

Annual Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee
Submitted to the Office of the Corporate Secretary and General Council,
University of Winnipeg
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As Co-Chairs of the Senate Curriculum Committee (SCC), we are very pleased to present this Annual Report to Senate for 2015-16.

Between May 2015-April 2016, SCC has reviewed the following:

- 159 credit hours of new courses
- 57 credit hours of deletions
- 270 credit hours of revisions
- 70 credit hours of experimental courses
- 177 credit hours that have been made inactive

Total: 733 credit hours. The committee has noted that course deletions/or courses made inactive net of course additions totalled 75 credit hours (57+177)-159. Thus, more credit hours were removed than added.

The Senate Curriculum Committee also reviewed and submitted for approval revisions to degree requirements from the following departments:

APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Minor changes where a course ACS-3909 was added as an option in their degree requirements.

BIOLOGY

- Biology expanded the list of acceptable ancillary science courses that students may select for each of the 3 degrees; 3-year BSc, 4-year BSc and Honours BSc.

FRENCH

- Required course FREN-2109 Intermediate Grammar is being replaced with the required course FREN-2110 Composition and Grammar.
- Further revisions were made to the number of required credit hours in literature and linguistics and at the 2000, 3000, and 4000 levels.

GEOGRAPHY

- Addition of GEOG-3509 Canada's Physical and Human Environments – as a required course for all Geography degrees (3-year, 4-year, Honours, BA and BSc).
- Removal of 6 credit hours from 4-year joint program with Red River College to ensure a 120 hour requirement maximum (previously, it was 126).

HISTORY

- For all degree requirements, one consistent statement regarding HIST-1010: An Introduction to History.
- Rewording of their calendar entry for improved clarity.
- For the 4-year degree, a removal of the 2000-level restriction for Canadian history.
- Distribution requirements (i.e. areas of study) may now be met with 3-credit courses for all degrees.

INDIGENOUS STUDIES

- Revision to their minor area of study.
- IS-4020 Indigenous Self-determination will no longer be required for the IS 4-year BA and 4-year Honours BA. Instead, it will be an elective.

MATHEMATICS

- Added Mathematics teaching streams for Education students.

STATISTICS

- The lists of optional statistics courses for the 3-year and 4-year degrees were expanded to include the new courses which were approved in the last year's submission.

THEATRE & FILM

- Adoption of a Minor in Theatre and Film for 3-year degrees.
- Addition of two courses to the requirements for the BA General in Acting.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

- SCC approved the Faculty of Education's newly revised program package which was then forwarded to Academic Planning.

Other:

- The Senate Curriculum Committee also approved a student-designed major in Community Health and Development.
- Submitted for approval, Women & Gender Studies courses (4 in total) to count for credit towards the Humanities and/or Social Science requirements.

The committee also reviewed and approved 24 courses (totaling 87 credit hours) from 5 departments – Political Science, History, English, Indigenous Studies, and Urban and Inner City Studies - and deemed these courses appropriate for fulfilling the Indigenous course requirement (ICR).

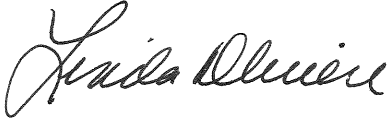
Finally, one challenging issue encountered by SCC was the lack of clear assessment criteria in regard to attendance and/or participation marks in course outlines that were submitted in departmental packages. The Senate Regulations on Course Outlines (2015-16) require instructors to provide clear assessment criteria if students are to be given marks for participation and/or attendance. Committee members

consulted one-on-one with DCC Chairs to assist in the approval process of their curriculum changes. Furthermore, the Co-Chairs distributed a memo on behalf of SCC encouraging departmental DCC and DRC Chairs to work together to comply with this new requirement, and that all submissions to SCC for new course proposals and experimental courses must include a course outline with clear assessment criteria for attendance and/or participation marks. We also assembled a package of sample participation rubrics and uploaded them on the university's website where other curriculum materials are found.

Finally, SCC Co-Chairs would like to express a special thanks to all members who contributed to this important committee for their dedication to reviewing such a large quantity of materials submitted to the committee. Furthermore, much gratitude is due to Jackie Benson, whose collegiality and organizational skills are exceptional. It is with the utmost sincerity that we feel she is an invaluable member of the SCC team.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda DeRiviere and Jacqueline Romanow (Co-Chairs of SCC)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda DeRiviere".

On behalf of the Members of the Senate Curriculum Committee

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