



ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DATE: 28 January 2020

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Commerce

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.”

USC is reporting these changes to Academic Council for information. The Minor Program Adjustment proposal may be accessed through Curriculog [here](#).

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is removing the standing policy for all Bachelor of Commerce majors/minors and revising the academic requirements to major/minor in a Bachelor of Commerce program in the academic calendar.

Students will no longer need to apply to major/minor in year 2 of the FBIT program. Instead, they can apply directly to a major through OUAC and apply for a minor through existing procedures in the Registrar’s office. Students wishing to change majors will apply through the Registrar’s office “Change of program portal” in MyCampus and adhere to the specific deadlines and academic requirements. The academic requirements to major/minor in a Bachelor of Commerce program will be revised to:

In order to remain in their major or minor, students must hold a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA (or 2.3 for the Accounting major or minor). Students falling below a 2.0 (or 2.3 in the case of Accounting), will be enrolled in the General Commerce program.

This change will bring requirements in line with the rest of the faculties across the University.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

The Registrar’s Office will likely see an increase in the number of change of program applications to be assessed.

TRANSITION PLAN:

This will go into effect for all students immediately.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

Undergraduate Studies Approval: 18 November 2019

Faculty Council Approval: October 8th, 2019

Curriculum Committee Approval: October 2nd, 2019

NEXT STEPS:

- This change will be included in the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar
- The expected date of implementation is the Fall semester of 2020

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal](#)