

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

**DATE: 22 March 2022**

**FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee**

**SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Education – Primary/Junior**

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### 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.”

### BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

As an accredited program, the University is required to provide teacher candidates (TCs) with learning experiences in core content which are categorized within the three broad components. This includes ensuring TCs understand the current Ontario curriculum and provincial policy documents relevant to the curricular areas of study and the pedagogical and assessment/evaluation of learning in the relevant curricular areas.

Since the implementation of the four-semester program, the 36-hour EDUC 1303U P/J STEM I and 36-hour EDUC 1307U: P/J STEM II courses attempted to integrate the required core content and the pedagogical and assessment/evaluation of learning in the Ontario Mathematics and Ontario Science & Technology curricular areas.

To maximize focus on the individual disciplines, the Faculty proposed to separate each 36-hour STEM course into two distinct 18-hour courses, P/J Mathematics Methods and P/J Science & Technology Methods. The number of program hours and total credits does not change. The timing of the offerings would not change.

### RESOURCES REQUIRED:

None

### TRANSITION PLAN:

Students entering as of Fall 2022 will be on the new program map.

### CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

USC: 15 February 2022  
Faculty Council: 31 January 2022  
UCC: 20 January 2022

**NEXT STEPS:**

This change will be included in the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar.

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal](#)
- New Courses (linked in proposal): EDUC 1330U, EDUC 1340U, EDUC 1370U, EDUC 1380U
- Closed Courses: [EDUC 1303U](#), [EDUC 1307U](#)