



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
CHANGE REQUEST REPORT

Change Request Tracking Number: 2026-SOC-9235
Title of Change Request: New Concentration – HBASC INTD with
Concentration in Social Determinants of
Health
Status of Change Request: In Workflow
Change Request can't be split

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1.	New Program	Honours Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (Interdisciplinary Studies Major with Concentration in Social Determinants of Health)
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CHANGE REQUEST HISTORY

Workflow Stage	Action Type	Action Taken By	Change Made	Action Rationale	Date
Initiator	Approved	Ryan McVeigh	No	Submitted to workflow	06/01/2026, 10:00 AM
Submission Review (Deputy Provost)	Approved	Deputy Provost	No	In correct workflow	08/11/2026, 10:02 AM
Advisory Panel Review	Approved	Deputy Provost	Yes	Reviewed by Advisory; budget added. Ready for further review.	09/16/2026, 12:47 PM
Dean and Faculty Council Review Stage	Approved	Susan Viitala	No	Approved at the SS&H Faculty Council meeting on Friday, September 18, 2026.	09/18/2026, 02:10 PM
Additional Dean-Health and Behavioural Sciences	Relegated	Mirella Stroink	No	This was discussed by FHBS Chairs and Directors. Feedback was provided by email to the SSH Dean.	10/15/2026, 04:26 PM

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AUDIT TRAIL

None.

CHANGE REQUEST COMMENTS

None.

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DEGREE DETAILS**CONCENTRATION, SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM FORM**

NOTE TO USER about Quality Assurance requirements

Visit this link to learn about the proposal requirements and the process for review and approval for a new Major Concentration or Specialization

The following is information that will be displayed in the University Calendar:

Location:

- Orillia Campus

Title of Program: Honours Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (Interdisciplinary Studies Major with Concentration in Social Determinants of Health)

Program Requirements:**Four Year program**

An overall 70% average through each year is required in the Interdisciplinary Studies Major, in any additional elective Interdisciplinary Studies courses taken, and in any additional elective courses taken in the first and second disciplines. The Interdisciplinary Studies Major consists of 13 FCEs: three (3) FCEs of Interdisciplinary Studies courses, five (5) FCEs in the first discipline, and five (5) FCEs in the second discipline. An average of 70% in courses from the Social Determinants of Health concentration is also required.

Note 1:

In addition to INTD 1015, 3015, and either 4825 or 4901, students must complete INTD 2010, INTD 2030, five (5) full-course equivalents (FCEs) in one discipline and five (5) FCEs in a second discipline. The concentration consists of five (5) FCEs: the two (2) FCEs of INTD 1015, 3015, and either 4825 or 4901 and three (3) FCEs beyond first year (including one (1) FCE at third or fourth year) chosen from the Social Determinants of Health Concentration Course List, ensuring representation from at least two disciplines (normally the two disciplines noted above, although electives may also be included).

Note 2:

The Social Determinants of Health Concentration is recommended for students in the HBASc Interdisciplinary Studies Major who are taking disciplinary courses in Biology, Gender and Women's Studies, Psychology, or Sociology. Students should ensure they have the appropriate prerequisites for upper-year disciplinary courses.

Note 3:

Courses used towards the Entrepreneurship disciplinary area must be selected from the following list: BUSI 1311, BUSI 1312, BUSI 2312, BUSI 2314, BUSI 2315, BUSI 2319, BUSI 3355, BUSI 3358, BUSI 4335, and BUSI 4336. Students completing Entrepreneurship as one of their disciplines must take MATH 0210 or MATH 0212 as their core disciplinary course before starting the second year Business courses (see Note 5).

Note 4:

By the end of four years (20 FCEs), at least three FCEs must be Type A (Humanities) or Type B (Social Sciences) courses; at least three FCEs must be Type C (Engineering, Mathematical and Natural Sciences) or Type D (Health and Behavioural Sciences) courses; and at least one-half FCE must be Type E courses. The Indigenous Content Requirement is being met by the inclusion of 0.5 FCE chosen from the list of Type E courses taken as an elective in any year of the program.

First Year

- a) Interdisciplinary Studies 1015
- b) One FCE in first discipline
- c) One FCE in second discipline
- d) One-and-one-half FCEs of electives (Note the Type A, B, C, D, and E courses requirement.)
- e) One FCE elective at first-year level

Second Year

- a) Interdisciplinary Studies 2010
- b) Interdisciplinary Studies 2030
- c) One FCE in first discipline at second year level
- d) One FCE in second discipline at second year level
- e) Two FCEs elective (Note the Type A, B, C, D, and E courses requirement.)

Note: One FCE should be chosen from the Social Determinants of Health Concentration Course List from at least two disciplines.

Third Year

- a) Interdisciplinary Studies 3015
- b) One FCE in first discipline at second year level or above
- c) One-half FCE in first discipline at third or fourth year level
- d) One FCE in second discipline at second year level or above
- e) One-half FCE in second discipline at third or fourth year level
- f) One and one-half FCE electives (Note the Type A, B, C, D, and E courses requirement.)

Note: One FCE should be chosen from the Social Determinants of Health Concentration Course List.

Fourth year

- a) Interdisciplinary Studies 4825 or 4901
- b) One and one-half FCE in first discipline at third or fourth year level
- c) One and one-half FCE in second discipline at third or fourth year level
- d) One FCE electives at second year level or above

Note: One FCE should be chosen from the Social Determinants of Health Concentration Course List at the third- or fourth-year level.

Social Determinants of Health Concentration Course List

Anthropology 3312, 3715, 4219

Biology 1050, 1051, 2030, 2171, 2711, 2910, 3135, 3252, 3272, 4010, 4372

Gender and Women's Studies 1100, 2012, 2501, 2810, 3033, 3053, 3055, 3115, 3215, 3612, 4214, 4355

History 3731, 3732, 4705

Indigenous Learning 1314, 2011, 2713, 3011, 3315, 3612, 3711, 4011, 4016

Philosophy 2511, 3011

Psychology 2011, 2013, 2016, 2059, 2211, 3010, 3013, 3017, 3018, 3019, 3114, 3115, 3715, 4013, 4014, 4019, 4032, 4033, 4059, 4151, 4212, 4711

Sociology 2012, 2110, 2501, 2509, 3111, 3112, 3114, 3115, 3513, 3515, 3613, 4114, 4551

Four-year Non-Direct Entry program option

Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (Interdisciplinary Studies Major with Concentration in Social Determinants of Health) 4-year

This program option is for Honours students that are academically ineligible to continue in or complete the Honours program. The program requirements are the same as for the Honours BASc degree with Concentration in Social Determinants of Health, except that to successfully complete the four-year bachelor's degree, an overall 60% average through each year is required in the Interdisciplinary Studies Major, any additional elective Interdisciplinary Studies courses taken, and any additional elective courses taken in the first and second disciplines. The Interdisciplinary Studies Major consists of 13 FCEs: three (3) FCEs of Interdisciplinary Studies courses, five (5) FCEs in the first discipline, and five (5) FCEs in the second discipline. An average of 60% in courses from the Social Determinants of Health concentration is also required.

The following is information for Committee Review:

Program Code (Contact Manager of Curriculum Development for New Code): TBD--SDH

Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar: 2027-28

Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?: No Specified End Date

Faculty or Institution Unit: • Lakehead University

Academic Level: Undergraduate

Total number of credits for the degree: 20.00

Transcript Title : Honours BASc (Interdisciplinary Studies Major with Concentration in Social Determinants of Health)

Degree Type: HBASC

Title of Major:

A proposal (1-5 pages) is required for the submission of a proposed new Major Concentration Yes

(see link above for more information). Is the program proposal attached?:

Pedagogical rationale for this proposal. Why are you submitting this request?:

This concentration would group a wide array of existing courses related to health—across three different faculties—into a comprehensive degree offering. It would be the first of its kind on the Orillia campus and within the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. The creation of this concentration is in response to meetings with industry executives in Orillia and Barrie, all of whom called out the need for "social determinants of health" education and training in the health sector. In addition, preliminary market analysis from the Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis outlined labour opportunities for graduates in health-related programs, specifically in policy and research. Finally, with the plans to relocate Orillia's Soldiers' Memorial Hospital next to Lakehead's Orillia campus, we expect additional internship, research, and employment opportunities in the coming years for students with relevant expertise. No health-related programming exists currently in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. The proposed concentration in the social determinants of health would capitalize on this potential and provide a new enrolment stream for Lakehead.

The following is information for Senate Budget Committee Consideration:

NOTE: Complete each section and provide full explanations for both "yes" and "no" answers. This will not be displayed in the calendar but will be used by the Senate Budget Committee when considering approval of this proposal. The creator of this proposal may be asked to attend a committee meeting to discuss this proposal. Contact the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee if you wish to discuss any of the questions below.

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program within the same faculty/unit?:

No. Given the uniqueness of the concentration topic and the fact that no health-related degree options exist in Orillia, or within the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, we do not anticipate this program will impact enrolment in other programs within the same faculty or unit.

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program in a different faculty/unit?:

No. We do not anticipate the proposed concentration will impact student enrolment in other faculties or units. Instead, a social determinants of health concentration would support and dovetail with other health-related programming.

Will additional resources be required (space, staff, equipment, etc.)?:

No, the proposed concentration will not require additional resources.

How will this impact existing teaching loads within this faculty/unit?:

The proposed concentration will not impact existing teaching loads within the faculty or unit. It will provide a new source of enrolment into existing courses and support a number of programs.

What is the impact on the demand for teaching support services (library, computers, staff, etc.)?:

The proposed concentration will not impact teaching support services.

**Will this require outside
support? If yes, please
outline the amount and
timing of the funding:**

No, the proposed concentration will not require outside support.