



Dear Member of Senate:

I advise you that a meeting of the Senate of Acadia University will occur at 4:00 pm on Monday, 12 December 2011 in BAC 132.

The agenda follows:

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Minutes of the Meeting of 14 November 2011
- 3) Announcements
- 4) Brought Forward from 11 October 2011
 - a) Update: Academic Program Review Committee - Prioritized Recommendations
 - i. Ivan Curry School of Engineering
 - b) Senate Committee Annual Reports (attached)
 - i. Academic Program Review Committee (Updated)
- 5) Business Arising from 14 November 2011
 - a) Election: New Chair of Senate
 - b) Motion from Dr. John Eustace, Associate Professor, English and Theatre (attached)
- 6) New Business
 - a) Notice of Motion from Dr. Paul Doerr, Department Head, History and Classics (attached)
 - b) Timetable, Instruction Hours and Examination Committee - Proposed Calendar Dates for 2012/2013 (attached)
 - c) Faculty of Theology - Proposed New Courses and Program Requirements (attached)
 - d) Motion for Consideration from Graduate Studies Committee re: Curriculum Changes (attached)
- 7) Other Business

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Rosemary Jotcham
Registrar and Secretary of Senate

ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE Annual Report to Senate for 2010-2011

August 30, 2011; Revised November 22, 2011

Committee Members 2010-2011

Dr. Tom Herman, Vice-President Academic (Chair)
Ms. Rosemary Jotcham, Registrar (Secretary)
Dr. Heather Kitchin
Dr. David Piper
Dr. Sherri McFarland
Rev. Bryan Hagerman
Deans of academic unit under review

Purpose of Committee:

- (1) To determine policy and procedures for conducting program reviews;
- (2) To determine annually which academic units are to be reviewed;
- (3) To select the members of each unit review committee;
- (4) To oversee the process of review in each case;
- (5) To make recommendations to Senate on the basis of the findings of each unit review committee
- (6) To deal with such matters as Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee.

Meeting Dates:

November 9, 2010
November 22, 2010
December 16, 2010
May 31, 2011

Department	Status	Report to Senate
Biology	Date of review to be determined after APRC updates the schedule for upcoming reviews – Tentative review slated for 2011-12	
E&ES	Accreditation Review of Environmental Science successfully completed in Fall of 2010 – unit to meet with APRC; Earth Sciences to be scheduled after APRC updates schedule for upcoming reviews.	
Math & Stats	Review completed in 2010-11; unit to meet with APRC	
Physics	APRC Recommendations sent to Senate	Sept 2011
Psychology		
School of Computer Sci.	Review/Accreditation successfully completed; Unit to meet with APRC.	
School of Engineering	APRC Recommendations sent to Senate	Sept 2011
School of Nutrition & Dietetics	APRC Recommendations sent to Senate	Sept 2011
Economics	Date of review to be determined after APRC updates the schedule for upcoming reviews – tentative review slated for 2011-12.	
English & Theatre	Review completed; unit to meet with APRC	
History & Classics	Review pending 2012/13	
Languages & Literatures	Review completed; unit to meet with APRC	
Philosophy	Date of review to be determined after APRC updates the schedule for upcoming reviews – tentative review slated for 2011-12.	
Political Science	Date of review to be determined after APRC updates the schedule for upcoming reviews – tentative review slated for 2011-12.	
Sociology	APRC Recommendations sent to Senate	Sept 2011

Women's and Gender Studies	Date of review to be determined after APRC updates the schedule for upcoming reviews.	
School of Business	Unit has met with APRC; APRC to prepare recommendations for Senate	
School of Education	Date of review to be determined after APRC updates the schedule for upcoming reviews – tentatively slated for 2011-12.	
SRMK	Review completed; Unit to meet with the APRC	
OPEN Acadia	Date of review to be determined after APRC updates the schedule for upcoming reviews.	
Divinity College	Date of review to be determined after APRC updates the schedule for upcoming reviews.	
Library	Date of review to be determined after APRC updates the schedule for upcoming reviews.	
Research & Graduate Studies	Date of review to be determined after APRC updates the schedule for upcoming reviews.	

Women's & Gender Studies conducted a facilitated self-study with an external facilitator in 2010 which was well received. The APRC will meet with the Coordinator of the program to discuss the outcome of the self-study.

Outstanding: Update of Senate-approved guidelines for Academic Program Review – Senate Executive recommended that the key priorities among the program review recommendations be addressed and this step should be incorporated into the guidelines for the Academic Program Review Committee's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Herman, Vice-President Academic
 Chair, Academic Program Review Committee

Motion from Dr. John Eustace, Associate Professor, English and Theatre

RE: Advocacy for the revitalization of the academic sector

That the President and Vice President Academic advocate to the Board of Governors for the revitalization of the academic sector and take appropriate measures to guard against the academic sector's deprioritization and diminution in the overall Acadia budget.

Notice of Motion from Dr. Paul Doerr, Department Head, History and Classics

Whereas Arthur Beauchesne's Rules and Forms in the House of Commons is not suitable for procedures in the Acadia University Senate; therefore be it

Resolved, That Article IV Meetings, item number eight of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Senate of Acadia University be deleted and replaced by the following wording: "Procedure in Senate shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition)".

Calendar Dates for the 2012/2013 - Submission to Senate - November 18th, 2011

2012	
June 18	Classes begin - Intersession 2 (Summer)
July 2	Holiday for Canada Day - no classes
July 27	Classes end - Intersession 2 (Summer)
July 6 and July 27	Examinations - Intersession 2
August 13	Master of Education registration for Fall/Winter begins
August 29	Residences Open for New International Students
August 30	New Student Orientation Activities begin for International Students
August 31	Last day to apply to graduate at Fall Graduation
August 31	Last day to submit Honours theses for Fall Graduation
September 1	Residences open (for all New Students) / New Student Orientation Activities (full schedule for all New Students)
September 3	Residences open - Returning Students
September 4	Graduate Student registration
September 4	New Student Orientation Welcome Week ends
September 5 (Wed.)	Classes begin - Fall Term
September 5	Fee Deadline
September 12	Last day for course additions for Fall and full year courses
September 12	Last day to drop fall or full year courses without a "W"
September 21	Final Exam schedule posted for December Examinations
September 28	Last day to receive grades for Fall Graduation
September 28	Last day to opt out of ASU Health Plan or add dependents
October 1	Deadline for approved Honours and Masters' theses for Fall Graduation
October 1	Last day to decrease Meal Plan for Fall Term
October 8	Thanksgiving Day - no classes
October 9	Senate meeting to approve Fall Graduates
October 12-14	Homecoming
October 26	Last day to drop 3h first term courses without a failing grade "F"
November 12	University closed in lieu of Remembrance Day - no classes
November 13	Fall Study Day - no classes
November 30	Last day for undergrads to apply for Spring Convocation 2013
November 30	Last day of classes before exams

December 1	Study day
December 3	Examinations begin - Fall Term
December 15	Last day of examinations - Fall Term
December 16	Residences close at 12:00 noon
2013	
January 3	Residences Open (Winter Term New Students Only)
January 4-5	New Student Orientation
January 6	Residences Open (all Returning Students)
January 7 (Mon)	Classes begin - Winter Term
January 7	Fee Deadline
January 14	Last day for course additions and dropping Winter courses without a "W"
January 14	Last day to drop full year courses without a failing grade "F"
January 25	Final Exam Schedule posted for April examinations
January 31	Last day to opt out of ASU Health Plan or add dependents - Winter Term Students
January 31	Last day to apply for Spring Convocation 2013 for Graduate Students
February 1	Last day to decrease Meal Plan for Winter Term
February 18-22	Study week
February 28	Last day to drop Winter Term courses without a failing grade "F"
March 15	Last day to submit Honours Theses for Spring Convocation
March 29	Good Friday - no classes
April 8	Last day of classes before exams
April 9	Study day
April 10	Examinations begin - Winter Term
April 19	Deadline for registration - Intersession 1
April 22	Deadline for approved Honours and Masters' Theses for Spring Convocation
April 23	Last day of examinations - Winter Term
April 24	Residences close at 12:00 noon
May 2	Last day to receive grades for Spring Convocation
May 6	Classes begin - Intersession 1 (Spring)
May 7	Faculty Meeting to approve Spring Graduates

May 8	Senate Meeting to approve Spring Graduates
May 12	Baccalaureate Service
May 12-13	Spring Convocation
May 20	Victoria Day - no classes
May 30	Last day to opt out of ASU Health Plan or add dependents - 16-month Bachelor of Education Students
May 31	Deadline for registration - Intersession 2
June 3	Last day to submit an appeal to the Academic Appeals Committee
May 24 and June 14	Examinations - Intersession 1 (Spring)
June 17	Classes begin - Intersession 2 (Summer)
July 1	Canada Day - no classes
July 26	Classes end - Intersession 2 (Summer)
July 5 and July 26	Examinations - Intersession 2 (Summer)

Faculty of Theology

Proposed New Courses and Program Requirements

Approved by the Acadia Divinity College Senate November 24, 2011

1) Proposed New Courses:

A) To enable Master of Arts students focusing in practical disciplines to be able to write a thesis as part of their program (currently there is only a project option):

CHAP 7916, 7926 Thesis

DISP 7916, 7926 Thesis

EVAN 7916, 7926 Thesis

LEDR 7916, 7926 Thesis

PACC 7916, 7926 Thesis

PAST 7916, 7926 Thesis

SPFM 7916, 7926 Thesis

YYAM 7916, 7926 Thesis

B) Elective courses that will be offered on an ongoing basis in future years:

BIBL 7133 Israel Study Tour

A study tour in Israel and the Palestinian Territories (and surrounding areas as possible), designed to introduce the geography of the land and to shed light on events of the Old and New Testaments and the intertestamental period. Some consideration will also be given to the role that Christians and the Church have played in the land in ancient and modern times.

BIBL 3053 Israel Study Tour

A study tour in Israel and the Palestinian Territories (and surrounding areas as possible), designed to introduce the geography of the land and to shed light on events of the Old and New Testaments and the intertestamental period. Some consideration will also be given to the role that Christians and the Church have played in the land in ancient and modern times.

2) Program requirements for MA students in practical disciplines intending to write a thesis:

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology
Evangelism and Mission Concentration - Thesis Option**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Biblical Studies		
BIBL 5023	Interpreting the Old Testament	3
BIBL 5033	Interpreting the New Testament	3
BIBL (elective)	Biblical Studies elective ¹	3
Christian Thought		
CHUR 5013	Introduction to Christian History	3
THEO 5013	Christian Theology 1	3
THEO 5023	Christian Theology 2	3
Area of Specialization		
SPFM 5013	Christian Spiritual Formation in Ministry Leaders	3
EVAN 5013	Evangelism and Mission in Contemporary Society	3
LEDR, YYAM, or PACC elective	Elective	3
DISP 5013	Transformational Discipleship Ministry	3
EVAN 7613	Guided Reading in Evangelism and Mission 1	3
EVAN 7623	Guided Reading in Evangelism and Mission 2	3
EVAN (elective)	Evangelism and Mission elective	3
EVAN (elective)	Evangelism and Mission elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
EVAN 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Elective²		
	Elective	3
Total Credit Hours = 60		

¹ Excluding Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013)

² Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013) required if Bible Knowledge Entrance Test not passed. Mentored Ministry, Prison Ministry Practicum, and Clinical Pastoral Education courses excluded.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Concentration – Thesis Option**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Biblical Studies		
BIBL 5023	Interpreting the Old Testament	3
BIBL 5033	Interpreting the New Testament	3
BIBL (elective)	Biblical Studies elective ³	3
Christian Thought		
CHUR 5013	Introduction to Christian History	3
THEO 5013	Christian Theology 1	3
THEO 5023	Christian Theology 2	3
Area of Specialization		
SPFM 5013	Christian Spiritual Formation in Ministry Leaders	3
EVAN 5013	Evangelism and Mission in Contemporary Society	3
EVAN, LEDR, or PACC elective	Elective	3
DISP 5013	Transformational Discipleship Ministry	3
YYAM 7613	Guided Reading in Youth and Young Adult Ministry 1	3
YYAM 7623	Guided Reading in Youth and Young Adult Ministry 2	3
YYAM (elective)	Youth and Young Adult Ministry elective	3
YYAM (elective)	Youth and Young Adult Ministry elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
YYAM 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Elective⁴		
	Elective	3
Total Credit Hours = 60		

³ Excluding Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013)

⁴ Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013) required if Bible Knowledge Entrance Test not passed. Mentored Ministry, Prison Ministry Practicum, and Clinical Pastoral Education courses excluded.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology
 Pastoral Care and Counselling Concentration – Thesis Option**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Biblical Studies		
BIBL 5023	Interpreting the Old Testament	3
BIBL 5033	Interpreting the New Testament	3
BIBL (elective)	Biblical Studies elective ⁵	3
Christian Thought		
CHUR 5013	Introduction to Christian History	3
THEO 5013	Christian Theology 1	3
THEO 5023	Christian Theology 2	3
Area of Specialization		
SPFM 5013	Christian Spiritual Formation in Ministry Leaders	3
EVAN 5013	Evangelism and Mission in Contemporary Society	3
EVAN, LEDR, or YYAM elective	Elective	3
PACC 7613	Guided Reading in Pastoral Care and Counselling 1	3
PACC 7623	Guided Reading in Pastoral Care and Counselling 2	3
PACC 5013	Understanding Pastoral Care and Counselling	3
PACC (elective)	Pastoral Care and Counselling elective	3
PACC (elective)	Pastoral Care and Counselling elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
PACC 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Elective⁶		
	Elective	3
Total Credit Hours = 60		

⁵ Excluding Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013)

⁶ Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013) required if Bible Knowledge Entrance Test not passed. Mentored Ministry, Prison Ministry Practicum, and Clinical Pastoral Education courses excluded.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology
Leadership and Spiritual Formation Concentration – Thesis Option**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Biblical Studies		
BIBL 5023	Interpreting the Old Testament	3
BIBL 5033	Interpreting the New Testament	3
BIBL (elective)	Biblical Studies elective ⁷	3
Christian Thought		
CHUR 5013	Introduction to Christian History	3
THEO 5013	Christian Theology 1	3
THEO 5023	Christian Theology 2	3
Area of Specialization		
SPFM 5013	Christian Spiritual Formation in Ministry Leaders	3
EVAN 5013	Evangelism and Mission in Contemporary Society	3
EVAN, YYAM , or PACC elective	Elective	3
DISP 5013	Transformational Discipleship Ministry	3
LEDR 7613	Guided Reading in Leadership	3
SPFM 7613	Guided Reading in Spiritual Formation	3
LEDR (elective)	Leadership elective	3
SPFM (elective)	Spiritual Formation elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
LEDR 7916, 7926 or SPFM 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Elective⁸		
	Elective	3
Total Credit Hours = 60		

⁷ Excluding Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013)

⁸ Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013) required if Bible Knowledge Entrance Test not passed. Mentored Ministry, Prison Ministry Practicum, and Clinical Pastoral Education courses excluded.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology
 Discipleship Concentration – Thesis Option**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Biblical Studies		
BIBL 5023	Interpreting the Old Testament	3
BIBL 5033	Interpreting the New Testament	3
BIBL (elective)	Biblical Studies elective ⁹	3
Christian Thought		
CHUR 5013	Introduction to Christian History	3
THEO 5013	Christian Theology 1	3
THEO 5023	Christian Theology 2	3
Area of Specialization		
SPFM 5013	Christian Spiritual Formation in Ministry Leaders	3
EVAN 5013	Evangelism and Mission in Contemporary Society	3
EVAN, LEDR, PACC, or YYAM elective	Elective	3
EVAN, LEDR, PACC, or YYAM elective	Elective	3
DISP 7613	Guided Reading in Discipleship 1	3
DISP 7623	Guided Reading in Discipleship 2	3
DISP 5013	Transformational Discipleship Ministry	3
DISP (elective)	Discipleship elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
DISP 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Elective¹⁰		
	Elective	3
Total Credit Hours = 60		

⁹ Excluding Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013)

¹⁰ Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013) required if Bible Knowledge Entrance Test not passed. Mentored Ministry, Prison Ministry Practicum, and Clinical Pastoral Education courses excluded.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology
Evangelism and Mission Concentration - Thesis Option**
(30 Credit Hours)¹¹

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
EVAN 7613	Guided Reading in Evangelism and Mission 1	3
EVAN 7623	Guided Reading in Evangelism and Mission 2	3
EVAN 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
EVAN (elective)	Evangelism and Mission elective	3
EVAN (elective)	Evangelism and Mission elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
	Ministry elective	3
	Total Credit Hours = 30	

¹¹ For those with a Masters in a theological discipline or those who hold an honours undergraduate degree in the same or related field of study.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology
 Youth and Young Adult Ministry Concentration - Thesis Option**
(30 Credit Hours)¹²

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
YYAM 7613	Guided Reading in Youth and Young Adult Ministry 1	3
YYAM 7623	Guided Reading in Youth and Young Adult Ministry 2	3
YYAM 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
YYAM (elective)	Youth and Young Adult Ministry elective	3
YYAM (elective)	Youth and Young Adult Ministry elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
	Ministry elective	3
Total Credit Hours = 30		

¹² For those with a Masters in a theological discipline or those who hold an honours undergraduate degree in the same or related field of study.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology
 Leadership and Spiritual Formation Concentration - Thesis Option**
(30 Credit Hours)¹³

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
LEDR 7613	Guided Reading in Leadership	3
SPFM 7613	Guided Reading in Spiritual Formation	3
LEDR 7916, 7926 <i>or</i> SPFM 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
LEDR (elective)	Leadership elective	3
SPFM (elective)	Spiritual Formation elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
	Ministry elective	3
	Total Credit Hours = 30	

¹³ For those with a Masters in a theological discipline or those who hold an honours undergraduate degree in the same or related field of study.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology
 Discipleship Concentration – Thesis Option**
(30 Credit Hours)¹⁴

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
DISP 7613	Guided Reading in Discipleship 1	3
DISP 7623	Guided Reading in Discipleship 2	3
DISP 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
DISP (elective)	Discipleship elective	3
DISP (elective)	Discipleship elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
	Ministry elective	3
Total Credit Hours = 30		

¹⁴ For those with a Masters in a theological discipline or those who hold an honours undergraduate degree in the same or related field of study.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology
Pastoral Care and Counselling Concentration - Thesis Option**
(30 Credit Hours)¹⁵

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
PACC 7613	Guided Reading in Pastoral Care and Counselling 1	3
PACC 7623	Guided Reading in Pastoral Care and Counselling 2	3
PACC 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
PACC (elective)	Pastoral Care and Counselling elective	3
PACC (elective)	Pastoral Care and Counselling elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
	Ministry elective	3
	Total Credit Hours = 30	

¹⁵ For those with a Masters in a theological discipline or those who hold an honours undergraduate degree in the same or related field of study.

Master of Arts without specialization (30 credit hours)¹⁶

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Biblical Studies		
BIBL elective	Elective	3
BIBL elective	Elective	3
Christian Thought		
THEO, CHUR, or BAPT elective	Elective	3
THEO, CHUR, or BAPT elective	Elective	3
Ministry Electives		
Elective	Ministry elective	3
Elective	Ministry elective	3
Elective	Ministry elective	3
Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Electives		
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
Total Credit Hours = 30		

¹⁶ For those with a Masters in a theological discipline.

Curriculum Changes to Graduate Programs for 2012-2013
Submitted by Research and Graduate Studies

MSc in Computer Science

- Course Requirement Deletion

COMP 5923 Research Methods is being removed as a requirement

Reason for requesting this deletion: Beginning in 2012, we will have insufficient human resources to offer this course. The material (literature survey, thesis writing, empirical studies) will be provided on a best effort basis as part of the weekly seminar series in computer science.

Current Calendar wording:

Curriculum

1. COMP 5923 (Research Methods)
2. Three lecture courses (9h) chosen from at least two of the following three areas: theory (COMP 5013, 5023, 5033), applications (5113, 5123, 5133), and systems (5213, 5223, 5233).
3. COMP 5913 (Readings in Computer Science), or another lecture course, or a cross-listed course.
4. COMP 5960 (Thesis)

Proposed new Calendar wording:

Curriculum

1. Three lecture courses (9h) chosen from at least two of the following three areas: theory (COMP 5013, 5023, 5033), applications (5113, 5123, 5133), and systems (5213, 5223, 5233).
2. COMP 5913 (Readings in Computer Science), or another lecture course, or a cross-listed course.
3. COMP 5960 (Thesis)

MSc in Clinical Psychology

- Change in Calendar Description & Change in Prerequisite

Current Calendar wording:

PSYC 5113 Research Design & Statistics 1

The primary focus of this course is an examination of applications of simple and multiple regression in psychological research using a model-comparison approach. The principles of statistical inference and problems in designing research and interpreting results are studied within this context. Student assignments provide practice in using several statistical packages.

PSYC 5123 Research Design and Statistics 2

In this course the model-comparison approach used in PSYC 5113 is extended to analysis of variance and analysis of covariance. Students learn to test if the assumptions of their models are met by their data, and learn to use alternate analysis techniques, including nonparametric statistics, to answer research questions in psychology. Prereq: PSYC 5113.

Proposed new Calendar wording:

PSYC 5113 Research Design and Statistics 1

PSYC 5123 Research Design and Statistics 2 Prereq: PSYC 5113 or permission of the Department.

This course will cover univariate and multivariate statistical procedures used in psychology. Emphasis is placed on the general linear model and how to apply the model as a function of data type, experiment design, and hypothesis testing strategy. Opportunities to apply concepts taught in lectures will be provided through regular assignments.

Reason for modification: The current course descriptions suggest that the first half of the course focuses on regression, while the second focuses on analysis of variance (ANOVA). Recently, the dept has moved from having one instructor teach both half-courses to two instructors, each teaching one half-course. The course is being divided up into a regression half and an ANOVA half; however, it would be good to have the flexibility to cover those two topics in either order, depending on the instructors' other teaching responsibilities. Having a single generic description for both courses gives us that flexibility. In years when the course organization is simple-to-complex, 5113 will be a strict pre-requisite for 5123. In years when the organization is to divide up the course into regression and ANOVA halves, the pre-requisite of 5113 could conceivably be waived, with departmental permission, as the second half of the course does not build as directly on the first half.

MA in Political Science

- Program Modification

The proposed changes are intended to offer greater clarification and structure in course selection for MA students in the Political Science Program.

Reason for requesting this modification: Currently, MA students must take the Master's Colloquium (POLS 5193) plus any five (5) seminar courses. Moreover, there are no guidelines regarding the number of independent reading courses a student may take. The guiding principle of our program is that students take a broad range of seminar courses from the four subfields (Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory) so that their coursework gives them comprehensive training in Political Science as a discipline. However, the vagueness of the program requirements allows students to specialize very narrowly in one or two fields, which contradicts the goal of the coursework component of the program. The proposed changes are intended to give more structure to the course requirements in order to ensure that Master's students receive a more comprehensive disciplinary training.

Current Calendar wording:

Program Requirements

1. Courses: POLS 5193 (Master's Colloquium), and five courses from POLS 5043, 5103, 5183, 5193, 5203, 5243, 5283, 5293, 5303, 5343, 5383, 5403, 5443, 5483, 5543, 5603, 5693, 5743, 5783, 5803, 5883, 5893, 5983, and IDST 5186. Students may also take a course from a cognate department, subject to departmental approval.
2. Thesis: POLS 5960. The thesis may not exceed 40,000 words in length except with the permission of the department. The department encourages students to complete and successfully defend the thesis within 8 months after the completion of course work.

Proposed new Calendar wording:

1. Courses: POLS 5193 (Master's Colloquium) and five additional courses. Of these five:

- a) Students must take at least one course in three of the four subfields
 - i. Canadian Politics: POLS 5103, 5203, 5303, 5403, 5603, 5803
 - ii. Comparative Politics: POLS 5193, 5293, 5693, 5893
 - iii. International Relations: POLS 5183, 5283, 5383, 5483*, 5783*, 5883*, 5983*, IDST 5186
 - iv. Political Theory: POLS 5043, 5243, 5343, 5443, 5743(*POLS 5483, 5783, and 5883 can be counted as International Relations or Political Theory, but not both. In some years, POLS 5983 may count as Comparative Politics.)

- b) Students may take one MA-level directed readings course from a faculty member in any department or one MA-level course from a cognate department, subject to the approval of that faculty member and the graduate coordinator.

2. Thesis: POLS 5960. The thesis may not exceed 40,000 words in length except with the permission of the department. The department encourages students to complete and successfully defend the thesis within 4 months after the completion of course work. (Note to committee: the current program requirements say "8 months after completion..." even though ours is only a 12 month program.)

- Changes in Calendar Descriptions (8 in total):

#1.

Current Calendar Description

POLS 5103 CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 1

Proposed new Calendar Description

POLS 5103 CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 1

Special topics course in Canadian government and politics.

#2.

Current Calendar Description

POLS 5183 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 1

Proposed new Calendar Description

POLS 5183 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 1

Special topics course in International Relations.

#3.

Current Calendar Description

POLS 5193 COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT 1

Proposed new Calendar Description

POLS 5193 COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT 1

Special topics course in comparative government and politics.

#4.

Current Calendar Description
POLS 5203 POLITICS IN THE MARITIMES

Proposed new Calendar Description
POLS 5203 POLITICS IN THE MARITIMES

An exploration of political changes in Maritime Canada. Particular attention is paid to regional political cultures, electoral styles, party politics, leadership, federalism, Maritime Union, and public policy.

#5.

Current Calendar Description
POLS 5283 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Proposed new Calendar Description
POLS 5283 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

This seminar course explores the role of IOs in global politics. It considers their historical origins and evolution, the political, economic, and social forces that impact their operations, and their effectiveness.

#6.

Current Calendar Description
POLS 5303 APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF CANADIAN POLITICS

Proposed new Calendar Description
POLS 5303 APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF CANADIAN POLITICS

This course critically examines theoretical and methodological approaches to issues prominent in the literature on Canadian politics and government. We explore the theoretical and methodological assumptions and policy implications of issues including the role and nature of the Canadian state, national and sub-national political cultures, party competition, and elites.

#7.

Current Calendar Description
POLS 5383 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2

Proposed new Calendar Description
POLS 5383 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2

This course explores the key theories of international relations and world politics. Readings will be selected from classic and contemporary writers.

#8.

Current Calendar Description
POLS 5743 POLITICAL ECONOMY

Proposed new Calendar Description

POLS 5743 POLITICAL ECONOMY

A survey of theories and models which have sought to explain the interrelationships among the state, the society, and the economy of a country, and the relationship between political power and economic and social (under)development in the context of globalization.

Reasons for requesting these 8 modifications: There is currently no course description in the graduate calendar.

- Calendar Description and Course Title Change

Current Course Title and Description

POLS 5543 POLITICAL INQUIRY

Proposed new Course Title and Description

POLS 5543 Directed Readings: Special Topics

Directed readings by MA students under the supervision of an individual faculty member.

Reason for requesting this modification: We currently use POLS 5543 (Political Inquiry) as our directed readings course number. This change is to make the title more appropriate and to create a course description.