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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** July 11, 2024
FROM Mary O'Brien,
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies
Committee (SGSC)
RE: Course Changes

**For information:**

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of July 11, 2024, SGSC approved the following course changes, effective **Summer 2025**:

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- 1) Course Change (Description): PLCY 805
- 2) Course Change (Units): PLCY 809



Memo

Attention Mary O'Brien, Dean and Associate Provost, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

From Kate Slaney, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, FASS

Subject Items for SGSC

Date June 11, 2024

Dear Mary,

The following were approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Studies Committee on June 11, 2024, and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval. Please include them on the next SGSC agenda.

1 School of Public Policy

a) Calendar Changes

- a. Removal of PLCY 835 as a requirement for students in the Applied Project Stream
- b. Co-ops now optional for students with related experience
- c. Reduce number of required credits from 70 to 65

b) Course Change

- a. Consolidating PLCY 805 and 806 into a single course

To be effective as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Kathleen (Kate) Slaney
Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

To: Kate Slaney, FASS Associate Dean
From: Yushu Zhu, Associate Director, School of Public Policy
cc: Genevieve LaBaron, Director, School of Public Policy
Mohsen Javdani, Graduate Program Chair, School of Public Policy
Date: May 10, 2024
Re: Changes to the Master of Public Policy curricular

Dear Dean Slaney,

As of February 2, 2024, the School of Public Policy approved the following curricular changes to the Master of Public Policy (MPP) to be effective in Summer 2025 or as early as possible:

- ~~1) Remove the extended policy analysis requirement for students in the Applied Project stream;~~
- 2) Consolidate two required introductory method courses into one method course;
- ~~3) Make co-op optional for students with current or prior work experience in public policy; and~~
- ~~4) Reduce required credits for MPP from 70 to 65 credits.~~

Accompanying the memo is the program change form with the rationale of change and required calendar revisions, as well as the course change form for PLCY 805. We apologize for missing the deadline for the February FGSC meeting and request that you consider circulating these materials to FGSC for review and approval in June. We hope to make these changes effective no later than Summer 2025, if possible, which will bring immediate positive impacts on the learning experiences of our next MPP cohort. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Yushu Zhu



Associate Director, School of Public Policy
Assistant Professor, SPP & URB, SFU

GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

Attach a separate document if more space is required.

Course Subject/Number	PLCY 805	Units	5	Effective Term and Year	Summer 2025
Course Title Public Policy Research Techniques and Methods					
Rationale for Change:					
To streamline the MPP curriculum by consolidating this intro qualitative course with another introductory quantitative method course PLCY 806.					

Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number Units* Title Description Prerequisite Other _____

Complete only the fields to be changed

FROM	TO
Course Subject/Number	Course Subject/Number
Units	Units*
Course Title	Course Title (max 100 characters)
Course Short Title	Course Short Title (max 30 characters)
Description	Description
Overview of social science research appropriate to public policy, including research philosophy and epistemology, and methodologies for data collection, analysis, and program evaluation.	Provides a foundational overview of social science research methodologies appropriate to public policy, including jurisdictional scan, case studies, survey, qualitative interviews, and descriptive data analysis
Prerequisite	Prerequisite
Other	Other

* Program requirements may need to be revised when course units are changed. Please review the calendar and submit any relevant program revisions resulting from this course change.

REMINDER: All course changes must be identified on a cover memo and confirmed as approved when submitted to FGSC and SGSC.

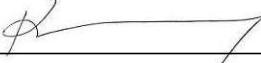
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► DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL

Department Graduate Program Committee Mohsen Javdani	Signature 	Date Feb 9, 2024
Department Chair Genevieve LeBaron	Signature 	Date Feb 8, 2024

► FACULTY APPROVAL

Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC) Kathleen Slaney	Signature 	Date June 11, 2024
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► SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Mary O'Brien	Signature 	Date July 11, 2024
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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION (for Graduate Studies only)

Course Attribute: _____

If different from regular units:

Course Attribute Value: _____

Academic Progress Units: _____

Instruction Mode: _____

Financial Aid Progress Units: _____

Attendance Type: _____

GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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Course Subject/Number	PLCY 809	Units	10	Effective Term and Year	Summer 2025
Course Title					
Major Research Project					
Rationale for Change:					
<small>To align the units according to capstone standardization.</small>					

Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number Units* Title Description Prerequisite Other _____

Complete only the fields to be changed

FROM	TO
Course Subject/Number	Course Subject/Number
Units 10	Units* 6
Course Title	Course Title (max 100 characters)
Course Short Title	Course Short Title (max 30 characters)
Description	Description
Prerequisite	Prerequisite
NA	NA
Other	Other

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Department Graduate Program Committee Mohsen Javdani	Signature 	Digital signature by Mohsen Javdani Date: 2024.06.27 16:14:51 -07'00'	Date June 27, 2024
Department Chair Genevieve LeBaron	Signature 	Digital signature by Genevieve LeBaron Date: 2024.06.27 21:31:29 +01'00'	Date June 27, 2024

► FACULTY APPROVAL

Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC) Kathleen Slaney	Signature 	Digital signature by Kathleen Slaney Date: 2024.06.28 07:09:57 -07'00'	Date June 28, 2024
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Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Mary O'Brien	Signature 	Date July 11, 2024
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