

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

- Recommendation
- Decision
- Discussion/Direction
- Information

DATE: 27 February 2024

FROM: Graduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Graduate Diploma in Police Leadership

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 to create a new course, SSCI 5440G (Equity and Inclusion in Policing) and remove SSCI 5400G (Special Topics in Criminology).

Removing SSCI 5400G and replacing with SSCI 5440G will make registration easier for students, staff and faculty. SSCI 5400G is also a course in the Criminology MA and there was confusion, resulting in registration issues. It required manual registration of all students and is unnecessarily cumbersome with no manifest operational benefit. We are creating a distinct course for this topic to streamline the process and reduce confusion.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

N/A

TRANSITION PLAN:

New course requirement will be effective for Fall 2024. Current students will be required to take the new course, if they have not taken and passed the original SSCI 5400G already, and will be notified of the change prior to registration.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- ✓ FSSH Curriculum Committee: 27 November 2023
- ✓ Faculty Council: 19 December 2023
- ✓ Graduate Studies Committee (for approval): 23 January 2024
- Academic Council (for information): 27 February 2024

Additional consultation was completed with staff and members of the Criminology Graduate Committee.

NEXT STEPS:

Following presentation to Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal](#)
- [SSCI 5440G – New Course Proposal](#)