

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

### DATE:

FROM: Graduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Criminology and Social Justice PhD

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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 make SSC16920G - Professional Seminar required only in the 1st year of the PhD program rather than for 3 consecutive years. It has been determined that continuing this course for 3 years is redundant.

### RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There are no resource implications.

### TRANSITION PLAN:

Students beginning in Fall of 2022 will only be required to take this course in the first year. New Fall 2021 students will only be required to take this course in the first year. Current students in year 2 and 3 will no longer be required to take the course again as it has been determined redundant and does not meaningfully contribute to the program in those years. This is a zero-credit course and does not get applied to the degree.

### CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

GSC: 22 June 2021

Faculty Council: 18 May 2021

Graduate Committee: 5 March 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](#)

- Course Change: [SSCI 6920G](#)