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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Paul Kingsbury, Vice-Chair
RE: Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
RE: New Course Proposals

DATE October 3, 2025
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For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of October 2, 2025 SCUS approved the following curriculum revision effective Summer 2026.

a. Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

1. School of Interactive Arts and Technology (SCUS 25-132) (Fall 2026)

(i) New Course Proposals:

- IAT 370-3, Field School: Context
- IAT 371-6, Field School
- IAT 372-3, Field School: Synthesis

Senators wishing to consult a more detailed report of curriculum revisions may do so on the Senate Document Repository at <https://www.sfu.ca/senate/documents.html>

COURSE SUBJECT IAT

NUMBER 370

COURSE TITLE LONG — for Calendar/schedule, no more than 100 characters including spaces and punctuation

Field School: Context

COURSE TITLE SHORT — for enrollment/transcript, no more than 30 characters including spaces and punctuation

Field School: Context

CAMPUS where course will be normally taught: Burnaby Surrey Vancouver Great Northern Way Off campus**COURSE DESCRIPTION** — 50 words max. Attach a course outline. Don't include WQB or prerequisites info in this description box.

The first of three field school courses prepares qualified students for studies in the field. This includes - but is not limited to - understanding cultural contexts, necessary disciplinary knowledge, communication and considerations for studies in the field.

REPEAT FOR CREDIT YES NO

Total completions allowed

Within a term?

 YES NO**LIBRARY RESOURCES**

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RATIONALE FOR INTRODUCTION OF THIS COURSE

With the unexpected passing of the faculty member who lead our prior Italian Design and North Europe field schools our department is unable to continue those specific field schools. As a result we are putting in place courses to act as containers for future field schools, allowing the specific content to change - much like a special topics course - but establishing a common expected structure to ensure students are able to plan for what courses to take when a field school is available.

The proposed structure of the field school courses is as follows:

IAT 370 Field School: Context (3 units)

Taken the term before departing for field school to help students prepare for the field school, both theory considerations and logistics.

IAT 371 Field School (6 units)

The field school itself, working on planned activities in the field, taken the same term as 372.

IAT 372 Field School: Synthesis (3 units)

A course for which work is completed upon return from the field, permitting synthesis and sharing of work or learnings from the field. Taken in the same term as 371.

The pairing of 371/372 in the same term allows for students to learn in the field and then upon return immediately spend time reflecting, synthesizing and communicating their experiences and learning more broadly. Additionally this model permits students to maintain a full-time status without running into complications of taking another course while being unable to attend in-person.

We recognize that any field school that uses these courses will have to be submitted to SCIA for review individually. Ideally we would like to prepare a package of courses for consideration but are in the process of determining which faculty would be interested in offering a field school and would prefer to have the container courses in place for them to use when needed.

SCHEDULING AND ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Effective term and year (e.g. FALL 2016) **Fall 2026**Term in which course will typically be offered Spring Summer FallOther (describe) **Course only offered when field schools are run.**Will this be a required or elective course in the curriculum? Required ElectiveWhat is the probable enrollment when offered? Estimate: **20**

UNITS

Indicate number of units: **3**Indicate no. of contact hours: **3** Lecture Seminar Tutorial Lab Other; explain below

OTHER

FACULTY

Which of your present CFL faculty have the expertise to offer this course?

Any SIAT faculty interested in field schools.

WQB DESIGNATION

(attach approval from Curriculum Office)

PREREQUISITE AND / OR COREQUISITE

45 units

EQUIVALENT COURSES [For more information on equivalency, see Equivalency Statements under [Information about Specific Course components](#).]**1. SEQUENTIAL COURSE** [is not hard coded in the student information management system (SIMS).]

Students who have taken *(place relevant course(s) in the blank below (ex: STAT 100))* **first** may not then take this course for further credit.

2. ONE-WAY EQUIVALENCY [is not hard coded in SIMS.]

(Place relevant course(s) in the blank below (ex: STAT 100)) will be accepted in lieu of this course.

3. TWO-WAY EQUIVALENCY [is hard coded and enforced by SIMS.]

Students with credit for *(place relevant course(s) in the blank below (ex: STAT 100))* may not take this course for further credit.

Does the partner academic unit agree that this is a two-way equivalency? YES NO

Please also have the partner academic unit submit a course change form to update the course equivalency for their course(s).

4. SPECIAL TOPICS PRECLUSION STATEMENT [is not hard coded in SIMS.]**FEES**

Are there any proposed student fees associated with this course other than tuition fees? YES NO

COURSE – LEVEL EDUCATIONAL GOALS (OPTIONAL)

RESOURCES

List any outstanding resource issues to be addressed prior to implementation: space, laboratory equipment, etc:

No specific resources required.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Final exam required YES NO

Criminal Record Check required YES NO

OVERLAP CHECK

Checking for overlap is the responsibility of the Associate Dean.

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Name of Originator

Andrew Hawryshkewich

COURSE SUBJECT IAT

NUMBER 371

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Field School

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Field School

CAMPUS where course will be normally taught: Burnaby Surrey Vancouver Great Northern Way Off campus**COURSE DESCRIPTION** — 50 words max. Attach a course outline. Don't include WQB or prerequisites info in this description box.

The second of three field school courses places qualified students for studies in the field. Specific context and field school destination defined in the course details.

REPEAT FOR CREDIT YES NO

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UNITS

Indicate number of units: **6**Indicate no. of contact hours: Lecture Seminar Tutorial Lab Other; explain below

OTHER

FLD - This course is for studies in the field, and will be held off-campus/abroad.

FACULTY

Which of your present CFL faculty have the expertise to offer this course?

Any SIAT faculty interested in field schools.

WQB DESIGNATION

(attach approval from Curriculum Office)

PREREQUISITE AND / OR COREQUISITE

Prerequisite: 45 units and IAT 370 with a minimum grade of C-. Corequisite with IAT 372.

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