

## **Removal of DIGITAL FORENSICS Specialization**

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**Rationale:** The Digital Forensics specialization was designed as a complement to the other Forensic programs in the Faculty of Science (Forensic Science, Forensic Physics). Unfortunately, a lack of faculty resources and low enrollment in this area makes it difficult to offer this specialization. We propose removing the specialization and focusing our efforts on our two areas of strength – Computing Science (comprehensive) and Digital Media (specialization). This shift in focus directly reflects the strategic plan of Computing Science and the Faculty of Science.

**Analysis of the enrolment implications:** This specialization has attracted 0-2 students per year and there will be minimal enrolment implications to the Computing Science program by removing Digital Forensics. In fact, we believe that removing Digital Forensics and focusing on our comprehensive Computing Science program and Digital Media specialization will allow us to attract more students into those programs.

**Proposed calendar copy:**

### **14.1 Degrees offered**

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#### **Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing Science – BSc (Hons)**

- **Computing Science Comprehensive program; and**
- **Digital Media specialization.**

#### **Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing Science (Co-op option) – BSc (Hons), Co-operative Education**

- **Computing Science Comprehensive program; and**
- **Digital Media specialization.**

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A Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in Computing Science, with a specialization in Digital Media, as well as a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Forensic Science are offered in the Faculty of Science at UOIT.

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### **14.7 Program information – Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing Science – Regular program and Co-operative Education program**

#### **14.7.1 General information**

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In addition to the comprehensive Computing Science degree, a specialization in Digital Media is also available.

#### **14.7.4 Program details and degree requirements – Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing Science**

In addition to the regular program, an optional co-operative education program is available to students in Computing Science including Comprehensive, and Digital Media (see Section 14.3 for co-op program details).

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