



ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Decision
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Information



DATE: 22 January 2019

FROM: Curriculum and Program Review Committee

SUBJECT: Major Program Modification – Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Digital Media Studies, Forensic Psychology + Advanced Entry, Legal Studies + Advanced Entry, Political Science + Advanced Entry

COMMITTEE/BOARD MANDATE:

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC) reviewed the proposed Major Program Modification in accordance with its mandate under Section III, Part 1 of the CPRC Terms of Reference and recommends approval of the Major Program Modification, as presented.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

That Academic Council approve the the Major Program Modification to the Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Digital Media Studies, Forensic Psychology + Advanced Entry, Legal Studies + Advanced Entry, Political Science + Advanced Entry, as presented.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Internship program will provide FSSH students with an alternative experiential learning model that will appeal to those looking for a more immersive work experience. The Internship program will allow additional flexibility for placements outside of the local area, as well as the opportunity for students to obtain paid placements.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

A faculty representative from each program will sit on the Faculty's Experiential Learning (EL) Committee. Participation on the EL committee will count towards a faculty member's regular service workload. The FSSH Practicum Coordinators manage aspects of the existing Practicum program, and much of their existing documentation and process will be applied to the Internship program. A recent restructuring of the Practicum office was undertaken with the creation of the Internship in mind, so that the increase in workload could be accommodated. Projected enrolment in the Internship program is expected to be relatively small (~10 students). No

additional funding is required outside of the cost of offering a single elective course. Financial cost of offering an additional elective course will be covered within existing Faculty budget.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

CPRC: December 21st, 2018

Faculty Council Approval: November 27th, 2018

UCC: November 20th, 2018

NEXT STEPS:

- Pending the approval of Academic Council, these changes will be reflected in the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Academic Calendar
- The expected date of implementation is the fall semester of 2019. It is expected that the greatest interest in the Internship will be from students who will be entering their 3rd year in the Fall of 2019, who can plan ahead and complete the Internship during the Summer of 2020, and then resume their regular 4th year studies in the Fall of 2020.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Major Program Modification Proposals for each Major
- New Course Proposal