

# ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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## ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

## DATE:

FROM: Graduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Modelling and Computational Science MSc

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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 is proposing to add MCSC 6003G, a non-credit course, to the list of required courses in the program. Adding a Professional Skills course will enhance the position of graduates on the job market and requiring them to choose from two different categories will help ensure that their professional skills are not too narrowly focused.

## RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There are no resource implications.

## TRANSITION PLAN:

As soon as this change is approved, the GPD will take stock of the MSc students currently enrolled. Students who do not meet the course requirements will be instructed to engage in further activities. Exceptions will be made for those students who are within 6 months of graduating. At the time of writing, there are only 2 students for whom this exception might have to be applied if the calendar change were to come into effect for September 2021.

## CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

GSC: 22 June 2021

Faculty Council: 18 May 2021

## NEXT STEPS:

After presentation to Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar.

## SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal – [Thesis](#)
- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal – [Course-Based](#)
- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal – [Listing of Courses for the Programs](#)
- New Course: [MCSC 6003G](#)