
- POLSCI 1AA3 - Government, Politics, and Power
- POLSCI 1AB3 - Politics and Power in a Globalizing World
- PSYCH 1F03 - Survey of Psychology
- PSYCH 1FF3 - Survey of Biological Basis of Psychology
- PSYCH 1X03 - Introduction to Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour
- PSYCH 1XX3 - Foundations of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour
- SCAR 1B03 - What on Earth is Religion?
- SCAR 1R03
- SCAR 1SC3 - The Big Questions: Introduction to Society, Culture & Religion
- SOCPSY 1Z03 - An Introduction to Social Psychology
- SOCSCI 1SS3 - Inquiry in the Social Sciences
- SOCSCI 1T03 - Life, the University, and Everything
- SOCWORK 1AA3 - So You Think You Can Help? Introduction to Social Work I
- SOCWORK 1BB3 - Re-Imagining Help: Introduction to Social Work II



- SOCIOL 1C03 - Canadian Society: Social Problems, Social Policy, and the Law
- SOCIOL 1Z03 - An Introduction to Sociology
- WOMENST 1A03
- WOMENST 1AA3
- WORKLABR 1A03 - An Introduction to Work and Labour in Canada
- WORKLABR 1D03 - ~~Technology and the Future of Work~~
- WORKLABR 1E03 - Navigating the World of Work

#### Admission Notes

1. Students who have successfully completed the two-year College of Applied Arts and Technology Social Services Diploma with a minimum cumulative average Grade Point Average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (75%) are considered to have completed the equivalent of SOCWORK 1AA3 and SOCWORK 1BB3. Students who have successfully completed this diploma **with a cumulative average of 3.4 - 4.0 (85%-100%)** are not required to complete six additional units of introductory level courses from the Course List above to be eligible for admission.
2. Applicants must complete Level I by April of the year in which **the** application is made.
3. Students who intend to apply for this program must follow the application instructions as found on the School of Social Work web site:~~www.socialwork.mcmaster.ca~~ <https://socialwork.socsci.mcmaster.ca/>. Students who are unable to access this web site must consult the School of Social Work prior to the application deadline.
4. Indigenous students (includes First Nations, Métis & Inuit) may select an alternate application process. Those who wish to do so should consult the School of Social Work for details.
5. **All applications for admission to the School of Social Work are considered annually and must be made directly to the School by February 1 for the Fall/Winter term.**
6. **Applications that are submitted after the February 1 deadline will not be considered.**
7. **Offers of acceptance cannot be deferred; students must complete a required social work course in the year of admission.**
8. For students seeking admission as of Fall 2025 or later: BSW students are required to complete 100 hours of volunteer/work/placement experience. A minimum of 50 hours is required for admission and any outstanding hours are to be completed after admission and by the term preceding their first placement: SOCWORK 3DD6.

**Faculty of Social Sciences**  
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**1. Faculty of Social Sciences**

- Revision to the Economics I program to reflect deletion of Econ 1BA3 and removal of the Math 1F03 requirement due to high school calculus being an admission requirement to the program.
- Addition of a new Program Note for Economics 1 to indicate a new process to gain a seat in Level 1 Computer Sciences courses for those students interested in gaining admission to Level II Honours Economics and Computer Science
- Updates to course lists for Economics I, Health & Society I, and Social Sciences I to reflect course additions and deletions.
- Addition of 1 new course (SOCSCI 2EL3) to better prepare and support internship and co-op students in managing the job search process.
- Revision to 10 existing courses (SOCSCI 1RM3, 2EL0, 2EN3, 2JS1, 2LC3, 2OP3, 2RD3, 2SP3, 3EL3, 3EP3) including a minor description change and updates to prerequisite statements.
- Deletion of 1 course (SOCSCI 2N03) as this course has not been offered in over 3 years.
- Updates to Department Notes
- Update to Faculty and Staff members
- Revisions to Faculty Regulations section:
  - o Under the list of Interdisciplinary Minors - Inclusion of new Interdisciplinary minor to be administered by Department of Political Science – Civic Vitality, Democratic Engagement and Elections Management (CIVDEM).
  - o Under Limited Enrolment Programs - change Honours Social Psychology to include all Honours Social Psychology programs as we now have a Research Specialist option.
- Housekeeping updates

## **2. Department of Anthropology**

- Update to course lists in all programs to reflect changes in a course title
- Addition of 4 new courses (ANTHROP 2ST3, 3HD3, 3LD3, 4NE3)
- Revisions to 17 existing courses
  - Name and/or description (ANTHROP 2AN3, 2C03, 2D03, 2F03, 2O03, 3DD3, 3ET3, 3TR3, 3X03, 4CL3, 4DN3, 4HF3)
  - Prerequisite changes (ANTHROP 2MA3, 3AR3, 3F03, 3LL3, 4AH3)
- Temporarily Withdrawal of 2 courses (ANTHROP 2HH3, 4GS3) as there are currently no faculty resources to teach them.
- Housekeeping changes courses under the Course Subfields
- Update of Faculty Members

## **3. Community Engagement**

- Revisions to course lists to reflect changes from other departments
- Revisions to 1 existing course (CMTYENGA 2MD3) to relax the prerequisite.
- Revisions to Department Notes

## **4. Department of Economics**

- Revision to the B.A. in Economics to remove the completion of a Level I MATH (Calculus) course from the Level II Admission requirements and to permit it to be completed as a program requirement.
- Changes to a Program Note for Honours Economics and Computer Science to indicate a new process to gain a seat in Level 1 Computer Sciences courses for Economics 1 students interested in gaining admission to this program.
- Revision to Honours Economics and Mathematics (B.A.) to adjust the admission requirement to be easier to understand and to update the course grade requirements in the MATH courses; to include MATH 1C03 in the program requirements, and adjustments to the Level III and IV MATH requirements.
- Revision to the Admission requirement for the Honours Economics Co-op program to indicate preference will be given to applicants currently in a Level 1 program.
- Revision to Notes in the Honours programs to clean up old course codes no longer offered
- Revision to 26 existing courses:
  - Prerequisite and/or antirequisite changes, including removal of old courses no longer offered (ECON 1ME3, 2CC3, 2Z03, 2ZZ3, 3B03, 3BE3, 3C03, 3D03, 3E03, 3EE3, 3G03, 3HH3, 3K03, 3Q03, 3S03, 3T03, 3W03, 3Y03, 3Z03, 4A03, 4AA3, 4F03, 4FF3, 4G03, 4T03, 4TT3)
- Update of Faculty Members

**5. School of Earth, Environment & Society**

- No revisions to programs in the Faculty of Social Sciences
- All course additions, revisions or deletions are submitted and approved through the Faculty of Science

**6. Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition**

- Revision to the Notes removing GLOBALZN 3A03 as a recommended course.
- Revision to the requirements of the Minor to require GLOBALZN 3A03
- Addition of new course to one of the Course Lists
- Update of Faculty Members – Name TBD

**7. Department of Health, Aging & Society**

- Revisions to course lists in Program Notes to reflect course additions and changes
- Addition of new courses to program requirements in Honours programs.
- Addition of 3 new courses (HTHAGE 2P03, 4BB3, 4CH3)
- Revisions to 3 existing courses (HTHAGE 1AA3, 2N03, 4BC3) regarding the course offering and an antirequisite.
- Deletion of 1 existing course (HLTHAGE 3S03) as it no longer matches current faculty expertise or interests.
- Update to Faculty Members

**8. Department of Indigenous Studies**

- Major modification to change the Combined Program in Indigenous Studies and Another Subject (B.A.) to a B.A. in Indigenous Studies – the units from the other subject are changing to be electives, the admission statement is amended to include 3 units from Level 1 Indigenous Studies, and the Indigenous Studies course requirements are more flexible and align more closely with the Honours programs.
- Updates to the current Combined Program in Indigenous Studies and Another Subject (B.A.) to indicate that this program is being phased out and last entry will be in September 2024, and to align the course lists and course requirements more closely with the Honours programs.
- Updates to courses lists to standardize for all programs and for housekeeping changes.
- For the Honours programs, the course requirements have been changed to require units from “Level II”, “Level III”, and “Level IV” Indigenous studies rather than units from specific lists course at each level, to allow flexibility, particularly for transfer students.

- Revisions to 12 existing courses (INDIGST 3Q03, 4A03, 4B03, 4C03, 4D03, 4G03, 4HH3, 4IW3, 4J03, 4L03, 4LF3, 4RI3)
- Addition of 2 new cross-listed courses with other departments (INDIGST 3EN3, 3Y03)
- Update to Faculty Members

#### **9. School of Labour Studies**

- Revision to the admission requirement for the Honours Work and Labour Studies Co-op program to indicate preference will be given to applicants currently in a Level 1 program.
- Updates to course lists in all programs to reflect course additions and deletions.
- Addition of 2 new courses (WORKLABR 2K03, 2P03) to move a Level 1 course up into Level 2 and to introduce a new topic of Working in Healthcare.
- Revision to the description for 1 existing course (WORKLABR 1A03)
- Deletion of 1 existing course (WORKLABR 1D03) which is being reintroduced in Level 2.
- Update to Faculty Members

#### **10. Department of Political Science**

- Introduction of a new Interdisciplinary Minor in Civic Vitality, Democracy and Electoral Management (CIV-DEM).
- Revision to the admission requirement for the Honours Political Science Co-op program to indicate preference will be given to applicants currently in a Level 1 program.
- Addition of 6 new courses (POLSCI 2PP3, 3SC3, 3OP3, 4ED6, 4EF3, 4EM3)
- Revisions to 4 existing courses (POLSCI 3EL3, 3V03, 3WP3, 3Z03) including two description changes and two prerequisite changes.
- Addition of 5 new Cross-lists: (CIVDEM 3CS3, 3Z03, 4ED6, 4EM3) for courses included in the CIV-DEM Minor; and (POLSCI 2K03).
- Deletion of 1 existing Cross-list (POLSCI 2EM3) and reintroduced under another course code to match the Leader course.
- Deletion of 1 existing course (POLSCI 2MN3) due to low popularity.
- Updates to Departmental Notes to reflect updates to course lists.
- Update to Faculty Members.

#### **11. Department of Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour**

- Updates to Honours programs including revision to Program notes, title changes for some of the course lists, changes to course lists to reflect course additions, and revisions to the programs to phase in the new lab requirements.

- Update to the B.A. Psychology program to the Program notes and the program itself to remove the Independent study courses as an option to students.
- All course additions, revisions or deletions are submitted and approved through the Faculty of Science

## **12. Department of Religious Studies**

- Housekeeping changes to remove old course codes
- All program admission statements updated to include new course SCAR 1GL3 as an option.
- Addition of 7 new courses (SCAR 1GL3, 2BF3, 2HI3, 3GM3, 3I03, 3IL3, 3XI3)
- Revisions to 9 existing courses (SCAR 2BE3, 2CH3, 2IR3, 2K03, 2RN3, 3ET3, 3JJ3, 3LL3, 3RB3) mainly to update course descriptions to better reflect content.
- References to RELIGST in courses descriptions “Formerly RELIGST 2\*\*3” is being removed from the following 53 courses in addition to those mentioned in Revision list above (SCAR 2AA3, 2AB3, 2AM3, 2AP3, 2AR3, 2BB3, 2BN3, 2CA3, 2EE3, 2ER3, 2F03, 2FF3, 2G03, 2GB3, 2GG3, 2GR3, 2HB3, 2HD3, 2HR3, 2J03, 2LL3, 2M03, 2MT3, 2MW3, 2N03, 2NT3, 2Q03, 2QQ3, 2RD3, 2SP3, 2TA3, 2TT3, 2UD3, 2VV3, 2WW3, 2WX3, 2YY3, 3AR3, 3BW3, 3C03, 3CC3, 3DD3, 3E03, 3F03, 3FF3, 3GH3, 3HC3, 3HD3, 3PA3, 3R03, 3S03, 3U03, 3UU3, 3X03, 3Y03, 3ZZ3, 4Q03, 4R06A/B, 4SC3)
- Update to Faculty Members

## **13. School of Social Work**

- Program admission statements both the B.S.W. and Honours B.S.W programs updated to include INDIGST 1AA3 as a course option.
- Updates to the Program notes for both the B.S.W. and Honours B.S.W programs to reflect the additional option of INDIGST 1AA3 in the admission requirements.
- Revision to the Mandatory application procedures for both the B.S.W. and Honours B.S.W programs to include volunteer/work/placement experience, and references – outlined in the Admission notes and admission statements.
- Removal of reference to the Combined Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Work as program no longer exists and all students have graduated.
- Revisions to 9 existing courses (SOCWORK 2BB3, 3D06A/B, 3E03, 3S03, 3T03, 4D06A/B, 4DD6A/B, 4R03, 4SA3)
- Update to Departmental Notes to add in a course that was previously missed from Note 2.
- Update to Faculty members.

## **14. Social Psychology Program**

- Update to the Program notes for both Honours programs.

- Addition of new courses to the course requirements for both Honours programs and housekeeping changes to remove courses or change a course title.
- Addition of 2 new courses (SOCPSY 3H03, 4H03) to provide more variety for students.
- Updates to 3 existing courses (SOCPSY 3Y03, 4B03, 4IS3) to update a course title and adjust prerequisites.
- Introduction of a new Cross-listed course (SOCPSY 3OP3) with Political Science to provide more variety to students.
- Addition of an Enrolment restriction in 1 existing course (SOCPSY 4A03) to permit high performing students in the non-research stream to enter the course with approval.
- Revisions to under Departmental Notes to update the fields of study lists.
- Update to Faculty members.

#### **15. Department of Sociology**

- Updates to course lists for the Minors in Diversity and Equity; Immigration, Race Relations and Indigenous-Settler Relations; Social Problems, Social Policy and the Law.
- Addition of 1 new course (SOCIOL 4RE3) to provide a new hands-on research experience.
- Changes to 6 existing courses (SOCIOL 2EE3, 3K03, 3QQ3, 3RI3, 4V03, 4XX3) to update the course titles.
- Updates to the course lists for the Fields of Study listed under Department Notes
- Update to Faculty members.

#### **16. Interdisciplinary Minors**

- Revisions to course lists for the Minor in Jewish Studies
- Updates to the description of the Minor in Muslim Studies, consolidation of course lists, updates to courses in the course lists

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING**

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM REPORT  
TO UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**

**FOR THE 2024 – 25 CALENDAR**

**Approved on December 5, 2023 Faculty Meeting**



**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING  
REPORT TO SENATE  
SUMMARY OF MAJOR CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-25**

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<https://macdrive.mcmaster.ca/d/3cd4ad284f574a09a011/>

**NEW PROGRAMS**

None

**PROGRAM CLOSURES**

None

**MAJOR REVISIONS**

None

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**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING (General)**

- Revisions in Faculty information

**Engineering**

- Ten course description changes

**CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

- Revision of program requirements
- Five course description changes

**CIVIL ENGINEERING**

- Revision of program requirements
- Seven course description changes
- One course deletions
- Two new courses

**COMPUTING AND SOFTWARE**

- Computer Science
  - Revision of program requirements
  - Update of Minor
  - Thirty course description changes
  - Two new courses
  - Three course deletions
- Mechatronics
  - Revision of program requirements
  - Thirty course description changes
  - Two new courses
  - One course deletion
- Software Engineering
  - Revision of program requirements
  - Thirty course description changes
  - Two new courses

**ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

- Revision of program requirements
- Six course description changes
- Three new courses

## **ENGINEERING PHYSICS**

- Revision of program requirements
- Eighteen course description changes
- One course deletion

## **ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT**

- Two course description changes
- Revision of program requirements - None

### **Minor in Innovation**

- Three course description changes

## **ENGINEERING AND SOCIETY**

- Seven course description changes

### **Sustainability**

- Two course description changes
- One new course
- Concurrent Certificate (for information only)

## **MATERIALS ENGINEERING**

- Seven course descriptions revisions

## **MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

- Seven course description revisions
- One new course
- One course unit change

## **W. BOOTH SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING PRACTICE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- 4 – year programs
  - Minor revision of program requirements
- Degree Completion programs (DCP)
  - Minor revision of program requirements
- Fourteen course description changes
- Seven new courses
- Six course deletions

## **INTEGRATED BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING HEALTH SCIENCES**

- Revision of program requirements – Each of the department specific Engineering and Biomedical programs are listed under each department
- Four course description changes
- Four course deletions
- Two course deletions

**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM REPORT TO  
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**

**FOR THE 2024-2025 UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR**

**November 28, 2023**

**APPROVED BY THE HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION  
COUNCIL NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

**APPROVED BY THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOVEMBER 22, 2023**

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## FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

### REPORT TO SENATE

#### SUMMARY OF CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-2025

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#### NEW PROGRAMS:

None

#### PROGRAM CLOSURES:

None

#### MAJOR CHANGES:

1. The B.H.Sc. (Honours) Program is proposing that it be renamed to the Honours Health Sciences Program. The proposal for renaming is attached.
2. The Honours Biochemistry – Biomedical Research Specialization Co-op is proposing a name change to Honours Biochemistry Co-op.

## **Proposal for Renaming the Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) Program**

### **Rationale**

When the BHSc (Hons) Program began in 2000, BHSc and Midwifery were the only programs at McMaster granting the BHSc degree, followed by the Physician Assistant (PA) Program starting in 2008. Midwifery and PA are dominantly known by their professional designation rather than the degree name, and there is little or no overlap between the courses taken among the programs, so there was no confusion. However, in more recent years, the FHS has become home to several other undergraduate programs that grant the BHSc and BHSc (Hons) degrees: the Biomedical Discovery & Commercialization (BDC), Honours Biology & Pharmacology (BioPharm), Health Engineering, Science, & Entrepreneurship stream of the Integrated Biomedical Engineering & Health Sciences (HESE), and Honours Biochemistry (Biochem), with the new Integrated Rehabilitation & Humanities (iRH) Program set to take in its first cohort in Fall 2024.

Because the BHSc (Hons) Program uses the name of the degree itself as the Program name, the expansion of programs granting the BHSc degree has created an increasing degree of confusion about the distinction between the programs, not only among students themselves, but also in the broader university and beyond, the most significant of which are:

- Confusion about eligibility for prerequisites, scholarships, and awards: Language like “Prerequisite: Registration in Level 2 or above of the BHSc (Hons) Program”, or scholarships and awards named “BHSc (Hons) Program Travel Bursary” generates confusion about eligibility for students and faculty supervisors. Students in other FHS-BHSc programs often see this language and think *I am getting a BHSc (Hons) degree, so this includes me.*
- Incorrect referrals: It has become a regular occurrence to have to redirect phone calls or visitors who have been incorrectly sent to the BHSc (Hons) Program Office. It is also a somewhat regular occurrence for communications from the Academic Integrity Office, Student Accessibility Services, the Sexual Violence Prevention & Response Office, and other university officials to be misdirected to the Assistant Dean of the BHSc (Hons) Program instead of the students’ home program.
- Recruitment and applications: Recruitment activities for FHS undergraduate programs are complicated by confusion about the name of the BHSc Program. It is challenging to explain to applicants (and parents) that we have many programs that grant the BHSc (Hons) degree in addition to the BHSc (Hons) Program, and that the BHSc (Hons) Program is not the gateway to the other programs.

### **Process and Consultations**

This problem was first formally noted in the Assistant Dean’s renewal report in 2020, and we began to seriously investigate the possibility of a name change in summer 2022 after initial consultation with the

Dean, Executive Vice Dean, and Vice Dean – Education. Staff on the FHS Marketing Team incorporated some program identity-related questions as part of a website user survey and also solicited input from alumni in Fall 2022. The Assistant Dean has also engaged in consultations

with BHSc staff, faculty, instructors, and alumni over the past year to gauge reactions to the possibility of a name change and solicit ideas.

These discussions resulted in us narrowing in on 3 main options:

- (1) make no change, and develop strategies to minimize confusion for the different audiences;
- (2) make a minor change to the Program name (*Honours Health Sciences Program*) to enhance clarity, along with an internal communication strategy to explain the change within the university itself;
- (3) make a major change to the Program name (*Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Program*), along with an internal communication strategy to explain the name change, and an external marketing strategy to aim to minimize external confusion and retain our cachet in the Canadian post- secondary landscape.

On considering the relative merits and drawbacks of these 3 possibilities, we are recommending Option 2, as it will help to redress the internal confusion, bring more consistency to naming of programs in the FHS, retain the reputational position of the Program in recruitment and marketing, and will enhance recruitment and marketing for other FHS undergraduate programs by reducing confusion about the relationships among the various BHSc degree-granting programs.

#### **Recommendation**

We propose to initiate a process of changing the name of the *Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) Program* to the ***Honours Health Sciences Program (HHSP)***.

The new name would be incorporated into the official academic calendar in the upcoming cycle of curriculum revisions for approval by UGC and Senate, and we would begin its official implementation immediately following Senate approval (early 2024).

### **Proposal for Renaming the Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours Biochemistry – Biomedical Research Specialization Co-op**

The proposed name change from "Honours Biochemistry- Biomedical Research Specialization Co-op" to "Honours Biochemistry Co-op" is to maintain consistency in the naming of degree programs offered by the department and to reflect the curriculum changes with the Co-op program being put forward this year. Going forward, completion of a thesis course (one of BIOCHEM 4F09, 4T15 or 4Z03) will be optional for Co-op students. This is to recognize the laboratory experiences students enrolled in the program receive on work placement and also to provide flexibility in completing degree requirements.

Previously, a thesis was required for Co-op students. The key difference between the other two degrees offered by the department (Honours Biochemistry and Honours Biochemistry- Biomedical Research Specialization), is the requirement for a fourth-year thesis. In the Honours Biochemistry program, the thesis is optional, while the Biomedical Research Specialization requires a thesis. Therefore, the Co-op more closely mirrors the Honours Biochemistry degree requirements (with work term placements) than the Biomedical Research Specialization; hence the proposed name change.

The name change and new course requirements will resolve the issues some students face in trying to find a thesis supervisor because they are on work placements in the terms preceding the thesis. Unfortunately, there have been instances where students who complete the work terms are not able to find a thesis supervisor. The students therefore have to change to the Honours Biochemistry program and don't earn the Co-op designation on their degree. It is important, however, to emphasize that a senior thesis remains an option for these learners should they also wish to have this experience and credit; while for others, it will offer a more flexible and achievable degree option that would already be at a high level achievement.

This represents a highly relevant matter to consider since over the last two years, there has been a surge in the number of students enrolling to the co-op. Historically, 10-15 students would enroll annually. In the last two years, enrollment has increased to over 20 students. Specifically, prior to 2021, enrollment in co-op for Level 4/5 hovered around 30 students total. In the Fall of 2022, this number increased to 51 students, enrolled, and for Fall 2023, there were 56 enrolled students. The increase in cohort numbers provides additional impetus for a proposed program name change, more consistent with a more flexible program structure as reflected in the Honours Biochemistry degree without a required Research Specialization.



## FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

### REPORT TO THE UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

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1. Faculty of Health Sciences
  - Updating Faculty members, overview and deadlines for application
  - Updating Admission and Registration
  - Removing Transferring from BHSC to HESE
  - Removing OTepp
2. New Programs:
  - Honours Integrated Rehabilitation and Humanities Program
    - Addition of 12 new courses
    - Addition of Program and Academic Regulations
3. Revisions to Existing Programs
  - Honours Bachelor of Biomedical Discovery and Commercialization
    - Revision to 1 existing course.
    - Revision of Program and Academic Regulations
    - Revision of List Program Contacts
  - Honours Bachelor of Health Sciences in Biochemistry Programs
    - Addition of 1 new course
    - Revisions to 12 existing courses
    - Revision to Program and Academic Regulations
    - Revisions to List of Program Contacts
  - Honours Biology & Pharmacology
    - Revision to 2 existing courses
    - Revisions to Program and Academic Regulations
  - Honours Health Sciences Program
    - Addition of 3 new courses
    - Revision to 67 existing courses
    - Deletion of 3 courses
    - Revisions to Program and Academic Regulations

- Revision to Program and Academic Regulations
- Revisions to List of Program Contacts
  
- Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Health Sciences Program
  - Addition of 4 new course
  - Revisions to 3 existing courses
  - Deletion of 2 courses
  - Revisions to Program and Academic Regulations
  - Revisions to List of Program Contacts
  
- Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine
  - Revisions to 7 existing courses
  - Revisions to Program and Academic Regulations
  
- Midwifery Education Program
  - Addition of 2 new courses
  - Revision to 15 existing courses
  - Deletion of 5 courses
  - Revisions to Program and Academic Regulations
  - Revisions to List of Program Contacts
  
- Physician Assistant Education Program
  - Revision to Program and Academic Regulations
  
- Nursing Program
  - Addition of 1 new course
  - Revisions to 15 existing courses
  - Deletion of 14 courses
  - Revision to Program and Academic Regulations
  - Revision to List of Program Contacts



## SCIENCE

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## FACULTY OF SCIENCE REPORT TO SENATE

### SUMMARY OF MAJOR CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-2025

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<https://macdrive.mcmaster.ca/f/7bdb977b40c2435d92f9/>

#### 1.0 NEW PROGRAMS:

#### 2.0 PROGRAM CLOSURES/MERGERS:

##### 2.1 Honours Life Sciences - Sensory Motor Systems Specialization (B.Sc.)

*Justification: SIS lacks faculty and subject matter expertise to continue to deliver the SMS curriculum. The School currently relies on sessional/faculty from other units to deliver five of the Life Sciences courses in the SMS curriculum. The reliance on sessional has negatively impacted student experience.*

#### 3.0 MAJOR CURRICULUM REVISIONS:

##### 3.1 Honours Kinesiology Co-op

***Program is first available in September 2025.***

##### Admission

**Enrolment in this program is limited.** Admission is by selection, and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Selection is based on academic achievement and an interview but requires, as a minimum, submission of the online application by the stated deadline, and completion of Level II Honours Kinesiology with a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 6.0 including:

##### 33 units

- KINESIOL 1A03 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- KINESIOL 1AA3 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- KINESIOL 1E03 - Motor Control and Learning
- KINESIOL 1F03 - Human Nutrition and Health
- KINESIOL 1K03 - Foundations in Kinesiology
- KINESIOL 2A03 - Biomechanics
- KINESIOL 2C03 - Neuromuscular Exercise Physiology
- KINESIOL 2CC3 - Cardiorespiratory and Metabolic Exercise Physiology
- KINESIOL 2E03 - Musculoskeletal Anatomy
- KINESIOL 2F03 - Growth, Maturation and Physical Activity in Children and Youth
- KINESIOL 2G03 - Health Psychology

3 units

from the following courses

- MATH 1A03 - Calculus For Science I
- MATH 1LS3 - Calculus for the Life Sciences I

3 units

- STATS 2B03 - Statistical Methods for Science

1 course

- SCIENCE 2C00 - Skills for Career Success in Science

Note:

Information about the program and the selection procedure may be obtained from Science Career and Cooperative Education.

#### **Admission (Effective September 2026)**

**Enrolment in this program is limited.** Admission is by selection, and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Selection is based on academic achievement and an interview but requires, as a minimum, submission of the online application by the stated deadline, and completion of Level II Honours Kinesiology with a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 6.0 including:

33 units

- KINESIOL 1A03 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- KINESIOL 1AA3 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- KINESIOL 1ED3 - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Physical Activity
- KINESIOL 1F03 - Human Nutrition and Health
- KINESIOL 1K03 - Foundations in Kinesiology
- KINESIOL 2A03 - Biomechanics
- KINESIOL 2C03 - Neuromuscular Exercise Physiology
- KINESIOL 2CC3 - Cardiorespiratory and Metabolic Exercise Physiology
- KINESIOL 2E03 - Musculoskeletal Anatomy
- KINESIOL 2G03 - Health Psychology
- KINESIOL 2MC3 - Motor Control and Learning

3 units

from the following courses

- MATH 1A03 - Calculus For Science I

- MATH 1LS3 - Calculus for the Life Sciences I

3 units

- STATS 2B03 - Statistical Methods for Science

1 course

- SCIENCE 2C00 - Skills for Career Success in Science

Note:

Information about the program and the selection procedure may be obtained from Science Career and Cooperative Education.

Program Notes

1. This is a five-level (year) co-op program, which includes two eight-month work terms which must be spent in kinesiology related placements.
2. Students must be registered full-time and take a full academic workload as prescribed by Level and Term.
3. Students are required to complete SCIENCE 2C00 prior to entry into the co-op program. Students are required to complete SCIENCE 3C00 in the Fall Term of entry into the co-op program.
4. Students should seek academic program advising in the Department of Kinesiology.
5. Completion of MATH 1A03 or 1LS3; and STATS 2B03 is required for admission.
6. During Levels III - V of Honours Kinesiology Co-op, 36 units of Levels III, IV Kinesiology courses must be completed, including at least 9 units of Level IV. Students are encouraged to balance these units across all three years of this program, but this may not always be possible. Students are advised to consider course offerings and requisites carefully in planning their course selections for Levels III, IV Kinesiology courses.
7. Honours Kinesiology Co-op students must complete at least six units of electives chosen from the Faculty of Science.
8. Kinesiology courses may not be used toward the elective component of the degree.

Requirements

*120 units total (Levels I to IV), of which no more than 48 units may be Level I*

Level I: 30 Units

30 units

Completed prior to admission to the program.

Level II: 30 Units

30 units

- Completion of Level II Honours Kinesiology program

1 course

- SCIENCE 2C00 - Skills for Career Success in Science

(See Program Note 3 above.)

Level III

Consists of academic studies (Fall Term), Co-op Work Term (Winter Term), and Co-op Work Term (Spring/Summer Term)

Fall Term: 15 units:

9 units

- Levels III, IV Kinesiology courses

(See Program Note 6 above.)

6 units

- Electives

(See Program Notes 7 and 8 above.)

1 course

- SCIENCE 3C00 - Advanced Job Search Skills For Science Co-op Students

(See Program Note 3 above.)

Winter Term:

Work Term

1 course

- SCIENCE 3WT0 - Science Co-op Work Term

Spring/Summer Term:

Work Term

1 course

- SCIENCE 3WT0 - Science Co-op Work Term

Level IV

Consists of academic studies (Fall and Winter Terms) and Co-op Work Term (Spring/Summer Term)

Fall and Winter Terms: 30 units:

18 units

- Levels III, IV Kinesiology courses including at least nine units of Level IV by the end of Level V

(See Program Note 6 above.)

12 units

- Electives

(See Program Notes 7 and 8 above.)

Spring/Summer Term:

Work Term

1 course

- SCIENCE 4WT0 - Science Co-op Work Term

Level V

Consists of Co-op Work Term (Fall Term) and academic studies (Winter Term)

Fall Term:

Work Term

1 course

- SCIENCE 5WT0 - Science Co-op Work Term

Winter Term: 15 units:

9 units

from

- Levels III, IV Kinesiology courses including at least nine units of Level IV by the end of Level V

(See Program Note 6 above.)

6 units

- Electives

(See Program Notes 7 and 8 above.)

Co-op Program Chart

	<b>FALL TERM (September to December)</b>	<b>WINTER TERM (January to April)</b>	<b>SPRING/SUMMER TERM (May to August)</b>
<b>Level III</b>	15 units from Academic Level III + SCIENCE 3C00	Work Term SCIENCE 3WT0	Work Term SCIENCE 3WT0
<b>Level IV</b>	30 units from Academic Level III and IV		Work Term SCIENCE 4WT0
<b>Level V</b>	Work Term SCIENCE 5WT0	15 units from Academic Level III and IV	



*Justification: We want to introduce a co-op option in Kinesiology. It is one of the most asked about options at recruitment events and it will allow us to provide our students with work experiences during their degree. Upon discussions with SCCE, we plan to start with 20 students for the first cohort. Since no specific Level III and Level V courses in Kinesiology are required (students can take any 36 units), we will assist students with course selection to help them take any Level III prerequisites they might need for Level IV courses they hope to take, but otherwise, no other changes to the undergraduate program need to be made.*

**4.0 REVISIONS TO GENERAL ACADEMIC REGULATIONS, FACULTY-LEVEL REGULATIONS, AND ACADEMIC POLICY:**

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE

### REPORT TO UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL CURRICULUM & ADMISSIONS

#### SUMMARY OF CURRICULUM CHANGES FOR 2024-2025

Below, is the summary of substantive curriculum revisions being proposed by the Faculty of Science. For a complete review of all changes, refer to the November 17, 2023, Report of the Academic Planning and Policy Committee for changes to the 2024-25 Undergraduate Calendar, found at:

<https://macdrive.mcmaster.ca/f/7bdb977b40c2435d92f9/>

Additionally, substantive amendments to existing course capacities and categories are included for information and can be found in the *Changes to Existing Courses* sections of the Departments and Schools.

#### 1. Department of Biology

- Additional experiential courses included in Experiential Learning Course Lists to give more flexibility to students and encourage experiential education opportunities.
- Honours Biology and Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour (B.Sc.) - decreased organic chemistry unit requirement, and optional thesis to increase program flexibility
- Psychology Course List has been renamed Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour Course List
- Deleting MOLBIOL 3A03 and adding MOLBIOL 4CT3 to alleviate demand for Level IV courses. This change is reflected in all Department of Biology programs.
  
- New Course: MOLBIOL 4CT3 Current Topics in Molecular Biology and Genetics
- Deleted Courses: MOLBIOL 3A03 Current Topics in Molecular Biology and Genetics

#### 2. Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology

- Students wishing to have more mathematical statistics may replace STATS 2B03 Statistical Methods for Science with STATS 2D03 (Introduction to Probability) and 2MB3 (Statistical Methods and Applications).
- Hon. Chemical Biology and Hon. Chemical Biology Co-op- new program note highlighting BIOCHEM 3D03 (Metabolism and Regulation) is a prerequisite for several Level IV BIOCHEM courses; this should be considered when choosing Level III courses.
- Minor in Chemistry- Courses (CHEM 4D03 - Organic Structure and Synthesis, CHEM 4OB3 - Polymers and Organic Materials, CHEM 4W03 - Natural and Synthetic Materials) added to give students more opportunities to enrol and complete the minor.
- Change in CHEM 1R03 (General Chemistry) language to be consistent with other remedial courses. "Normally not open..." leaves the possibility to take the course with departmental permission. Intended for students who may benefit from taking 1R03 who have completed Grade 12 Chemistry U.

#### 3. School of Earth, Environment & Society

- No substantive changes
- *For Information:* Introduction of a new Concurrent Certificate in Environmental Sustainability (to be reviewed and approved by the Joint Committee on Certificates, Diplomas and Microcredentials )

#### 4. School of Interdisciplinary Science

*For Information:*

Additional communication-intensive courses have been added to Concurrent Certificate in Science Communication, Science Communication Course List. These options provide students with further expanded options to be able to complete this certificate.

##### **Integrated Science (iSci)**

- Integrated Science Program Concentrations are being added to calendar for the first time. These are all existing Concentrations for this program, with previous approval by UGC and Senate. To date, they have only been listed on the School website (<https://sis.mcmaster.ca/undergraduate/isci/registered-students/>). By listing all Concentrations in calendar, this will provide better clarity to students who are pursuing Concentrations within the Integrated Science Program.
- Deleted Course: ISCI 3Z09 - Integrated Science III for Exchange Students. This course was not actually open to ISCI program students. It was open to students coming to McMaster as part of a one term exchange program with the University of Leicester's Natural Sciences Programme. This exchange has not happened for many years now, with no prospective of immediate return.

##### **Life Sciences**

- Program Closure: The Honours Life Sciences – Sensory Motor Systems Specialization is being phased out. Last entry into Level II is September 2024.
- Course List E- Knowledge Transfer/Seminar Experience has been renamed Course List E- Capstone Experience
- Additional courses added to the Life Sciences Course List and Interdisciplinary Topics Course List to strengthen interdisciplinary course selection opportunities for Life Sciences students.
- Additional courses have been added to Course List E- Capstone Experience, to increase options for students. With this, capstone options will now include both research seminar courses in addition to the added thesis or project courses.
- New Course: LIFESCI 4Z03- Advanced Inquiry in the Life Sciences
- Deleted Courses:
  - LIFESCI 2G03 - Genes, Genomes and Society
  - LIFESCI 4V03 - Extracellular Vesicles in Health and Disease

##### **Medical Radiation Sciences**

- Change to Honours Medical Radiation Sciences level I courses. Effective September 2025, MEDRADSC 1C03 - Introduction to Physics for Medical Radiation Science, will be reintroduced in place of LIFE 1D03 Medical Imaging Physics.
- New Course: MEDRADSC 1C03- Introduction to Physics for Medical Radiation Sciences

#### 5. Department of Kinesiology

- *For Information:* Introduction of a new Concurrent Certificate in Kinesiology, provides non-kinesiology undergraduate students with an opportunity to develop and demonstrate knowledge and skills relevant to the field of kinesiology. The certificate recognizes students who have developed selected competencies in the interdisciplinary study of human movement and the impact of physical activity on health and disease.
- Introduction of Honours Kinesiology Co-op. A Co-Op option has been one of the most asked about options at recruitment events over the years. The introduction of a Co-Op option will now provide our students with the discipline-related work experiences during their degree. First available, September 2025, the pilot cohort will be 20 students.
- Change to level I Honours Kinesiology level I courses, with the addition of KINESOL 1ED3 - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Physical Activity as a level 1 program requirement. We believe it will be beneficial to complete this course in Level I so the themes can carry through the rest of their degree.
- With the addition of KINESIOL 1ED3 to level, the KINESIOL 1E03 has been moved into Level II (Kinesiol 2MC3 - Motor Control and Learning) so that our Level II courses better align with our core research areas and provide better lead-in to our Level III courses in those areas.
- Kinesiol 2F03 - Musculoskeletal Anatomy will be removed from the core and the content will be merged

into Kinesiol 3U03, which hasn't been offered since our pediatric exercise physiology instructor left. The content in those two courses already had overlap, so we feel one streamlined Level III offering is more effective.

- New Courses:
  - KINESIOL 1ED3 - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Physical Activity
  - KINESIOL 2MC3 Motor Control and Learning
  - KINESIOL 3RM3 - Research Methodologies and Data Analysis in Kinesiology
  - KINESIOL 4IE3 - Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Kinesiology
- Deleted Courses: KINESIOL 1E03 Motor Control and Learning

#### **6. Department of Mathematics and Statistics**

- No substantive changes

#### **7. Department of Physics and Astronomy**

- Effective September 2025, Honours Medical and Biological Physics has added MEDPHYS 1A03 to the level I course options in place of BIOPHYS 1S03, and LIFESCI 1D03. We have created this course that combines aspects of both courses into a single course.
- New Courses:
  - MEDPHYS 1A03 – Physics in Medicine and Biology
  - PHYSICS 2VG3 – Video Game Physics

#### **8. Department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour**

##### **Applied Psychology in Human Behaviour**

- Introduction of a ballot system to monitor capstone course list enrolment, and to ensure all Applied Psychology in Human Behaviour students who require a seminar course have access to these courses.
- PSYCH 2AP3 – Abnormal Psychology: Fundamentals and Major Disorders has been renamed Psychological Perspectives on Mental Health.
- HUMBEHV 4HD3 - Seminar in Applied Psychology has been renamed Advanced Seminar in Personality Development.

##### **Neuroscience**

- NEUROSCI, Research Practicum course prerequisites have been changed to now include cumulative GPA requirement of at least 8.0 as a prerequisite. NEUROSCI Lab Study courses require a cumulative GPA of at least 7.5 as a prerequisite.

##### **Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour (PNB)**

- Removal of thesis ballot process and implementation of a new and improved research application process that is in alignment with other thesis processes across Science. Students will now find their own research supervisor and will submit the appropriate permission form to the Department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour
- Psychology Course List has been renamed Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour Course List
- Deleted Courses
  - PNB 3QM6 A/B - Independent Research in Mental Health
  - PSYCH 3UU3 – Psychology of Language

#### **9. Faculty of Science**

##### **Introductory Section:**

- Introduction of language "The Honours Bachelor of Medical Radiation Sciences (B.M.R.Sc.) is a four-year degree. Students who successfully complete the first three levels of the Honours Bachelor of Medical

Radiation Sciences (B.M.R.Sc.) degree may request permission from the Office of the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies to transfer to graduate with a three-level B.Sc. (exit) degree”

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (last available to students graduating in 2026)
- Introduction of Concurrent Certificates in Environmental Sustainability and Kinesiology

**Level I Programs:**

- Reorganizing of content to simplify level I course selection and better highlight level II program options for Science Gateway students.
- Honours Mathematics and Statistics – Mathematics Specialization (B.Sc.), and Honours Mathematics and Statistics - Statistics Specialization (B.Sc.) added to “Open Enrolment Programs” list.
- Introduction of ballot wording for Human Behaviour seminar courses. This is also reflected in PNB calendar changes
- Program note added to Life Sciences Gateway recommending CHEM 1A03 be taken as Science I Course List
- Change to level I Honours Kinesiology level I courses. Reflected in Kinesiology calendar changes KINESIOL 1ED3 introduced, and removal of KINESIOL 1E03
- Change to Honours Medical Radiation Sciences level I courses. Reflected in SIS calendar changes. MEDRADSC 1C03 will replace LIFESCI 1D03

**Science Courses:**

- New Courses: SCIENCE 2RP3 A/B S – Research Placement, and SCIENCE 2EP3 A/B S – Applied Placement. Courses will provide students with earlier access to Research/Applied Placement type of opportunities, earlier on in their undergraduate degrees.

December 5, 2023

To: Kim Dej, Vice-Provost Teaching and Learning

Re: *Honours Life Sciences - Sensory Motor Systems Specialization (B.Sc.), Undergraduate Program Closure*

Dear Kim,

Following consultation with the School of Interdisciplinary Science (SIS), the Faculty of Science is recommending that the Honours Life Sciences- Sensory Motor Systems Specialization (B.Sc.) be closed.

In 2017, bringing together School strengths in the area of neuroscience, biophysics and physiology, this limited enrolment program (capacity of 30 students) level 2 entry program was established as a means of providing Life Sciences students with the ability to focus more on sensory motor processes in humans. Since that time, there has been some faculty turnover, namely the departure of 2 key faculty members who taught in this program. Since then, SIS has lacked the faculty and subject matter expertise to be able to continue with the delivery of the Sensory Motor Systems Specialization curriculum.

Currently, SIS relies on sessional instructors or faculty from other units to deliver five of the Life Sciences courses in the SMS curriculum. With this reliance on, and turnover in sessional instruction, the School has seen a decreased consistency in course offerings and overall student experience in this program.

With approval, our plan is to phase out the Honours Life Sciences - Sensory Motor Systems Specialization (B.Sc.), with last entry into the program being September 2024. We will make a calendar note that students who had intended to register for this program should "contact an Academic Advisor in the Office of the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies to discuss other options". Moving forward, SIS will also begin discussions on possible new specializations that will cater to current student interests, while aligning with subject matter expertise of their current faculty complement.

Sincerely,



Rosa da Silva  
Associate Dean Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Science

cc: Dr. Ana Campos, Director- School of Interdisciplinary Science  
Dr. Maureen MacDonald, Dean - Faculty of Sciences  
Ben O'Connor, Acting Assistant Dean Undergraduate Studies

**Office of the Registrar:  
Undergraduate Curriculum Report  
to  
Undergraduate Council  
for the 2024 – 2025 Undergraduate Calendar  
December 2023**

## Revisions for the following sections:

- Sessional Dates

**December 2023**

Office of the Registrar

## McMASTER UNIVERSITY: SESSIONAL DATES 2024-2025

	<b>Fall Term</b> (62 days)	<b>Winter Term</b> (62 days)	<b>Multi-term Courses</b> (124 days)
<b>Enrolment begins</b>	<i>To be announced</i>		
<b>Classes begin</b>	Tuesday, September 3	Monday, January 6 <i>*Note: Some clinical placements may start the week of December 30, 2024. Program offices will communicate directly with their students about their start date in these instances.</i>	Tuesday, September 3
<b>Last day for enrolment and course changes (add/drop)</b>	Wednesday, September 11	Tuesday, January 14	Wednesday, September 11
<b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: No classes or tests</b>	Monday, September 30	--	Monday, September 30
<b>Mid-term recess</b>	Monday, October 14 to Sunday, October 20	Monday, February 17 to Sunday, February 23	Monday, October 14 to Sunday, October 20 and Monday, February 17 to Sunday, February 23
<b>Last day for withdrawing from courses without failure by default</b>	Friday, November 8	Friday, March 14	Friday, March 14
<b>Test and examination restriction</b>	Friday, November 29 to Wednesday, December 4	Wednesday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 9	Wednesday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 9
<b>Mid-term tests level (I)</b>	--	--	Friday, December 6 to Thursday, December 17
<b>Good Friday: No classes or exams</b>	--	Friday, April 18	Friday, April 18
<b>Classes end</b>	Thursday, December 5	Tuesday, April 8	Tuesday, April 8
<b>Final examinations</b>	Friday, December 6 to Thursday, December 19	Thursday, April 10 to Saturday, April 26 <i>(excluding April 18 &amp; 19)</i>	Thursday, April 10 to Saturday, April 26 <i>(excluding April 18 &amp; 19)</i>
<b>Deferred examinations</b>	Tuesday, February 18 to Friday, February 21	Monday, June 23 to Thursday, June 26	Monday, June 23 to Thursday, June 26



**2025 Spring/Summer Term**

	<b>Spring Session</b> (34 days)	<b>Summer Session</b> (33 days)	<b>Full-Term Courses</b> (67 days)	<b>Intersession</b>
<b>Classes begin</b>	Monday, May 5	Monday, June 23	Monday, May 5	Monday, May 5
<b>Last day for enrolment and adding or dropping courses (add/drop)</b>	Monday, May 12	Monday, June 30	Monday, May 12	Monday, May 12
<b>Victoria Day: No classes</b>	Monday, May 19	--	Monday, May 19	Monday, May 19
<b>Canada Day: No classes</b>	--	Tuesday, July 1	Tuesday, July 1	-
<b>Last day to withdraw from courses without failure by default</b>	Wednesday, June 4	Wednesday, July 23	Wednesday, July 23	Thursday, May 22
<b>Civic Holiday: No classes</b>	--	--	Monday, August 5	-
<b>Classes end</b>	Friday, June 20	Friday, August 8	Friday, August 8	Friday, May 30
<b>Final examinations</b>	<i>As arranged by instructor in class time</i>			
<b>Deferred examinations</b>	Tuesday, October 14, 2025 to Friday, October 17, 2025			