FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES - PROPOSED MAJOR CHANGES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Community Development and Policy Studies (program name-change from Community Development)

1. **Introduction**

   Currently, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities houses both the Public Policy and Community Development programs. The Faculty proposes to close Public Policy, and integrate its strengths and complementary courses into Community Development, to better meet the needs of students. The faculty also proposes to change the program name from 'Community Development' to 'Community Development and Policy Studies' to better reflect the practical and theoretical interdependence of community development and social and public policy, as well as draw on current faculty strengths and course offerings.

   Community Development and Policy Studies combines core course requirements to reflect integrated social and public policy and community development strengths, while offering a broader range of electives than when the programs were separated. The program continues to emphasize strategies for sustainable development, as well as implementation and design of social and public policy to the end of improving conditions on local, regional, national and global levels. The Community Development program's unique approach to theories of community and exploration of alternative, non-geographic communities is retained. Career and academic opportunities for students will be broadened as they gain knowledge particular to community development, social and public policy, and the links between them. Students will continue to develop skills to engage sensitively across diverse social groups as they assist in the building and revitalization of sustainable, just, and peaceful communities.

   Several faculty members in communication, legal studies and criminal justice studies teach courses on policy relevant to those areas. Several faculty members focus their research on community development issues. Community Development and Policy Studies complements and builds particularly on faculty teaching strengths in policy, diversity and social structures in criminal justice and legal studies, directing those strengths towards grassroots, social and policy issues beyond criminal justice and law. Communication courses complement policy and social change aspects of community development.

   Core courses in policy theory and in community development theory and methods are highly complementary. No new courses are necessary at this time.

2. **Degree requirements**

   2.a. Program Learning Outcomes

   Program learning outcomes have been broadened to include increased knowledge of policy issues and developing an understanding the role of policy in fostering community development. See Appendix A.

   2.b. Admission requirements

   Admission requirements are in line with Faculty of Social Science and UOIT practices. Please see the University catalogue, Section 4.5.

2.c. Program Structure

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xx. Program Information – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Community Development and Policy Studies.

Community Development and Policy Studies combines the fields of community development studies and policy studies in a dynamic and innovative program. This interdisciplinary program connects broader public policy concerns with community struggles to improve social, economic and environmental conditions. Broad conceptions of policy, community and development are explored in relation to diverse social issues related to poverty, inequality, technology, and the environment. The program emphasizes strategies for implementing and designing social and public policy to the end of improving conditions on local, regional, national and global levels. Students will develop skills to practice sensitively across diverse social groups as they assist in the building and revitalization of sustainable, just, and peaceful communities. Emphasis is placed on participation, decentralization, and democratization in the creation of policy as well as and the idea that development is a process in which communities are mobilized in the interest of social justice.

xx. Admissions requirements

NO CHANGE

xx. Field Work Practicum

Fieldwork is an exciting opportunity for students within the varied programs in the faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. The Fieldwork Practicum is an elective course for those students who have demonstrated capability to undertake placements with appropriate community and policy organizations. The Fieldwork Practicum provides students with the opportunity to confront relationships between theory and practice, acquire workplace knowledge and skills, and engage in personal development. Depending on timely availability of placements, students may undertake fieldwork with organizations that work in policy, urban and rural planning, international development, community development, social work, health and education, community advocacy, and more.

xx. Careers

There is a demonstrated need for graduates with the skills necessary to engage in the processes of community change and growth, and the implementation and development of policy to foster such change. This program develops skills and knowledge required for the pursuit of careers in community organizing and outreach, social policy, sustainable community development, international development, environmental policy, and community advocacy, in government, business, and non-profit sectors. Excellent grounding is provided for further studies in social work, law school, public administration, rural and urban planning, and related disciplines.

xx. Degree requirements

To be eligible for the BA (Hons) degree in Community Development and Policy Studies, students must successfully complete 120 credit hours, including all courses outlined in following program map. Each year prior to course registration the order and timing of course offerings will be released by the faculty and communicated to the students. For course descriptions, see Section 16.

NOTE re: Required courses and prerequisites
      * suggested ordering for meeting prerequisites
      ** prerequisite issue to be worked out

Degree Requirements: Community Development and Policy Studies

[see Program map, Appendix B]

Year 1 (30 Credit Hours)
CDPS 1000U What is Community?
POSC 1000U Political Science
PSYC 1000U Introductory Psychology
SOCI 1000U Introductory Sociology
SSCI 1200U Introductory Social Policy
SSCI 1910U Writing for the Social Sciences
SSCI 1000U Introduction to Criminal Justice
SSCI 1010U Introduction to the Canadian Legal System
COMM 1610U Interpersonal Communication
One General Elective

Year 2 (30 Credit Hours)
POSC 2000U Canadian Politics
SSCI 2900 Research Methods
SSCI 2910U Quantitative Methods
SSCI2920U Qualitative Methods
SSCI 2020U Issues in Diversity
CDPS 2200U Theories of Policy Analysis   * first term
CDPS 2000U Mobilizing for Change
CDPS 2100U Global Communities
CDPS 3502U Community Development Policy   * second term
One General Elective

Year 3 (30 Credit Hours)

SSCI 3200U Public Administration

CDPS 3300U Building Sustainable Communities

COMM 3710U Intercultural Communication

One of: SSCI 3910U Advanced Quantitative Methods

      SCI3920U Advanced Qualitative Methods

One of:

      CDPS 3200U Rural-Urban Fringe

      CDPS 3201U Rural Communities

      CDPS 3203U Urban Development

Two of:

      CDPS 3100U Political Economy of Global Development

      CDPS 3101U Inequality and Development

      CDPS 3102U Culture & Community

      SSCI 3010U Social Justice and Conflict

One of:

      HLSC 4910U Community-based Research for Health

      CDPS 4900U Evaluation Research

Two CDPS Electives (3rd or 4th year)

year 4 (30 Credit Hours)

SSCI 4010U Policy Development

SSCI 4020U Leadership and Administration

POSC 4000U International Politics & Policy

COMM 4720U Communication for Social Change

LGLS 4200U Law and Social Change

One of:

      COMM 4610U Mediation and Conflict Management

      SSCI 4032U Theory and Practice of Mediation

Two of:

      CDPS 4005U Public Policy Independent Study

      CDPS 4099U Public Policy Integrating Project

      CDPS 4098U Public Policy Fieldwork Practicum 1

      Or: CDPS 4101U Honours Thesis I AND

              CDPS 4102U Honours Thesis II

Two CDPS electives (3rd or 4th year)

NOTE: all required courses offered by other programs within the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities are already offered through Community Development or Public Policy. Some additional electives from other units have been identified.

List of Community Development and Social Policy Electives:

Any of the above required courses may be taken as electives (ie: 'one of' or 'two of' lists)
NOTE: new courses currently being developed which are acceptable as CDPS electives are in **bold**

1st year
ENVS 1000U Environmental Science
SSCI 1470U Impact of Science & Technology on Society

2nd year
COMM 2411U Computer-Mediated Communication
LGLS 242OU Canadian Human Rights
SSCI 2011U Immigration and Refugee Law
SSCI 2930U Geographic Information Systems
SSCI 2025U Youth Cultures
SSCI 2031U Alternative Methods in Justice
SSCI 2050U Rights and Freedoms in the Justice System
SSCI 283OU Justice Theory and Policy
CDPS 2800U Economics for Public Policy I

3rd year electives
CDPS 3301U Eco-Justice
CDPS 3302U Environment & Globalization
COMM 3610U Persuasion, Argumentation and Negotiation
COMM 3730U Communication for Social Change
COMM 3310U Writing for Communities
COMM 3720U Communicating Diversity
COMM 371OU Intercultural Communication
COMM 351OU Organizational Communication
CDPS 3500U Equity Policy
CDPS 3501U Poverty and Public Policy
CDPS 3502U Community Development Policy
CDPS 3600U Education Policy
CDPS 3601U Health and Public Policy
CDPS 3602U Workplace and Employment Policy
CDPS 3603U Housing Policy

CDPS 3750U Technology & Pop Culture
CDPS 3751U Technology & Conflict
CDPS 3700U Social Theory & Technology
CDPS 3800U Economics for Public Policy II
LGLS 2500U Information & Privacy Law
LGLS 3520U Law and Technology
SSCI 3021U Cybercrime
SSCI 3040U Restorative Justice
SSCI 3020U Corporate Crime
SSCI 3056U Race and Ethnicity in the Criminal Justice System
LGLS 332OU Race, Ethnicity and the Law
LGLS 323OU Law and Globalization
LGLS 331OU Aboriginal Issues and the Law
LGLS 333OU Gender, Sexuality and the Law
LGLS 3300U Disability and the Law
LGLS 362OU Human Rights Mediation

4th year electives
COMM 4710U Globalization and International Communication
CDPS 4098U Public Policy Fieldwork Practicum 1
CDPS 4500U Advanced Equity Policy
CDPS 4501U Advanced Poverty and Public Policy
CDPS 4502U Advanced Community Development Policy
CDPS 4600U Advanced Education Policy
CDPS 4601U Advanced Health and Public Policy
CDPS 4602U Advanced Workplace and Employment Policy
CDPS 4603U Advanced Housing Policy
CDPS 4700U Advanced Topics in Technology and Society
SSCI 4025U Children's Rights
LGLS 4010U Communication Law and Policy
LGLS 4040U Law and the Environment
LGLS 4070U Public Governance Through Law

2.d. Program Content
Course coding for required courses and electives which are currently coded CDEV and PPUB will have to be changed to reflect new name of program – we suggest CDPS.

3. Resource requirements

3.a. Faculty Members

Current faculty listed under Community Development Program and the Public Policy program will continue to teach in the re-named Community Development and Social Policy program.

Community Development is currently in Year 1. No new faculty need to be hired in year 2. As stated in the Community Development proposal, the faculty would like to hire 2 new members in year 3 to keep the program sustainable and support the program as it gains new students in each year of its operation. Preferably, new faculty members would be hired that have expertise in areas such as international development and development policy; urban-rural development and planning; sustainable communities and community organizing and advocacy.

3.b. Additional academic and non-academic human resources

No change from Community Development Proposal

3.c. Physical resource requirements

No change from Community Development Proposal

4. **Business Plan**

4.a. Statement of funding requirements

No change from Community Development Proposal

4.b. Statements of resource availability

No change from Community Development Proposal

Appendix A - Program Learning Outcomes

2.a. Program Level Learning Outcomes	Program requirement(s) or segments of requirements, that contribute to this outcome
1. Develop awareness and understanding of multiple disciplines that inform approaches to community development and development of social and public policy (including systems/structural factors)	Introduction to Sociology; Social Policy; What is Community; Political Science; Introductory Psychology; Community Development Policy; Introduction to the Canadian Legal System; Introduction to the Canadian Justice System
2. Apply knowledge of the philosophical, societal and historical issues which impact community development and social and public policy development	Introduction to Sociology; Social Policy; Political Science; Introductory Psychology; Issues in Diversity; Community Development Policy; Global Communities Political Economy of Global Development; Inequality and Development; Theories of Policy Analysis; Urban Development; Rural Communities
3. Apply an in depth knowledge of systems involved in community development and social and public policy development, including roles and requirements of stakeholders and services	What is Community; Community Development Policy; Global Communities; Political Economy of Global Development; Urban Development; Rural Communities; Building Sustainable Communities; Environmental Justice; Environment and Globalization; Inequality and Development; Political Science; Canadian Politics; Urban-Rural Fringe; Fieldwork practicum; Integrating Project; Independent Study; Thesis I and II; Policy Development; International Politics and Policy
4.Communicate effectively using oral, written and nonverbal skills necessary for professionals	Writing for the Social Sciences; Interpersonal Communication; Mobilizing for Change; Communication for Social Change; Culture and Community; Community-Based Research for Health
5.Apply knowledge of the major concepts and theoretical perspectives including legal, sociological and political, underlying community and policy development	What is Community; Social Policy; Community Development Policy; Environmental Science; Policy Development; Public Administration; Law and Social Change;

6.Develop and apply specific skills required in the field of community development and policy development and analysis, including advocacy, proposal writing, and conflict management	Writing for the Social Sciences; Interpersonal Communication; Mobilizing for Change; Community Based Research/Evaluation Research; Community Development Project; Policy Development; Conflict Management/Mediation; Leadership and Administration; Communication for Social Change; Public Administration;
7.Develop awareness and understanding of relevant research methodologies, and ability to conduct and interpret research related to community development	Research Methods; Quantitative Methods; Qualitative Methods; Advanced Qualitative/Quantitative Methods; Community Based Research/Evaluation Research; Policy Development; Thesis/Integrating Project
8.Conduct analysis of policies and programs related to community development	Social Policy; Community Development Policy; Global Communities; Policy Development;
9. Engage in independent activity, including creation of policy and/or programs	Policy Development; Independent Study/Thesis/Integrating Project

Appendix B – Community Development and Policy Studies Program Map 2012-2013

Year 1-1	SSCI 1000U – Introduction to Criminal Justice	SSCI 1010U – Introduction to Canadian Legal Systems	SSCI 1910U – Writing for the Social Sciences	POSC 1000U – Political Science	PSYC 1000U – Introductory Psychology
Year 1-2	SOCI 1000U – Introductory Sociology	SSCI 1200U – Introduction to Social Policy	COMM 1610U – Interpersonal Communication	CDPS 1000U – What is Community?	Elective
Year 2-1	CDPS 2000U – Mobilizing for Change	CDPS 2100U – Global Communities	SSCI 2900U – Research Methods	CDPS 2200U – Theories of Policy Analysis	SSCI 2020U – Issues in Diversity
Year 2-2	SSCI 2910U – Quantitative Methods	POSC 2000U – Canadian Politics	CDPS 3502U – Community Development Policy	SSCI 2920U – Qualitative & Case Study Research Methods	Elective
Year 3-1	**One of:** CDPS 3200U – Rural-Urban Fringe **or** CDPS 3201U – Rural Communities **or** CDPS 3203U – Urban Development	SSCI 3200 – Public Administration	CDPS 3300U – Building Sustainable Communities	**One of:** SSCI 3910U – Advanced Quantitative Methods **or** SSCI 3920U – Advanced Qualitative Methods	CDPS Elective
Year 3-2	**Two of:** CDPS 3100U – Political Economy of Global Development **or** CDPS 3101U – Inequality and Development **or** CDPS 3102U – Culture and Community **or** SSCI 3010 – Social Justice and Conflict		**One of:** HSCI 4910U – Introduction to Community Based Research for Health **or** CDPS 4900U – Evaluation Research	CDPS Elective	CDPS Elective
Year 4-1	**Two of:** CDPS 4005U – Public Policy Independent Study **or** CDPS 4099U – Public Policy Integrating Project **or** CDPS 4098U – Public Policy Fieldwork Practicum **or** CDPS 4101U & CDPS 4102U – Honours Thesis 1 and 2 (both parts must be done).		SSCI 4010U – Policy Development	SSCI 4020U – Leadership and Administration	POSC 4000U – International Politics & Policy
Year 4-2	COMM 4720U – Communication for Social Change	LGLS 4200U – Law and Social Change	**One of:** COMM 4610U – Mediation & Conflict Manag't **or** SSCI 4032U – Theory & Practice of Mediation	CDPS Elective	CDPS Elective