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Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

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| 1. New Version of a Course | Capstone Research in Interdisciplinary Studies |

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| 1. | New Version of a Course | Interdisciplinary Studies 4801 - Capstone Research in Interdisciplinary Studies |
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Course Details

| CURRENT VERSION | PROPOSED VERSION |
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| Interdisciplinary Studies 4801 - Honours Project Start Term: 2015-16 End Term: No Specified End Date | Interdisciplinary Studies 4801 - Honours-Project <i>Capstone Research in Interdisciplinary Studies</i> Start Term: 2015 2016-16 17 End Term: No Specified End Date |

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| CURRENT VERSION | PROPOSED VERSION |
| Code Interdisciplinary Studies 4801 | Code Interdisciplinary Studies 4801 |
| Title Honours Project | Title Honours-Project <i>Capstone Research in Interdisciplinary Studies</i> |
| Description Through a combination of seminars and independent research, students will develop and carry out a focused multi-and/or interdisciplinary research project. A written report and oral presentation will be required. | Description Through a combination of seminars and independent research, students will develop and carry out a focused multi-and/or interdisciplinary research project. A written report and oral presentation will be required. <i>Students will engage advanced theoretical concepts and employ interdisciplinary research methodologies in a selected topic. Topics covered will vary according to the research expertise of the course instructor or instructors. Student assessments may include intensive reading and discussion seminars, individual research projects, and group research exercises.</i> |
| End Term No Specified End Date | End Term No Specified End Date |
| Institution Lakehead University | Institution Lakehead University |
| Faculty Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities | Faculty Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities |
| CreditWeight 1.0 | CreditWeight 1.0 |
| Rationale INTD 4010 and 4030 are a continuous sequence of courses with students developing 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 | Rationale INTD 4010 and 4030 are a continuous sequence of courses with students developing 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 |

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| <p>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 merge INTD 4010 and INTD 4030 into a single year-long course. 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 the course. With the present division into two courses, students often have to alter their schedule from one term to the next in order to stick with the same instructor. It is precisely due to these timetabling inconsistencies that students are forced to start with one instructor's section of INTD 4010 and then switch to a different instructor's section of INTD 4030. Scheduling sections of a yearlong course would solve this problem. Finally, we have informally been following a practice of staffing one sequence of INTD 4010 / INTD 4030 with a natural scientist who would be better qualified to supervise students interested in developing a more scientific research project. However, students' section selections with respect to the scientific and non-scientific sections has primarily been haphazard based on word of mouth about which section(s) would have a more scientific focus. We, therefore, propose to make the new yearlong course replacing the INTD 4010 / INTD 4030 sequence a special topics course so that we can timetable the focus of each section making section selection more transparent for students. Note: Corresponding changes are made to the BASC and HBASC degrees to reflect these changes. These program changes are not essential because the</p> | <p>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 merge INTD 4010 and INTD 4030 into a single year-long course. 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 the course. With the present division into two courses, students often have to alter their schedule from one term to the next in order to stick with the same instructor. It is precisely due to these timetabling inconsistencies that students are forced to start with one instructor's section of INTD 4010 and then switch to a different instructor's section of INTD 4030. Scheduling sections of a yearlong course would solve this problem. Finally, we have informally been following a practice of staffing one sequence of INTD 4010 / INTD 4030 with a natural scientist who would be better qualified to supervise students interested in developing a more scientific research project. However, students' section selections with respect to the scientific and non-scientific sections has primarily been haphazard based on word of mouth about which section(s) would have a more scientific focus. We, therefore, propose to make the new yearlong course replacing the INTD 4010 / INTD 4030 sequence a special topics course so that we can timetable the focus of each section making section selection more transparent for students. Note: Corresponding changes are made to the BASC and HBASC degrees to reflect these changes. These program changes are not essential because the</p> <p><i>We are introducing four new Inquiry courses (INTD 30aa, 30xx, 30yy, and 30zz, see 2015-soc-5324) in support of our proposed new concentrations (see 2015-soc-5321). These courses are suitable alternatives for INTD 3010. The only difference between each of them is their specific topic (INTD 3010 is a special topics course), so any of these courses will be suitable prerequisites for INTD 4801. Additionally, we are introducing four new 4th-year Inquiry courses (INTD 48aa, 48xx, 48yy, and 48zz, see 2015-soc-5323). We are also changing the title and course description of INTD 4801 to align it with these new courses.</i></p> |
| <p>Required or Elective Required</p> | <p>Required or Elective Required</p> |
| <p>Cross List</p> | <p>Cross List</p> |
| <p>Offering 3-0, 3-0</p> | <p>Offering 3-0, 3-0</p> |
| <p>Prerequisites Interdisciplinary Studies 3010 or permission of the Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies</p> | <p>Prerequisites Interdisciplinary Studies</p> <p><i>INTD 3010 or INTD 30aa or INTD 30xx or INTD 30yy or INTD 30zz or permission of the Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies</i></p> |

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| Corequisites | Corequisites |
| Notes Restricted to HBASc students. Students who have previous credit in Interdisciplinary Studies 4010 and 4030 may not take Interdisciplinary Studies 4801 for credit. | Notes Restricted to HBASc students. Students who have previous credit in Interdisciplinary Studies 4010 and 4030 may not take Interdisciplinary Studies 4801 for credit. |
| SpecialTopicDropdown | SpecialTopicDropdown |
| GradeSchemePF | GradeSchemePF |
| EffectonEnrolmentINIT no | EffectonEnrolmentINIT no |
| EffectonEnrolmentOTHER no | EffectonEnrolmentOTHER no |
| AdditionalTeachingSpace no | AdditionalTeachingSpace no |
| EffectonTeachingLoads n/a | EffectonTeachingLoads n/a |
| EffectonServices no | EffectonServices no |
| DirectinkindSupport no | DirectinkindSupport no |