

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

**DATE:** 23 March 2021

**FROM:** Graduate Studies Committee

**SUBJECT:** Minor Program Adjustment – MSc and PhD – Applied Bioscience

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### COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section III, part d) of the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) Terms of Reference, GSC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments” and report them to Academic Council for information.

### BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty proposed adding APBS 6800G - Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Spatial Analysis to the list of approved of elective courses. This course was approved in 2019-2020 but wasn't added to the list of electives in the program information section at that time. The addition of APBS 6800G to the list of approved electives provides students with more options in meeting the elective requirements of the program.

### RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There are no financial or resource implications as this course is already included in the rotation of APBS elective courses, and is offered as needed based on Graduate students' area of study.

### TRANSITION PLAN:

Available as of Fall 2021; no transition plan required.

### CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

Graduate Studies Committee: 23 February 2021  
Faculty Council: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
Graduate Curriculum Committee: December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The inclusion of APBS 6800G as an elective option was discussed with the creation of the course in 2019-2020. This program adjustment is correcting the oversight of it not initially being included in the approved electives listed in the program map.

### NEXT STEPS:

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

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal - MSc](#)
- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal - PhD](#)