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# Proposal for Curriculum Change University of Saskatchewan

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to be approved by University Council or by Academic Programs Committee

## 1. PROPOSAL IDENTIFICATION

### Title of proposal:

Degree(s): B.A.

Field(s) of Specialization: All

Level(s) of Concentration: All

Option(s):

Degree College: Arts & Science

Home College: Arts & Science

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Approved by the degree college and/or home college:

Division of Humanities & Fine Arts: March 29, 2011  
Division of Social Sciences: March 24, 2011

Proposed date of implementation: September 2011

## 2. Type of change

### Requiring approval by Council

- A replacement program, including program deletion

### Requiring approval by Academic Programs Committee

- A change in the total number of credit units required for an approved degree program.

# Proposal Document

## 3. RATIONALE

### Changing B.A. degree requirements to encourage multi-disciplinary study

It is proposed to make it easier for students in the College of Arts & Science to complete a second B.A. degree, and for all students to complete a second degree that is a B.A. There are two main motivations for the proposed changes. The first is to facilitate multidisciplinary student learning opportunities and to provide recognition of this in the form of academic credentials. Second, to ensure an equitable opportunity to obtain a second degree for all Arts & Science students.

Enabling students to more easily complete the requirements for two degrees is an important way to enhance multi-disciplinary learning. It is also an option that takes full advantage of the unique nature of the College of Arts & Science. The proposed changes will bring consistency to the College's approach to second degrees across all Divisions and thereby eliminate inequality of opportunity that currently exists for students taking two B.Sc. degrees and those wanting to take two B.A. degrees, and between students who complete a B.A. then a B.Sc., and those who complete a B.Sc. and then a B.A. This inequality of opportunity was the result of similar changes made to B.Sc. programs in 2009.

The proposed changes are

1. The first part of the proposal is to reduce the minimum number of credit units to earn a B.A. as a second degree to 30. Of course, the student must still complete all the requirements for the degree. (Presently a student, who has a degree other than a B.A. degree and wishes to obtain a Four-year or Honours B.A., must complete all the requirements for that degree and must take a minimum of 60 credit units towards this additional degree.)
2. The second part of the proposal is to allow a student to obtain an additional B.A. degree. The student must complete a minimum of 30 credit units so as to satisfy all the requirements for a different major, and such that the 30 credit units includes a minimum of 12 credit units of relevant courses as approved by the department of the new major.
3. Deletion of Advanced and Honours Certificates. Presently a student who already has a B.A. degree with any particular major cannot obtain a second major or a second B.A. degree. Instead, they can be awarded an Advanced Certificate or an Honours Certificate. This has caused problems for students as the word certificate tends to be associated with a Certificate of Successful Completion or a Certificate of Attendance, both of which have much lower status than a degree. The change in #2 above will render the Advanced and Honours Certificates unnecessary.

#### 4. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

Changes to the existing Calendar entry are made in ~~strikethrough~~ and **bold**.

##### Second Degree Programs

Programs in Arts & Science and in other colleges of this University may be combined to enable the student to obtain more than one degree in less time than if the two programs were taken separately. Students intending to complete degrees from Arts & Science and from another college should be aware that they must be admitted to the other college before they can receive the other college degree. It is possible to complete an Arts & Science degree while registered as a student in another college or as a student in Open Studies.

Students who wish to follow a Second Degree Program are advised to consult the Undergraduate Office of the College of Arts & Science to ascertain the precise course requirements. The form to request a review of outstanding second degree requirements is available online at <http://artsandscience.usask.ca/students/forms/>. The duration of the Second Degree Program and the course requirements are determined by the following regulations:

1. *Residency requirement:* Students must meet the [residency requirements](#) of the college for the specific degree sought.
2. ~~a. Additional credit requirements for B.A. degree: Students pursuing a B.A. Three-year degree in addition to another different degree (not a B.A.) must complete at least 30 Arts & Science credit units not used for the other degree. Similarly, for all Four-year and Honours B.A. degree programs, at least 60 additional Arts & Science credit units, not used for any other degree or certificate, are required. These additional Arts & Science credits are required regardless of the number of Arts & Science courses included in the program leading to the first degree. These courses must be allowable for credit in the College of Arts & Science.~~  
**b. Additional credit requirements for B.Sc. degree:** Students pursuing **any B.A. or B.Sc.** degree in addition to another different degree, must complete at least 30 Arts & Science credit units not used for the other degree. These additional Arts & Science credits are required regardless of the number of Arts & Science courses included in the program leading to the first degree. These courses must be allowable for credit in the College of Arts & Science.
3. *Program requirement:* Students must satisfy all program requirements and the graduation standards for the degree being attempted.
4. In some cases, these regulations may mean that students are required to take more than the minimum 90 credit units for a Three-year degree or more than 120 credit units for a Four-year or Honours degree. The credit units which are in excess of the 90 or 120 may be in the subject of the major.

5. For students completing an Arts and Science degree and a degree from another college, the number of senior (200-level and above) credit units required is dependent on the courses chosen for the degree in the other college. To determine requirements for the second degree, students must consult the Undergraduate Office, College of Arts & Science, prior to their final year.
6. *Date of commencement of a program:* Once a degree has been received, students must complete the program requirements and the graduation standards which are in place for the academic session in which they begin their studies toward the additional degree or certificate. If the date of program commencement is more than 10 years ago, students should contact the Undergraduate Office. Such students will be required to meet the current degree requirements. For example, students who complete a B.Sc. Three-year and return to upgrade to a B.Sc. Four-year must follow the new B.Sc. Program.
7. The overall and major Cumulative Weighted Averages (C.W.A.) for Arts & Science graduation are calculated on grades from all University of Saskatchewan courses taken, including any course from another college which credits toward the Arts & Science degree and all Arts & Science courses taken while in another college. This means that the average will include all courses which transfer to the College of Arts & Science, even if they exceed the minimum number of credit units required for the Second Degree program requirements. Under certain restrictions, failures and marks below 60% will be excluded from the average if these courses have been retaken in accordance with the rules of the College. See "Cumulative Weighted Average" in this section of the *Calendar*.
8. Students who have completed a B.A. Type A (Humanities) prior to a B.Sc. (Natural Science) are exempt from the Humanities Writing Requirement for B.Sc. programs.

## Arts & Science

### Second **B.A. or B.Sc. Degree (B.A. and B.A., or B.Sc. and B.Sc.)**

The following regulations apply to students who have a **B.A. and wish to complete a second B.A., or who have a B.Sc. and wish to complete a second B.Sc.:**

1. After completion of a **B.A. or B.Sc.** degree, it is possible to obtain a second Four-year or Honours **B.A. or B.Sc.** degree that is in a different major. Students who have completed their previous degree at the University of Saskatchewan must complete a minimum of 30 credit units so as to satisfy all the requirements for a different major, and such that the 30 credit units includes a minimum of 12 credit units of relevant courses as approved by the department of the new major.
2. Students transferring from another institution and pursuing a second **B.A. or B.Sc.** Four-year or Honours degree must meet the residency requirements of the College of Arts and Science for the ~~B.Sc. Four-year or Honours~~ degree **in the same manner as for** a first degree program (see [Residency Regulations](#) ).
3. **The B.A. Three-year degree is not available to a student who holds a previous B.A.**

**degree, and** the B.Sc. Three-year degree is not available to a student who holds a previous B.Sc. degree.

### **B.A. and B.Sc., or B.Sc. and B.A.**

The following regulations apply to students who have a B.A. and wish to complete a B.Sc. or who have a B.Sc. and wish to complete a B.A.:

1. Students may not receive two Three-year degrees.
2. ~~a. To receive a second Four-year or Honours B.A. after a B.Sc. degree, students must complete a minimum of 60 additional credit units and fulfill all program requirements. Students must complete a minimum of 150 to 180 credit units. The 60 additional credit units are required regardless of whether the first degree was a Three-year, Four-year, or Honours degree.~~  
**b.** To receive a Four-year or Honours **B.A. after a B.Sc. degree or a Four-year or Honours B.Sc. after a B.A. degree**, students must complete a minimum of 30 additional credit units and fulfill all program requirements. The 30 additional credit units are required regardless of whether the first degree was a Three-year, Four-year or Honours degree. Students must complete at least 120 to 150 credit units.
3. To receive a Three-year degree, students must complete a minimum of 30 additional credit units and fulfill all program requirements. Only students who have completed a Four-year or Honours degree may subsequently complete a Three-year degree. Students must complete at least 150 credit units.

### **Upgrade of Arts & Science Three-year degree to Four-year or Honours degree**

The following regulations apply to students who are upgrading their B.A. or B.Sc. to a higher degree in the same ~~or different~~ major ~~but of the same degree type~~. For example, a student with a B.A. Three-year in Sociology may upgrade to a B.A. Four-year in **History Sociology** or a student with a B.Sc. Four-year in Biology may upgrade to a B.Sc. Honours in Biology.

1. Students who have a Three-year degree with the minimum 90 credit units must complete a minimum of 30 additional credit units and fulfill all program requirements in order to upgrade to a Four-year or Honours degree. A minimum of 120 credit units is required for the Four-year or Honours degree.
2. Students with a Four-year degree may upgrade to an Honours degree in the same major provided that there are additional Honours program requirements remaining and that they successfully complete these requirements.
3. Students who have already completed all program requirements for an Honours degree, Certificate, or B.F.A. degree, but did not achieve the C.W.A. graduation standard required for Honours, are not permitted to take or retake courses to upgrade to an Honours degree under this policy.
4. Students who complete a Three-year ~~B.Sc.~~ and return to upgrade to a Four-year ~~B.Sc.~~ must follow the **new B.Sc. current program requirements**.

## Degrees for students with a B.A. or B.Sc. from another university

Students with a B.A. or B.Sc. degree from another university may be allowed to receive a B.A. or B.Sc. degree from the University of Saskatchewan. Students who wish to pursue such an option must consult the Undergraduate Office, College of Arts & Science.

### ~~Advanced and Honours Certificates~~

~~A student who has already completed a B.A. Four-year or Honours degree can receive an Advanced or Honours Certificate in a different B.A. major or interdisciplinary program, on completion of at least 30 additional credit units, subject to completion of Four-year or Honours program requirements in that major or interdisciplinary program. A student who has already completed a B.Sc. Three-year, Four-year or Honours degree may pursue a B.Sc. Four-year or Honours degree in a different major as a Second Degree subject to the conditions listed previously.~~

~~*From another university:* Students who hold a B.A.. Four-year or Honours degree from another university are eligible to receive the Advanced or Honours Certificate subject to the conditions listed previously. Such students must complete a minimum of 30 additional University of Saskatchewan credit units including at least 24 senior credit units and at least 18 credit units in the subject of the major. Students who hold a B.Sc. Four-year or Honours degree from another university are eligible for a B.Sc. from the University of Saskatchewan subject to the residency rules for a first degree from the College.~~

~~*Note:* Under this policy governing second degrees and upgrades, which was effective in September, 1998, students who have a B.A. Three-year or B.Sc. Three-year degree may not be awarded an Advanced or Honours Certificate. Students already in such programs should consult with the Undergraduate Office to determine when they must complete the pre-1998 program requirements.~~

### Arts & Science and B.F.A. (In Studio Art or Drama)

Students who have completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and wish to complete a B.A. or B.Sc. Three-year degree must complete a minimum of 30 credit units in addition to those used in fulfilling the requirements of the B.F.A. degree. Students who have completed another degree and wish to complete a B.F.A. degree must complete a minimum of 60 additional credit units. All program requirements for the B.F.A. must also be completed. Students who have completed a B.F.A. in Studio Art and/or Drama cannot subsequently complete a B.A. Three-year or Four-year in Studio Art and/or Drama.

### Arts & Science and Agriculture & Bioresources, Edwards School of Business, Engineering, Kinesiology, Nursing, Nutrition & Dietetics, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine

Students who wish to pursue a second degree program in Arts & Science with a degree from another college (listed above) must **complete the required minimum 30 credit units. Students must complete all of satisfy** the program requirements for **the chosen degree type and major.**

~~one of the program types A, B, C, or D in completing the required minimum 30 credit units for the Three-year degree or 60 credit units for the Four-year degree.~~

### **Arts & Science and Dentistry or Medicine**

The Second Degree Program in Arts & Science and Dentistry or Medicine, leading to the B.A. or B.Sc. and D.M.D or M.D. is available.

Please consult the Undergraduate Office for more information.

### **Arts & Science and Education**

The Second Degree Program for the B.A. or B.Sc. Three-year and B.Ed. requires a minimum of 156 credit units and completion of all program and degree requirements. Students who have been awarded a B.Ed. and wish to receive a B.A. or B.Sc. Three-year degree must complete at least 30 additional credit units in Arts & Science, in addition to any Arts & Science courses used in completing the Education degree, as well as completing all program and degree requirements. Students may also choose to complete a B.A. or B.Sc. Four-year or Honours degree. Such students should consult the Undergraduate Office.

### **Arts & Science and Law**

The Second Degree Program in Arts & Science and Law, leading to the B.A. or B.Sc. and LL.B., is available. Up to 18 credit units of the following courses in the law program may be counted as senior electives in the College of Arts & Science by students following the Second Degree Program:

LAW 340, 390, ~~392~~, 393, 394, 395, 425, ~~426~~, 431, 432, 433, 436, 437, 444, 457, 460, 462, 474, 486.

Grades from all of the courses attempted from this list will be used in the calculation of the Arts & Science average.

Effective September 2003, a second degree program is available leading to the LL.B. and a B.A. Four-year or Honours in Sociology with a focus on Indigenous Peoples and Justice. To complete the program students are allowed to credit 18 credit units in law courses toward the electives requirements in the B.A. Four-year program, and so complete both degrees in less time than if they were taken separately. To complete the Second Degree program in Indigenous Peoples and Justice, Law graduates will follow the Sociology program requirements for Indigenous Peoples and Justice Programs. For more information contact the Academic Chair of the Indigenous Peoples and Justice Programs, College of Law.

### ~~Arts & Science and Music~~ **B.A. or B.Sc. and Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.)**

Students may choose a Second Degree Program in Arts & Science and Music leading to the B.A. or B.Sc. Three-year and B.Mus. (composition and theory, musicology, performance, or individualized) subject to the following conditions:

1. The 90 credit units needed for the B.A. or B.Sc. Three-year degree shall include not more than 33 credit units in music as follows: MUS 117.1, 120.2, 121.2, 133.3, 134.3, 150.3, 151.3, 217.1, 220.2, 221.2, 233.3, 234.3, 241.3, 317.1, 1 credit unit MUAP ensemble; and an additional 9 credit units in consultation with the Department of Music. At least 48 credit units in non-music courses are required.
2. The 120 credit units needed for the B.A. or B.Sc. Four-year or Honours degree shall include not more than 33 credit units in music as follows: MUS 117.1, 120.2, 121.2, 133.3, 134.3, 150.3, 151.3, 217.1, 220.2, 221.2, 233.3, 234.3, 241.3, 317.1, 1 credit unit MUSP ensemble; and an additional 15 credit units in music, 12 of which must be at the 300- or 400- level. At least 72 credit units in non-music courses are required.
3. All music courses taken will be used for the purposes of calculation of the C.W.A.
4. Students must major in a subject other than music in the B.A. or B.Sc.

*Note:* This Second Degree Program does not apply to **students in** the B.Ed./B.Mus.(Mus.Ed.) **program.**

### ~~Arts & Science~~ **B.A. or B.Sc. and B.Ed./B.Mus.(Mus.Ed.)**

Students who have completed the B.Ed./B.Mus.(Mus.Ed.) may ordinarily complete the work for the B.A. or B.Sc. Three-year upon successful completion of an additional 30 Arts & Science credit units. See "Arts & Science and Education".

## **5. RESOURCES**

No new resources are needed for this change.

Although it is anticipated that this will increase the number of students pursuing 4-year and Honours B.A. degrees, the numbers are not expected to be unmanageable within current resources. Also, most of the courses taken will be senior courses where in most cases capacity exists for increased enrolment.

Students who choose to complete a second B.A., or a B.A. as a second degree will be required to take fewer credit units to complete their program than in the past. However, it is anticipated that more students will choose to earn the additional credential, so the total number of courses taken by students at the University as a result of this change will likely increase.



## **6. RELATIONSHIPS AND IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTATION**

This change is expected to have a small and manageable impact on the Humanities and Fine Arts, and Social Science Divisions. The Department Heads in each Division were consulted at the beginning of the College approval process, and support for this change was unanimous. Faculty were consulted through the College Course Challenge and at Divisional Faculty Council meetings, again to unanimous support.

This change will once again make the requirements for second/additional B.A. and B.Sc. degrees within the College consistent with each other. This will make the requirements easier to understand and explain, and remove the differences that have caused undue inequality between groups of students for the past two years.

## **7. BUDGET**

No changes in the budget of any College or Department are required for this change.

## **College Statement**

From: Harley Dickinson, Vice-Dean of Social Sciences, College of Arts & Science  
David J. Parkinson, Vice-Dean of Humanities & Fine Arts, College of Arts & Science

The College of Arts and Science is highly supportive of this change, and sees enormous benefit to students who return for further education due to the changing work force and dynamic professions. Changing the requirements for a B.A. as a second degree allows students to complete another degree in a more realistic time-frame and budget. Allowing students to earn a second B.A. will remove the confusion over the level of the Advanced and Honours Certificates and allow our students to be appropriately recognized by potential employers and other educational institutions. The College supports this initiative as part of its role in supporting the Integrated Plan for encouraging interdisciplinary interests of students by enhancing opportunities for students to pursue multiple academic goals.

This proposal was developed in cooperation with the Divisions of Humanities & Fine Arts and Social Sciences. It was circulated in the January 2011 College Course Challenge to all Arts and Science faculty for comment and feedback, and approved by the Academic Programs Committee (Humanities & Fine Arts) on February 17, 2011, and by the Academic Programs Committee (Social Sciences) on February 15, 2011, for submission to the Divisional Faculty Councils. The proposal was approved by the Humanities & Fine Arts Faculty Council on March 29, 2011, and the Social Sciences Faculty Council on March 24, 2011, for submission to the Academic Programs Committee.

## **Consultation Forms**

Memo from the Registrar.

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**Report Form for Program Termination  
University of Saskatchewan**

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**College:** Arts & Science

**Program(s) to be deleted:** Advanced and Honours Certificates

**Effective date of termination:** September 2011

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**1. List reasons for termination and describe the background leading to this decision.**

Presently a student who already has a B.A. degree with any particular major cannot obtain a second major or a second B.A. degree. Instead, they can be awarded an Advanced Certificate or an Honours Certificate. The word certificate tends to be associated with a Certificate of Successful Completion or a Certificate of Attendance, both of which have much lower status than a degree.

The proposed change to allow students to obtain an additional B.A. degree will render these Certificates unnecessary. (This change was made for the B.Sc. degrees in 2009.)

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**2. Technical information.**

- 2.1 Courses offered in the program and faculty resources required for these courses.
- 2.2 Other resources (staff, technology, physical resources, etc) used for this program.
- 2.3 Courses to be deleted, if any.

There are no courses offered only for students pursuing an Advanced or an Honours Certificate, nor any uniquely committed resources. Students working on such a program after the changes are approved will instead receive a Bachelor of Arts degree.

- 2.4 Number of students presently enrolled.

It is not possible to determine the number of students currently working toward an Advanced or Honours Certificate, from the data available. Such students will now just work toward a Bachelor of Arts degree, with impact only from the reduction to the minimum requirements for a second degree.

- 2.5 Number of students enrolled and graduated over the last five years.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Advanced Certificate in Arts	9	5	5	2	8
Advanced Certificate in Science	4	7	1	2	0
Honours Certificate in Arts	3	5	2	0	9
Honours Certificate in Science	4	2	1	1	0

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**3. Impact of the termination.**

Internal

- 3.1 What if any impact will this termination have on undergraduate and graduate students?  
How will they be advised to complete their programs?
- 3.2 What impact will this termination have on faculty and teaching assignments?

- 3.3 Will this termination affect other programs, departments or colleges?
- 3.4 If courses are also to be deleted, will these deletions affect any other programs?
- 3.5 Is it likely, or appropriate, that another department or college will develop a program to replace this one?
- 3.6 Is it likely, or appropriate, that another department or college will develop courses to replace the ones deleted?
- 3.7 Describe any impact on research projects.
- 3.8 Will this deletion affect resource areas such as library resources, physical facilities, and information technology?
- 3.9 Describe the budgetary implications of this deletion.

The proposal to reduce the minimum number of credit units required for a B.A. as a second degree/additional B.A. will affect the requirements for students currently working on an additional degree. Students will be notified of the changes as soon as they are approved, and will be instructed to meet with an advisor to determine the impact of the changes.

This change will have no effect on teaching assignments, requirements for specific programs/majors, research projects, library/physical resources, or information technology. No courses are to be deleted. There are no budgetary implications.

#### External

- 3.10 Describe any external impact (e.g. university reputation, accreditation, other institutions, high schools, community organizations, professional bodies).
- 3.11 Is it likely or appropriate that another educational institution will offer this program if it is deleted at the University of Saskatchewan?

The external impact of this change will be increased understanding of earned credentials. Students often complain that employers do not recognize the Advanced and Honours Certificates to be equal to a Bachelors degree, and students have had problems applying to graduate programs at other institutions, especially outside of Canada. Granting the Bachelor of Arts degree to any student who meets the requirements, regardless of previous study, will provide clear information on the credential earned.

No specific programs are deleted, so there is no gap to be filled by another educational institution.

#### Other

- 3.12 Are there any other relevant impacts or considerations?  
No.

3.13 Please provide any statements or opinions received about this termination. This termination was discussed at meetings of the Humanities & Fine Arts Department Heads and the Social Science Department Heads, and was unanimously supported. The proposal including this change was circulated in the January 2011 College Course Challenge for comment and feedback, and approved by the Academic Programs Committee (Humanities & Fine Arts) on February 17, 2011, and by the Academic Programs Committee (Social Sciences) on February 15, 2011, for submission to the Divisional Faculty Councils. The proposal was approved by the Humanities & Fine Arts Faculty Council on March 29, 2011, and the Social Sciences Faculty Council on March 24, 2011, for submission to the Academic Programs Committee. No negative comments were received during this process.