Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Program

Major Program Modification

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1. **INTRODUCTION**
   - The Community Development and Policy Studies program focusses on political economy and policy-related courses related to environment, globalization, international relations, and community development. The program has been under-enrolled in recent years– we believe that this is largely due to the name of the program, which is difficult for high school students to understand.
   - The Community Development and Policy Studies (CDPS) program faculty members propose to change their program name from "Community Development and Policy Studies" to "Political Science." There will be no changes to the curriculum. The existing course codes will need to be changed from CDPS to POSC.
   - Rationale:
   - 1) The name "Community Development and Policy Studies" is one that is non-traditional and holds little meaning for most high school students entering university. "Political Science" is a more recognizable and meaningful name for our target demographic;
   - 2) "Political Science" is a name that reflects the main components of the existing program: the study of politics and public policy in international and Canadian communities and contexts;
   - 3) The "Political Science" name will assist with program recruitment initiatives by appealing to a broader range of students looking to develop knowledge about, and the skills for employment in, Canadian politics and public service, international and domestic non-profit organizations, and multinational corporations;
   - 4) "Political Science" will provide a more broadly recognizable degree major for those seeking employment in Canadian politics and public service, international and domestic non-profit organizations, and multinational corporations.

2. **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**
   a) **Program learning outcomes**

      No Change

   b) **Admission Requirements**
      No Change

   c) **Program Structure**
      No Change except that all CDPS prefixes will change to POSC as follows:
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CDPS 4005U	Independent Study	POSC 4005U
CDPS 4099U	Integrating Project	POSC 4099U

d) Program Content
No Change (Except that all CDPS prefixes will change to POSC)

3. **RESOURCE REQUIREMENT**
   a) Faculty members
   No change in core membership.
   Dr. Shanti Fernando (Associate Professor)
   Dr. Alyson King (Assistant Professor)
   Dr. Scott Aquanno (Lecturer)
   Dr. Timothy MacNeill (Senior Lecturer)

   b) Additional academic and non-academic human resources
   No Change

   c) Physical resource requirements
   No Change

4. **BUSINESS PLAN**
   a) Statement of funding requirements
   No Change

b) Statements of resource availability
No Change

5. **TIMELINE/DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION**
Calendar changes will be implemented for 2016-2017. 2016 program graduates will be designated as CPDS students. Graduates in all following years will be designated as Political Science students.

APPROVAL DATES

Date of Submission	2015-10-02
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	October 6, 2015
Faculty Council Approval	October 20, 2015
CPRC Approval	October 28, 2015
Academic Council Approval	

I. **Community Development and Policy Studies Program Changes**

- Program name change from "Community Development and Policy Studies" (CDPS) to Political Science (POSC)

Current Calendar Entry	Proposed Calendar Entry
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– Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Community Development and Policy Studies
15.5.1 General information
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15.5.5 Degree requirements
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CDPS approved electives:

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15.6 Program information – Community Development and Policy Studies minor
A minor in Community Development and Policy Studies is available to all students at UOIT where possible within their existing major. Students must confirm their eligibility for this minor with their
home faculty, and must be aware of all necessary course prerequisites. The Community Development and Policy Studies minor consists of seven courses (21 credit hours), three of which are compulsory core courses. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in the minor courses is required to successfully complete the Community Development and Policy Studies minor.
Core Courses:
CDPS 1000U What is Community?
CDPS 2200U Theories of Policy Analysis
CDPS 2502U Community Development Policy
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15.7.2 Bridge program admission requirements

To qualify for the Community Development and Policy Studies Bridge program, the minimum entrance requirement is a two -year college diploma (or equivalent) in programs such as, but not limited to: Child and Youth Worker; Developmental Services Worker; Environmental Technology; Paralegal; Police Foundations; Protection, Security, and Investigation; and Social Service Worker. Admission is competitive. The specific average or standing required for admission varies from year to year. Students are selected by taking into consideration a wide

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The Community Development And Policy Studies Bridge program consists of the following four courses:
CDPS 2200U Theories of Policy Analysis
CDPS 2502U Community Development Policy
SSCI 2900U Research Methods
SSCI 2910U Data Analysis
or
SSCI 2920 Qualitative Methods
After completing the Community Development and Policy Studies Bridge program with a 2.7 cumulative GPA (on a 4.3 scale) or better, with no individual course grade below 2.0 GPA (on a 4.3 scale), students are eligible to enter third year of the Bachelor of Arts in Community Development and Policy Studies. Please refer to Year 3 and 4 of the Comprehensive program in Section15.5.5 for the relevant program maps and degree requirements.

15.7.4 General Arts and Sciences

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The Political Science Bridge program consists of the following four courses:
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15.7.4 General Arts and Sciences Certificate (GASC) Pathway
Students may apply for admission into the second year of the Political Science program upon successful completion of a General Arts and Sciences Certificate – UOIT Liberal Arts Transfer option (GASC). Eligible applicants must have achieved a mark of not less than 70 per cent in each required course in the GASC – UOIT Liberal Arts Transfer courses, with an overall

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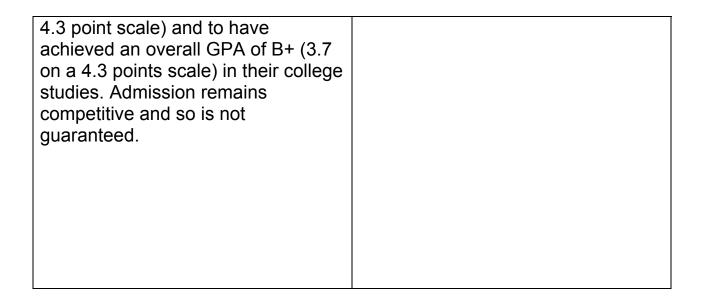
15.7.5 Other college certificate pathways
Students who have completed other one-year college programs that are relevant to Community Development and Policy Studies (CDPS) may also apply for direct entry into the second year of the CDPS program. This opportunity is extended to graduates of one-year college programs with substantial policy, politics, and community development components such as, but not limited to, Community Services and Child Foundations program. This pathway program is designed to attract high-performing college graduates in CDPS relevant fields into the CDPS program. Eligible students will be expected to have completed each transferable course with a B average (3.3 on a

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Additional Changes where program name is listed in *prerequisites* in course descriptions:

COMM 3310U – change "Community Development and Policy Studies" to "Political Science"
COMM 3710U – change "Community Development and Policy Studies" to "Political Science"
COMM 4310U – change "Community Development and Policy Studies" to "Political Science"
COMM 4610U – change "Community Development and Policy Studies" to "Political Science"
LGLS 4060U – change "Community Development and Policy Studies" to "Political Science"
SSCI 4010U – change "Public Policy or Community Development" to "Political Science"

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