

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

**DATE: 22 February 2022**

**FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee**

**SUBJECT: Major Program Modification – Bachelor of Commerce Bridge**

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### COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to examine proposals for new undergraduate degree programs and major changes to existing programs and to recommend their approval, as appropriate, to the Academic Council”.

### MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

That, pursuant to the recommendation of USC, Academic Council hereby approves the Major Program Modification to the Bachelor of Commerce Bridge program.

### BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing to make changes to the program maps to match the changes to the Major programs already approved.

### RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There are no anticipated resource requirements. The Office of the Registrar and C&M will need to update marketing and recruitment materials to reflect this change.

### TRANSITION PLAN:

The original Bachelor of Commerce MPM had the following phrase for implementation timeline: “Current BCom students will continue to follow their current program maps. This change will impact students beginning their first year of Bachelor of Commerce program in Fall 2022.”

These pathways programs are designed to transition college diploma holders to a modified 3rd and 4th year Bachelor of Commerce program map after a bridge semester. As a result, most changes for these programs will be implemented at the start of the Spring 2024 semester.

Fall 2022: BUSI1030 – Writing and Critical Thinking will replace BUSI1010 Critical Thinking and Ethics in all Embedded and Bridge programs

Spring 2024: All approved changes in the Bachelor of Commerce MPM will apply to new students in the spring/summer bridge semester

Co-op:

While pathways students will become eligible for Co-Op starting in Fall 2024, the Dean's office will decide at that time if this option is available to pathways students (considering resources and logistics), and if yes, the sequence of the work-study semesters. Coming into the program in year 3, pathways students should expect to stay at Ontario Tech longer and for additional semesters if they decide to pursue Co-Op (if available).

**CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:**

Undergraduate Studies Committee: 18 January 2022

Faculty Council: 16 November 2021

Curriculum Committee: 9 November 2021

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Pending the approval of Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- [Major Program Modification Proposal](#)