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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION: Senate DATE: March 8, 2022
FROM: Jeff Derksen,
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies
Committee (SGSC)
RE: Program Changes





For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of March 8, 2022, SGSC approved the following program changes, effective **Fall 2022**:

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Department of Gerontology

1) Program Change: Gerontology MA

School of Public Policy

2) Program Change: Public Policy MPP

Faculty of Environment

School of Resource & Environmental Management

3) Program Change: Resource and Environmental Management MRM (Planning)

**FACULTY OF
ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES****MEMO**

Office of the Dean

ATTENTION: Jeff Derksen, Dean
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RE: Items for SGSC

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DATE: February 8, 2022

Dear Jeff,

The following were approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Studies Committee on February 8, 2022, and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval. Please include them on the next SGSC agenda.

1. Department of Gerontology

a) Course Change
To be effective for Fall 2022

b) Program Change
To be effective for Fall 2022

**2. Department of Political Science & School of
Criminology**

a) Notice of Intent: Dual Master of Arts in Applied
Security and International Policy

2. Department of Psychology

a) Calendar Changes
To be effective Fall 2022

4. School of Public Policy

a) Calendar Change
To be effective Fall 2022

5. Urban Studies Program

a) New Course Proposal
To be effective Fall 2022

Sean Zwagerman
Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Calendar Entry Change for Gerontology Master of Arts

Summary of change:
Increasing thesis course units, and total program units.
Rationale for change:
This change provides students with increased flexibility to meet university minimums when choosing course work, and falls in line with capstone unit standards across graduate programs.
Effective term and year:
Fall 2022
Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students?
No

FROM	TO
<p>[...]</p> <p>Program Requirements</p> <p>This program consists of two core methods courses, electives, an internship, and either a thesis for a minimum of 30 units, or a project for a minimum of 38 units.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Thesis Option</p> <p>Students must complete</p> <p><u>GERO 803 - Analytical Techniques for Gerontological Research (4)</u> <u>GERO 804 - Advanced Qualitative Methods in Gerontology (4)</u></p>	<p>[...]</p> <p>Program Requirements</p> <p>This program consists of two core methods courses, electives, an internship, and either a thesis for a minimum of 42 units, or a project for a minimum of 38 units.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Thesis Option</p> <p>Students must complete</p> <p><u>GERO 803 - Analytical Techniques for Gerontological Research (4)</u> <u>GERO 804 - Advanced Qualitative Methods in Gerontology (4)</u></p>

<p>and three elective courses chosen from the list below for a minimum of 12 units*</p> <p>and an internship</p> <p><u>GERO 850 - MA Practicum (4)</u></p> <p>and a thesis proposal</p> <p><u>GERO 897 - Thesis Proposal (0)</u></p> <p>and a thesis</p> <p><u>GERO 899 - MA Thesis (6)</u></p> <p>[...]</p>	<p>and three elective courses chosen from the list below for a minimum of 12 units*</p> <p>and an internship</p> <p><u>GERO 850 - MA Practicum (4)</u></p> <p>and a thesis proposal</p> <p><u>GERO 897 - Thesis Proposal (0)</u></p> <p>and a thesis</p> <p><u>GERO 899 - MA Thesis (18)</u></p> <p>[...]</p>
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To: Sean Zwaggerman

From: John Richards, Graduate Studies Chair, Public Policy

RE: Item for FGSC approval

Date: January 11, 2022

The Public Policy faculty met on Monday, January 10, 2022 and approved the attached curricular program change to the Public Policy MA effective Fall 2022.

The intent is to make PLCY 821- Indigenous Policy a required course for graduation. All relevant documentation for this change has been attached for the consideration of the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Richards", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "J" and "R" being particularly prominent.

John Richards
Graduate Program Chair, Public Policy

Calendar Entry Change for Masters of Public Policy

Summary of change:

We propose to make PLCY 821 – Indigenous Policy a required course for the MPP degree. It is currently an elective course in the School of Public Policy. We will reduce the number of required elective courses to three from four for those doing PLCY 809 – Major Research Project, and to four from five for those doing PLCY 835 – Extended Policy Analysis to complete the research requirements of the Masters of Public Policy (MPP) degree with the same total number of courses (14). We will teach PLCY 821 in Spring semester of students' first year in the program and will move PLCY 804 (the required course currently taught in Spring semester of first year) to Fall semester of their second year to keep the number of required courses in first year at four per semester.

Rationale for change:

It is vital that our graduates have taken Indigenous Policy as a required course given its importance in Canadian public policy. As the majority of our students will work in Canada, we feel a designated required course is the best way to ensure students receive the necessary background in and understanding of Indigenous policy issues.

Effective term and year:

Fall 2022

Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students?

No. This change retains the number of total credits at 70 (14 courses) required for the MPP degree. Students who are currently in their first or second year of the MPP program will not have to take Indigenous Policy as a required course.

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<p>[...]</p> <h3>Program Requirements</h3> <p>This program consists of course work, an internship, and either a major research project or an applied project option for a minimum of 70 units.</p> <p>Students must complete all of</p>	<p>[...]</p> <h3>Program Requirements</h3> <p>This program consists of course work, an internship, and either a major research project or an applied project option for a minimum of 70 units.</p> <p>Students must complete all of</p>

<p>PLCY 800 - Introduction to Policy Issues and Analysis I (5)</p> <p>PLCY 801 - Economic Foundations of Policy Analysis I (5)</p> <p>PLCY 802 - Economic Foundations of Policy Analysis II (5)</p> <p>PLCY 803 - Political Foundations of Policy Analysis I (5)</p> <p>PLCY 804 - Political Foundations of Policy Analysis II (5)</p> <p>PLCY 805 - Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods I (5)</p> <p>PLCY 806 - Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods II (5)</p> <p>PLCY 807 - Introduction to Policy Analysis and Issues II (5)</p>	<p>PLCY 800 - Introduction to Policy Issues and Analysis I (5)</p> <p>PLCY 801 - Economic Foundations of Policy Analysis I (5)</p> <p>PLCY 802 - Economic Foundations of Policy Analysis II (5)</p> <p>PLCY 803 - Political Foundations of Policy Analysis I (5)</p> <p>PLCY 804 - Political Foundations of Policy Analysis II (5)</p> <p>PLCY 805 - Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods I (5)</p> <p>PLCY 806 - Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods II (5)</p> <p>PLCY 807 - Introduction to Policy Analysis and Issues II (5)</p> <p>PLCY 821 – Indigenous Policy (5)</p>
<p>[...]</p>	<p>[...]</p>
<p>Major Research Project Option</p> <p>Students complete</p> <p>PLCY 809 - Major Research Project (10) and four elective PLCY graduate courses*</p>	<p>Major Research Project Option</p> <p>Students complete</p> <p>PLCY 809 - Major Research Project (10) and three elective PLCY graduate courses*</p>
<p>Applied Project Option</p> <p>Students complete</p> <p>PLCY 835 - Extended Policy Analysis (5) and five elective PLCY graduate courses*</p> <p>[...]</p>	<p>Applied Project Option</p> <p>Students complete</p> <p>PLCY 835 - Extended Policy Analysis (5) and five elective PLCY graduate courses*</p> <p>[...]</p>

MEMO

To: Dr. Jeff Derksen, Dean of Graduate Studies / Chair of SGSC
From: Dr. Dongya Yang, Associate Dean / Chair, Faculty of Environment Graduate Studies Committee
Subject: Course Requirement Change for REM MRM (Planning) Stream
Date: Jan 19, 2022
CC: Dr. Jonn Axsen, Graduate Chair of the School of Resource and Environmental Management

The Faculty of Environment Graduate Studies Committee has approved the request from the School of Resource and Environmental Management (REM) for course requirement change (from REM 601 to REM 644) for Masters in Resource Management (Planning). Please include this item on the next SGSC agenda.

The suggested change and the original memo from Dr. Jonn Axsen are attached.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.



Dongya Yang, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies
Professor of Bioarchaeology

MEMO

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TO: Dongya Yang, Associate Dean, Faculty of Environment
FROM: Jonn Axsen, REM GSC Chair
RE: Course Requirement Change for REM MRM (Planning) Stream
DATE: 18 January, 2022

Dear Dongya,

Attached please find a calendar change form requesting an update to the program requirements for the MRM Planning program.

The change is the removal of one required course (REM 601) and addition of another required course (REM 644) for the MRM Planning program. The rationale is that this change better aligns the planning program with the Professional Standards Board(PSB), Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) planning competencies and helps to retain its accreditation. REM 644 addresses several competencies that are not currently met with the existing required courses. The REM executive has voted in favour of this change.

Existing:

REM 601 Social Science of Natural Resources Management

Revised:

REM 644 Public Policy Analysis and Adminstration

Please contact our office if there are any questions,

With regards,



Jonn Axsen
REM GSC Chair

Calendar Entry Change for Master of Resource Management (Planning)

<p>Summary of change: Remove one required course (REM 601) and add another required course (REM 644) from the MRM Planning program</p>
<p>Rationale for change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The planning program needs to be aligned with the PSB CIP planning competencies to retain its accreditation. REM 644 addresses several competencies that are not currently met with the existing required courses.- Policy is an important component of planning education, regardless of the formal PSB competencies. Many job descriptions for planning and planning related positions our students and graduate apply for ask for policy knowledge. The materials/content taught in REM 644 are not sufficient addressed in our required planning course. In addition, the undergraduate equivalent course, PLAN 400, is a required course.
<p>Effective term and year: 1227 (Fall 2022)</p>
<p>Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students? No. Most of them already have completed 601 already. We can change the requirement term if any request it.</p>

FROM	TO
<p>Program Requirements This program consists of required courses, an elective course, and a research project for a minimum of 57 units.</p> <p>Students complete the following courses</p> <p>REM 601 – Social Science of Natural Resources Management (5)</p> <p>REM 602 - Professional Planning Practice: Advanced Seminar (5)</p> <p>REM 611 - Population and Community Ecology (5)</p> <p>REM 621 - Ecological Economics (5)</p> <p>REM 631 - Climate Change and Environmental Management (5)</p> <p>REM 641 - Environmental and Planning Law (5)</p> <p>REM 642 - Sustainable Community Planning and Regional Development (5)</p>	<p>Program Requirements This program consists of required courses, an elective course, and a research project for a minimum of 57 units.</p> <p>Students complete the following courses</p> <p>REM 602 - Professional Planning Practice: Advanced Seminar (5)</p> <p>REM 611 - Population and Community Ecology (5)</p> <p>REM 621 - Ecological Economics (5)</p> <p>REM 631 - Climate Change and Environmental Management (5)</p> <p>REM 641 - Environmental and Planning Law (5)</p> <p>REM 642 - Sustainable Community Planning and Regional Development (5)</p> <p>REM 643 - Environmental Conflict and Dispute Resolution (5)</p>

<p>REM 643 - Environmental Conflict and Dispute Resolution (5)</p> <p>REM 698 - Field Resource Management Workshop (3)</p> <p>REM 801 - Principles of Research Methods (5) and a minimum of three elective graduate units in consultation with the supervisor and a research project</p> <p>REM 699 - Research Project (6)</p>	<p>REM 644 – Public Policy Analysis and Administration (5)</p> <p>REM 698 - Field Resource Management Workshop (3)</p> <p>REM 801 - Principles of Research Methods (5) and a minimum of three elective graduate units in consultation with the supervisor and a research project</p> <p>REM 699 - Research Project (6)</p>
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