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## MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate DATE November 13, 2025

FROM Mary O'Brien,  
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies  
Committee (SGSC)  
RE: Course Deletion

**For information:**

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of **November 4, 2025**, SGSC approved the following curriculum item, effective **Fall 2026**:

**Faculty of Science**Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

- 1) Course Deletion: MBB 764

**MEMO**

**Faculty of  
Science**

ATTENTION: Senate Graduate Studies Committee

FROM: Vance Williams, Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies,  
Faculty of Science

RE: Proposed Course Changes Fall 2026, Faculty of Science

DATE: October 6, 2025

Dear SGSC,

The following curriculum changes have been approved by the Faculty of Science and are being submitted to the Senate Graduate Studies committee for approval.

The following course changes are being proposed:

**MBB-702: Developmental Biology of Cell Signaling**

**MBB-721: Nucleic Acid**

**MBB-723: Protein Structure and Function**

The following course deletions are being proposed:

**MBB-731: Cells and the Environment**

**MBB-733: Epithelial Cell Biology**

**MBB 764: From Genome to System**

Enclosed are the documents in support of these changes.

Sincerely



Vance Williams

Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Science

# MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

## Memorandum

**To:** Vance Williams, Chair  
Faculty Graduate Studies Committee,  
Faculty of Science

**Re:** **Course Changes:** MBB 721, 723  
**Course Deletions:** MBB 731, 733, 764

**From:** Christopher Beh  
MBB Graduate Program Chair

**Date:** September 2, 2025

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We are requesting approval of the following:

### GRADUATE COURSE CHANGES:

- ~~MBB 721: Nucleic Acid~~ (course title, course short title, description; form attached)
- ~~MBB 723: Protein Structure and Function~~ (course title, course short title, description; form attached)

### GRADUATE COURSE DELETIONS:

- ~~MBB 731: Cells and the Environment~~ (form attached)
- ~~MBB 733: Epithelial Cell Biology~~ (form attached)
- ~~MBB 764: From Genome to System~~ (form attached)

We are hoping these changes can be submitted to SGSC for their next material deadline of October 8, 2025.

Sincerely,



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Christopher Beh  
MBB Graduate Program Chair

## GRADUATE COURSE DELETION

A course can be deleted if it has not been offered in the previous seven years or if there is no chance of it being offered again. Once a course has been deleted for a minimum of 10 years, the course subject and number can be re-used.

Course Subject / Number	MBB 764	Units	3
Course Title			
From Genome to System			
Reason for Deletion			
The faculty member who taught this course has retired and we do not expect to offer it again.			
Effective Term and Year:			
Fall 2026			

**Before Submission to SGSC check the following:**

Is this course required for degree completion?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Do any program calendar entries need to be changed as a result of this withdrawal?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the departmental website need to be updated?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

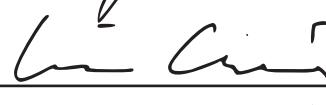
**Additional information for any YES responses:**

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

► **CONTACT PERSON**

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► **DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL**

Department Graduate Program Committee Christopher Beh	Signature		Date	Sept 2, 2025
Department Chair Lisa Craig	Signature		Date	Sept. 4, 2025

► **FACULTY APPROVAL**

Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC) Vance Williams	Signature		Date	Oct. 6, 2025
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► **SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) Mary O'Brien	Signature		Date	November 13, 2025
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