

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 26 January 2021

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Science in Integrative Neuroscience

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 the creation of NSCI courses to replace the existing HLSC/KINE courses in the program map. These courses will be cross-listed. The proposal also moves PSYC 2010U from 2nd to 3rd year to allow NSCI 2400U to move to the Winter. Since the creation of the Integrative Neuroscience program, the Kinesiology program has changed. Four of the original HLSC courses used in the Integrative Neuroscience program have new KINE course codes and, with the exception of KINE 4414U, all are now lower year courses.

Since students in the Integrative Neuroscience program are not taking a Kinesiology degree it would be appropriate to maintain the year level of the cross-listed courses originally proposed in the program. The development of these NSCI courses will ensure that prerequisite and registration restrictions remain appropriate for students in the Integrative Neuroscience program, without impacting the prerequisites and restrictions of the cross-listed KINE and HLSC courses. The new NSCI courses have been created to mirror the requirements and learning outcomes of their crosslisted KINE/HLSC courses, but have the prerequisites which are either NSCI courses or reflect courses within the Integrative Neuroscience program. As this program is housed primarily in the Faculty of Science, this will ensure that any administrative or student issues are directed to the appropriate Faculty.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There are no impacts on resources.

TRANSITION PLAN:

As the first cohort of Integrative Neuroscience students started in Fall 2020, these changes are being made prior to them starting in any KINE/HLSC courses. These students will register for these new NSCI course in line with the new program map. The change in course codes will be communicated to them through their Academic Advisor, prior to the Fall 2021/Winter 2022 registration period.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

USC: 17 November 2020

Faculty Council: November 3rd, 2020

Curriculum Committee: October 27th, 2020

NEXT STEPS:

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

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal](#)
- New Courses: [NSCI 2400U](#), [NSCI 3410U](#), [NSCI 3470U](#), [NSCI 4414U](#), [NSCI 4808U](#)