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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	February 7, 2025
FROM	Paul Kingsbury, Vice-Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Post-Secondary Transfer Admission Requirement Changes to the Faculty of Science <i>(SCUS 25-38)</i>		

Action undertaken by SCUS on February 6, 2025, gives rise to the following recommendations:

Motion

That Senate approve, effective Fall 2025, the changes to the Post-Secondary Transfer Admission requirements for the Faculty of Science.



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ATTENTION	Tom Nault, Registrar	DATE	January 16, 2025
FROM	Nancy Hawkins, Associate Dean, Academic, Faculty of Science	PAGES	1
RE:	Post-Secondary Admission change		

MOTION

That the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approve, under delegated authority, the following changes to the Faculty of Science Post Secondary transfer admission requirements:

Faculty of Science
Bachelor of Science

We propose revising the course requirements from the following:

Minimum of 24 units of transferable work, including:

- One transferable math course
- Two transferable science courses (in different subject areas)

NOTE: Senior level math/science high school courses may be used in place of transferable math/science courses.

To the following (in red):

Minimum of 24 units of transferable work, including:

- One transferable Math course
- An additional two transferable Faculty of Science courses (can be from within the same subject area from the following list):

Actuarial Science
Biology
Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology
Chemistry
Data Science
Earth Sciences
Mathematics

Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

Physics

Statistics

Note: Senior level Math/Science high school courses may be used in place of transferable Math/Science courses

Background

Following a recent meeting with Michelle Corbet, Associate Director, Admissions, along with the support from Mike Peragine, Director, Admissions, I would like to request an update to the post-secondary admission requirements for the Faculty of Science, effective, Fall 2025.

There are two major issues with the current post secondary admission requirements. First is that requesting two transferable science courses in different subject areas creates a barrier to those students wanting to transfer to SFU Science in Math, Stats, Actuarial Sciences, and Data Science. Some post-secondary students, specifically international students, do not take courses outside of their subject area, such as Math. We are not only deterring applicants from applying, but if they do, then they are forced to delay their graduation due to the need to complete extra course(s) to internally transfer from one SFU Faculty to Science.



Nancy Hawkins