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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Peter Hall, Chair
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

DATE August 2, 2024
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RE: Revised Calendar Definitions (SCUS 24-66)

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of August 1, 2024 SCUS approved the following revisions effective Summer 2025.

Senators wishing to consult a more detailed report of curriculum revisions may do so on the Senate Docushare repository at <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-12682>.



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ATTENTION Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
DATE July 10, 2024
FROM Jill Sutherland, Director University Curriculum & Institutional Liaison
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RE: For Discussion: Revised calendar definitions

The University Curriculum and Institutional Liaison (UCIL) Office was recently asked whether the proposed Undergraduate Medical Education (UGME) program would be classified as an undergraduate program that required Writing (W), Quantitative (Q), and Breadth (B) courses. A review of current calendar definitions of credentials, specifically undergraduate programs, and of WQB requirements indicates we will need to revise these definitions if/when the UGME is approved and should clarify the WQB Requirements immediately.

The following table outlines the current definitions and potential revisions, for discussion.

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<p>Writing, Quantitative, and Breadth Requirements Students admitted to Simon Fraser University must meet writing, quantitative, and breadth requirements as part of any degree program.</p> <p>All students completing an undergraduate degree program must complete courses that are formally designated W, Q and/or B, with a grade of C- or better.</p>	<p>Writing, Quantitative, and Breadth Requirements Students admitted to Simon Fraser University must meet writing, quantitative, and breadth requirements as part of any <u>bachelor's</u> degree program.</p> <p>All students completing an undergraduate <u>bachelor's</u> degree program must complete courses that are formally designated W, Q and/or B, with a grade of C- or better.</p>	<p>This statement is false given WQB are <u>not</u> required as part of a Graduate degree.</p> <p>Likely this is a result of moving from a physical calendar where this definition was in the Undergraduate Section to an online calendar where it is listed under 'General Regulations'.</p>
<p>Undergraduate Programs Simon Fraser University offers three main types of undergraduate programs and credentials: degree programs leading to a bachelor's degree, diploma programs leading to a post baccalaureate diploma, and certificate programs. Degree programs may be honours programs leading to an honours degree or general programs leading to a general degree.</p>	<p>Undergraduate Programs Simon Fraser University offers three main types of undergraduate programs* and credentials: degree programs leading to a bachelor's degree (<u>requires WQB</u>), diploma programs <u>including leading to a post baccalaureate diploma (do not require WQB)</u>, and certificate programs (<u>do not require WQB</u>). Degree programs may be honours programs leading to an honours degree or general programs leading to a general degree. <u>*The MD program, leading to a Doctor of Medicine, does not require WQB.</u></p>	<p>We may wish to consider whether SFU will begin to offer 2-year undergraduate diplomas in the future and whether we should consider defining program requirements for a diploma (i.e. units, WQB, etc.).</p>