

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 23 February 2021

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Education – Intermediate/Senior

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 presenting this change to Academic Council for information.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing the creation of two curriculum studies courses, CURS 4301U and CURS 4302U (Chemistry/Physics), that combine the content from the current stand-alone Chemistry (CURS 4120U/CURS 4121U) and Physics (CURS 4130U/CURS4131U) curriculum studies courses. This new combination has been developed as a way of reducing costs due to the low enrollment in the Chemistry and Physics courses. Teacher candidates with either one of these teachable subjects will now take the combined course combination. Combining these courses ensures a minimum number of participants in these subject areas. Historically, the enrollment numbers have not always justified the running of these courses as separate curriculum study areas.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There will be cost savings to running these teachable subjects together.

TRANSITION PLAN:

Students starting the program in Fall 2021 will take these new courses.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

USC: January 19th, 2021

Faculty Council: November 30th, 2020

Curriculum Committee: November 18th, 2020

NEXT STEPS:

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

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal](#)
- New Courses: [CURS 4301U](#), [CURS 4302U](#)
- Delete Courses from Calendar: [CURS 4120U](#), [CURS 4121U](#), [CURS 4130U](#), [CURS 4131U](#)