

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 25 February 2020

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

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.”

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing a change to the admission requirements (the program has an anticipated start date of Fall 2020). The current admission requirements for this program indicate that current Ontario secondary school students must complete six 4U or 4M credits including English (ENG4U) and a Math. The proposal is to change this to indicate that current Ontario secondary school students must complete six 4U or 4M credits, including only English (ENG4U) as a requirement, while it is recommended that Biology (SBI4U) and one of Advanced Functions (MHF4U), Calculus and Vectors (MCV4U), or Mathematics of Data Management (MDM4U) is taken.

This change would bring the admission requirements for the BA (Honours) in General Psychology program in line with those for the BA (Honours) in Forensic Psychology program. Given that the course work during the first two years of these programs are similar, it is logical that the admission requirements would be similar as well. Although some Ontario universities do require a high school Math for admission into their BA in Psychology programs, many do not. Thus, this change is in line with many other admission requirements for BA in Psychology programs in Ontario.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There are no impacts on current resources.

TRANSITION PLAN:

None, the program has not yet begun.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

USC: January 21st, 2020

Faculty Council: November 26th, 2019

Curriculum Committee: November 19th, 2019

NEXT STEPS:

- This change will be included in the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal](#)