

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 26 January 2021

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Health Sciences in Medical Laboratory Science

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section 1. b) of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments and report them to Academic Council for information.”

USC is reporting these changes to Academic Council for information.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty proposed to remove CHEM 2130U from the program map and replace with an HLSC elective. Based on consistent feedback singling out CHEM 2130U course content as redundant and suggestions to alleviate the packed MLSc schedule, a thorough review of CHEM 2130U revealed that the majority of the course content that serves as the prerequisite to Clinical Biochemistry course (MLSC 2111U) is sufficiently covered within a combination of the admission requirements (Grade 12 science SCH4U and biology SB14U) and current introductory MLSC curriculum courses. Additionally, CHEM 2130U does not have a CSMLS Competency assigned to it. CHEM 2130U serves as a pre-requisite only for MLSC4111 and only as an assurance that all students complete required courses before clinical placement. Therefore, removal of the course will not be a detriment to MLSc students’ ability to pass the CSMLS national certification exam nor will it have an impact on their future as successful practicing MLTs. Removal of the course does, however, respond appropriately to stakeholder feedback on relevancy of the curriculum and alleviates the 3rd year Fall schedule. It also adds the opportunity for students to enroll in additional HLSC elective courses of interest, to broaden their background in health sciences.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There are no impacts on resources.

TRANSITION PLAN:

Implementation Fall 2021.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

USC: 17 November 2020

Faculty Council: September 2nd, 2020

Curriculum Committee: June 24th, 2020

NEXT STEPS:

This change will be included in the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal](#)
- Course Change: [MLSC 4111U](#)