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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Peter Hall, Chair
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
RE: WQB Approvals and Removals (SCUS 25-138)

DATE November 7, 2025
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For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of November 6, 2025 SCUS approved the following new and removed WQB designations effective Summer 2026.

1. New WQB Designations

(i) Writing

- HIST 135 (*Fall 2026*)
- PLCY 300 (*Spring 2026*)

2. WQB Removals (*Fall 2026*)

(i) Breadth-Science

- REM 200

(ii) Quantitative

- GEOG 414
- GEOG 451
- GEOG 455W
- BPK 484

(iii) Writing

- GEOG 381W
- GEOG 417W

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>



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ATTENTION SCUS

FROM Jill Sutherland, Director
University Curriculum & Institutional
Liaison

RE: Approved WQB Designations (new)

DATE October 14, 2025

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Throughout August and September 2025, the SCUS certification sub-committees reviewed and approved the below courses for new Writing (W), Quantitative (Q), and Breadth (B) designations, effective Fall 2026. These courses are to be reviewed again in 5 years.

MOTION: That SCUS review and approve the following WQB designations under delegated authority, effective Fall 2026.

Writing Approvals

- HIST 135 - Capitalism and the Making of the Modern World

Sub-Committee Members

Writing: Erin Barley (FSCI), Clare McGovern (FASS), Andrés Cisneros-Montemayor (FENV)
Quantitative: Daria Ahrensmeier (FSCI), Suzanna Cragge (FASS), David Whitehurst (FHSC)
B-HUM: David Coley (FASS), Alessandra Capperdoni (FASS), Emily O'Brien (FASS)
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ATTENTION SCUS
FROM Jill Sutherland, Director
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RE: Approved Certification of WQB Designation for PLCY 300

DATE October 9, 2025
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Sutherland".

In October 2024, the SCUS certification Writing sub-committee reviewed and approved the certification of PLCY 300 as a Writing course, effective Spring 2025. This course is to be reviewed again in 5-years.

Due to an oversight in the UCIL Office this certification was not submitted to SCUS and will not be effective in the academic calendar until Spring 2026.

MOTION: That SCUS review and approve a Writing designation for PLCY 300 under delegated authority, effective Spring 2026.

Committee Members

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DATE October 14, 2025

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RE: Removal of WQB Designations

Throughout August and September 2025, the following units requested to remove their Writing (W), Quantitative (Q), and Breadth (B) designations, effective Fall 2026.

MOTION: That SCUS review and approve the removal of the following WQB designations under delegated authority, effective Fall 2026.

Breadth-Science Removals

- REM 200 - Introduction to Resource and Environmental Management in Canada (also recertified B-Soc)

Quantitative Removals

- GEOG 414 - Climate Change
- GEOG 451 - Spatial Modeling
- GEOG 455W - Theoretical and Applied GIS
- BPK 484 - Altitude and Aerospace Physiology

Writing Removals

- GEOG 381W - Territory, Power, State
- GEOG 417W - Advanced Soil Science

Committee Members

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