

Program progression requirements

*2019-2020 - UG - Minor Program Adjustment

(A) Proposal summary

Home faculty*

Faculty of Science

Summary of proposed changes*

Progression through the Forensic Science program is restricted, and requires students to be in clear academic standing and have successfully completed the full set of required courses, including electives, of the prior academic terms in order to progress into the program's next academic year. Currently, progression requirements are assessed once a year at the end of the Spring term (around the end of June). This timeline also applies to assessing Change of Program applications from students requesting to re-enter the Forensic Science program (having previously been removed from the program due to not meeting the progression requirements). Due to the course and prerequisite structure of the program, students approved to re-enter the program in June are sometimes two years behind in their FSCI courses.

We are proposing that progression and re-entry assessment for the Forensic Science program changes to occur at both the beginning of January (following the release of the Fall grades) and the end of June (following the release of the Spring grades).

Is a new course associated with this proposal?*

Yes
 No

Are you modifying a pathways program?*

Yes
 No

Effective semester*

Fall 2019

Are you attaching any supporting documents?*

Yes No

(B) Program information

Program or shared core name* Program progression requirements

Program type

Degree type

Program or shared core description

Progression through the Forensic Science program is restricted. After the spring session of each academic year, students must be in clear academic standing and have successfully completed the full set of required courses, including electives, of the prior academic terms in order to progress into the program's next academic year. Failure to do so will result in program dismissal . **After a period of one full academic year, students**

Students who have achieved clear academic standing and have completed all missing courses may reapply to the Forensic Science program. **Applications for readmission must be submitted by October 31st for the Winter semester, and May 31st for the Fall Semester.** Readmission to the program will be dependent upon program space, resource availability, and the students' grades.

Calendar copy*

Program learning outcomes

(C) Pathways programs

Proposed transfer credit block

(D) Detailed proposal information

Enhanced academic opportunities*

This change will allow for earlier identification of students in danger of not meeting the progression requirements. Removal of current Forensic Science students would still not occur until the end of the Spring term, but the earlier review of their academic records may allow for more targeted and strategic interventions by the Science Advising Office.

Students applying for re-entry to the Forensic Science program will be able to have their applications assessed in January and in June. By assessing in January, students who have been able to make up missing progression

requirements will not have to wait a full year to resume FSCI courses. This, in turn, may allow them to complete their degree with only minimal interruption and delay. Readmission to the Forensic Science program in January would still be dependent on the following conditions, as outlined in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar:

All applicants must meet all progression requirements, including being in clear standing and having completed all required courses from the previous year of study, including electives. Applications will be consideration on a first come, first serve basis. Readmission to the program will be dependent upon program space, resource availability, and the students' grades.

**Financial/
resource
implications***

No additional or unplanned financial implications are expected, as readmission to the program and enrollment in FSCI courses will be based on available space.

**Enrolment
implications***

There will likely be some enrolment increases between Fall and Winter semester, particularly in 2nd and 3rd year of the Forensic Science program. However, as readmission to the Forensic Program is dependent on program space and resource availability, any enrolment changes will be tightly controlled.

Transition plan*

The current progression timelines will apply to all Forensic Science students currently registered for 2018-19. Their continuance in the Forensic Science program will be assessed, as per normal, at the end of Spring 2019 term. Students who do not meet the progression requirements will be removed from the Forensic Science program, and informed that they will have the option to apply for readmission to the program at the end of the Fall semester, provided they have completed any missing requirements. Eligible students who apply for January readmission will be assessed once Fall final marks are available. Successful candidates will be notified via uoit.net.

**Additional
supporting
information, if
applicable**

(E) Impact and consultation

Does this change include any indigenous content?*

Yes No

We have Yes N/A
consulted with all impacted areas*

Consultation*

This change has been discussed amongst the Forensic Science faculty. As students are able to continue in their other Science and elective courses (i.e. only restricted from FSCI courses) while on program dismissal, this change to progression assessment timelines should not significantly affect other faculty groups or programs.

