



GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of March 19, 2013

FOR ACTION

1. Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Forensic Psychology – New Degree Program

The Graduate Studies Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the proposed Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Forensic Psychology as outlined in Appendix 1.

The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities in conjunction with the Faculty of Science propose new Master of Science (M.Sc.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) degrees in Forensic Psychology. These programs are designed to produce rigorously-trained master's- and doctoral-level professionals who are well positioned for leadership positions in the public and private sectors. The proposed programs are consistent with the university's mission and also with the Community and Social Wellness theme of UOIT's Strategic Research Plan.

This program proposal provides three points of entry into the Forensic Psychology graduate programs: (1) Highly competitive students with an honours degree in Psychology or the equivalent may be admitted directly into the five-year doctoral program, consistent with admission practices of Forensic Psychology (and similarly-named) doctoral programs in the U.S. (e.g., University of Nebraska, University of Texas at El Paso, Florida International University) and with other Psychology doctoral programs in Canada (e.g., University of Saskatchewan, University of Waterloo, Memorial University); (2) less competitive, but nevertheless qualified students, may be admitted to the two-year master's program in Forensic Psychology and will be eligible to apply for admission into the four-year doctoral program following the completion of their program; (3) applicants with a master's degree in Psychology or the equivalent may apply for entry into the four-year doctoral program in Forensic Psychology.

The Faculty has proposed that the program begin in September 2013, the introduction of any new program will require review by academic leadership and service units to ensure that it is resourced appropriately.

FOR INFORMATION

2. Changes to courses and program requirements

The Committee notes for information the following changes that have been made to graduate courses and program requirements for implementation in 2012-13:

- a) Master of Science and PhD in Materials Science – two options for second required course (MTSC 6020, MTSC 6140)