

# Lakehead University Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

## REQUEST REPORT

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Туре		Title	
1.	New Version of a Degree	Honours BASc (Interdisciplinary Studies Major) College Pathways Program	

# **Request History**

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## **Notes**

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## **Degree Details**

CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
HBASC.TRF - Honours BASc (Interdisciplinary Studies Major) College Pathways Program Start Term: 2015-16 End Term: No Specified End Date	HBASC.TRF - Honours BASc (Interdisciplinary Studies Major) College Pathways Program Start Term: 2015/2016-1617 End Term: No Specified End Date

Required Information	
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Institution Unit Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities	Institution Unit Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Degree Type HBASC	Degree Type HBASC
Major	Major
Minor	Minor
Specialization	Specialization

#### Rationale

There are three changes being made to this program, all of them are either budget neutral or save money: changing 4th year inquiry from 2 half-credit courses to one full-year course, adding CRIM 2090 as a methods class, and changing the area requirements to bring them in line with the new Senate-mandated course classification scheme. 1) The proposed course, INTD 4XXX is replacing the INTD 4010 and 4030 sequence of courses. In the present sequence of courses, students develop a research project in INTD 4010 and carrying out in INTD 4030. Because multiple sections of these two courses are offered with different instructors, student can and often do develop a research project under the supervision of one instructor in INTD 4010 and attempt to complete the project with a different instructor in INTD 4030. When this happens students are often asked to redevelop their research projects to align them with the different expertise of the INTD 4030 instructor. This is a frustrating experience for students. We, therefore, propose to replace INTD 4010 and INTD 4030 with a single year-long course, INTD 4XXX. This would not only ensure that the same instructor oversees the project from development to completion, but it would also enforce a consistent timetabling of

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some new Inquiry classes (INTD, see 2015-soc-5323, 2015-soc-5324) as part of our proposed concentrations and we are treating these as suitable alternatives to the existing INTD requirements, we have changed the wording of the relevant requirements to accommodate this.

#### Requirements

Two Year program

Graduates from any four-semester (2-year) General Arts and Science Diploma or Liberal Arts Diploma college program in Ontario, with a 70% cumulative average or higher, may be admitted to the Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science (HBASc) (Interdisciplinary Studies Major) College Pathways program. To receive the full 8 FCEs of block transfer, reducing the remaining requirements to 12 FCEs, students must have completed the following courses as part of their college program:

- at least two one-semester courses of math, science, geography, or introductory psychology;
- at least one one-semester course in Inquiry methods or Senior Academic Research (see Lakehead University Admissions website for list of acceptable college courses);
- at least two one-semester college courses of advanced academic content (see Lakehead University Admissions website for list of acceptable college courses);
- at least two introductory one-semester college courses in two (2) of the following areas: Anthropology, Biology, English Literature, Geography, General Science, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology (see Lakehead University Admissions website for list of acceptable college courses).

Students lacking such courses will be required to take them at Lakehead University in addition to the courses listed below.

This program requires completion of two areas of specialization. A faculty advisor should be consulted regarding course selection. Applicants who have taken more than the minimum advanced level or second year university courses as part of their college programs may be eligible to receive up to two FCEs of advanced standing toward requirements below.

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#### NOTES:

- 1. By the end of the HBASc (Interdisciplinary Studies) College Pathways program, at least two (2) FCEs must be Type C or D courses.
- 2. As part of the program, students must complete one of the following methodological courses: Anthropology 2517, Biology 2910, Criminology 2090, English 2903, Environmental Sustainability 2033, Geography 2251, Geography 2271, Mathematics 2310, Media Studies 2230, Philosophy 2413, Political Science 2555, Psychology 2101, Sociology 2911.

First Year (Spring/Summer)

- (a) One FCE in first area of specialization at second year level chosen in consultation with an academic advisor
- (b) One FCE in second area of specialization at second year level chosen in consultation with an academic advisor

## First Year (Fall/Winter)

(a) Interdisciplinary Studies 3010

- (b) One FCE in first area of specialization at second year level
- (c) One FCE in second area of specialization at second year level
- (d) One FCE in first area of specialization at third or fourth year level
- (e) One FCE in second area of specialization at third or fourth year level
- (f) One half-course elective at second or third year level (Type C or D courses recommended)

Second Year (Fall/Winter)

- (a) Interdisciplinary Studies 4801 or Interdisciplinary Studies 4901
- (b) One FCE in first area of specialization at third or fourth year level
- (c) Oné FCE in second area of specialization at third or fourth year level
- (d) Two FCE electives at second, third, or fourth year level (Type C or D courses recommended)

(Interdisciplinary Studies) College Pathways Program.

NOTES:

Note 1:

All students will satisfactorily complete two Interdisciplinary Studies courses: one-half (0.5) full course equivalents (FCE) at third-year level and one (1) FCE at fourth-year level.

Note 2:

Students must complete four (4) full-course equivalents (FCEs) in one discipline and four (4) FCEs in a second discipline: two (2) FCEs each at the second-year level and two (2) FCEs each at the third or fourth year level. Eligible disciplines are Anthropology, Biology, Criminology, English, Environmental Studies, General Science (as defined as a "Teachable" by the Faculty of Education)</a>, Geography, History, Media Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, or permission of the chair. A course may only count as one discipline.

Note 3:

By the end of the HBASc (Interdisciplinary Studies) College Pathways program, at least two (2) FCEs must be Type C (Engineering, Mathematical and Natural Sciences) or Type D (Health and Behavioural Sciences) courses. 2.; and at least one-half (0.5) FCE must be Type E courses. The Indigenous Content Requirement is being met by the inclusion of one-half FCE chosen from the list of Type E courses taken as an elective in any year of the program.

Note 4:

As part of the program, all students must complete one of the following methodological courses: Anthropology 2517, Biology 2910, Criminology 2090, English </a>-29032913, Environmental Sustainability 2033, Geography 2251, Geography 2271, Mathematics 2310, Media Studies 2230, Philosophy 2413, Political Science 2555, Psychology 2101, Sociology 2911.

## First Year (Spring/Summer)

- (a) One FCE in first area of specialization discipline at second year level chosen in consultation with an academic advisor
- (b) One FCE in second area of specialization discipline at second year level chosen in consultation with an academic advisor

#### First Year (Fall/Winter)

- (a) One-half FCE in third year Interdisciplinary
- Studies </a> > 3010(INTD)
  (b) One FCE in first area of specialization discipline at second year level
- (c) One FCE in second area of specialization discipline at second year level
- (d) One FCE in first area of specialization discipline at third or fourth year level
- (e) One FCE in second area of specialization discipline at third or fourth year level
- (f) One half-course elective at second or third year level (Type C, D or D courses recommended)

#### Second Year (Fall/Winter)

- (a) One FCE in fourth year Interdisciplinary Studies ciplinary Studies 4901((INTD)
- (b) One FCE in first area of specialization discipline at third or fourth year level
- (c) One FCE in second area of specialization discipline at third or fourth year level
- (d) Two FCE electives at second, third, or fourth year level (Type C, D or D courses recommended)

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Budgetary Considerations		
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION	
Student Enrolment	Student Enrolment	
No	No	
Student Enrolment Other Units No	Student Enrolment Other Units No	
Additional Resources	Additional Resources	
No	No	
<b>Teaching Loads</b>	Teaching Loads	
No	No	
<b>TeachingSupport Services</b> No	TeachingSupport Services No	
Outside Support	Outside Support	
No	No	