



Lakehead University
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

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1.	New Version of a Degree	BASC - BASc (Interdisciplinary Studies Major)
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Degree Details

CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
BASC - BASc (Interdisciplinary Studies Major) Start Term: 2015-16 End Term: No Specified End Date	BASC - BASc (Interdisciplinary Studies Major) Start Term: 2015 2016-1617 End Term: No Specified End Date

<u>Required Information</u>	
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Institution Unit Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities	Institution Unit Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Degree Type BASC	Degree Type BASC
Major INTE	Major INTE
Minor	Minor
Specialization	Specialization
Rationale <p>There are two changes being made to this program, both of them are either budget neutral or save money: 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 Criminology 2090 course is clearly a methodology course. Although the course is restricted to students who have taken first year Criminology prerequisites and therefore might not make the course available to general interest students, it is necessary to include the course in the list of methodology options so as to enable students who are switching out of the Criminology Major to be able to count it toward their Interdisciplinary Studies requirement. 2) In May 2014, Senate passed a motion for all departments to classify their open undergraduate courses according to a new A, B, C, D classification scheme. Although not specifically mandated by this motion, it was anticipated that programs with breadth requirements would adopt this new classification scheme in redefining their breadth requirements. The BASC degree in Interdisciplinary Studies has such breadth requirements. Students are required to take 3 FCEs in Area I (social sciences and humanities), 3 FCEs in Area II (natural sciences and other NSERC funded fields), and they were forbidden from specializing in or taking more than 2</p>	Rationale <p>There are two <i>several</i> changes being made to this program <i>the degree</i>, both <i>most</i> of them <i>which</i> are either budget neutral or save money: 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 Criminology 2090 course is clearly a methodology course. Although the course is restricted to students who have taken first year Criminology prerequisites and therefore might not make the course available to general interest students, it is necessary to include the course in the list of methodology options so as to enable students who are switching out of the Criminology Major to be able to count it toward their Interdisciplinary Studies requirement. 2) In May 2014, Senate passed a motion for all departments to classify their open undergraduate courses according to a new A, B, C, D classification scheme. Although not specifically mandated by this motion, it was anticipated that programs with breadth requirements would adopt this new classification scheme in redefining their breadth requirements. The BASC degree in Interdisciplinary Studies has such breadth requirements. Students are required to take 3 FCEs in Area I (social sciences and humanities), 3 FCEs in Area II (natural sciences and other NSERC funded fields), and they were</p>

<p>FCEs in Area III (professional and other applied fields). We aim to align our breadth requirements with the new classification scheme in the following way: Area I will be dropped and replaced with Type A (humanities) and Type B (social sciences) courses and Area II will be dropped and replaced with Type C (natural sciences) and Type D (health and behavioural sciences) courses. Because the Senate proposal exhaustively classifies all courses as Type A, B, C, or D, this excludes the possibility of any Area III equivalent in the new system. We, therefore, propose to eliminate Area III and all the restrictions previously placed on Area III.</p>	<p>forbidden from specializing in or taking more than 2 FCEs in Area III (professional and other applied fields). We aim to align our breadth requirements with the new classification scheme in the following way: Area I will be dropped and replaced with Type A (humanities) and Type B (social sciences) courses and Area II will be dropped and replaced with Type C (natural sciences) and Type D (health and behavioural sciences) courses. Because the Senate proposal exhaustively classifies all courses as Type A, B, C, or D, this excludes the possibility of any Area III equivalent in the new system. We, therefore, propose to eliminate Area III and all the restrictions previously placed on Area IIIsmall or housekeeping measures. First, we now define the major at the beginning of the calendar entry. We now define the major as the student's discipline and the INTD courses. Previously the major was not specified and the student's cumulative average was used as the major average. Second, we have moved some of the department regulations into the description of the degree itself in the notes. Notes 1-3 in particular are impacted by this shift of regulations from the departmental regulations to the degree requirements. These changes were made to make the regulations more transparent / accessible to students. In an effort to make things more transparent, we have indicated explicitly what disciplines they may choose from for their degree (note 2). Beyond the changes to the notes, we are eliminating the use of the term "specialization" from our degrees and replacing it with the term "discipline" to make the wording consistent with the new Senate approved calendar definitions. This change does not alter the structure of the degree or its learning outcomes. Next, in accord with the Senate approved ICR we have added a note to the calendar entry (#3) informing students that they need to complete 0.5 FCE of a Type E course. This is part of the note flagging breadth requirements to students. One small change is that English has changed ENGL 2903 (listed as one of the methods classes in Note 4) to ENGL 2913. We have changed the course listed here accordingly. Finally, because we have introduced some new Inquiry classes (INTD, see 2015-soc-5322, 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.</p>
<p>Requirements</p> <p>Three Year program</p> <p>Note 1: By the end of three years (15 FCEs), at least three (3) FCEs must be Type A or B courses and at least three (3) FCEs must be Type C or D courses. See Interdisciplinary Studies Regulation #4.</p> <p>Note 2: In Second Year, BASc 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</p>	<p>Requirements</p> <p>Three Year program</p> <p><i>An overall C (60%) average in the Interdisciplinary Studies Major through each year is required. The Interdisciplinary Studies Major consists of 6 FCEs: one (1) FCE of Interdisciplinary Studies courses and five (5) FCE in discipline.</i></p> <p>Note 1:</p>

<p>2310, Media Studies 2230, Philosophy 2413, Political Science 2555, Psychology 2101, Sociology 2911</p> <p>First Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Interdisciplinary Studies 1010 (b) One FCE (full course equivalent) in area of specialization (c) Three and one-half FCE electives <p>Second Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Two FCEs in area of specialization at second-year level (b) One FCE elective at second-year level or higher (c) Two FCE electives (see Note #1 above) <p>Third Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Two FCEs in area of specialization at third or fourth-year level (b) Interdisciplinary Studies 3010 (c) One half-course elective at third or fourth-year level (d) Two FCE electives at second-year level or higher (see Note #1 above) 	<p><i>All students will satisfactorily complete two Interdisciplinary Studies courses: one-half (0.5) full course equivalents (FCE) at first-year level and one-half (0.5) FCE at third-year level.</i></p> <p><i>Note 2:</i></p> <p><i>Students must complete five (5) full-course equivalents (FCEs) in a discipline: one (1) FCE at the first-year level, two (2) FCEs at the second-year level, and two (2) FCEs 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), Geography, History, Media Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, or permission of the chair.</i></p> <p><i>Note 3:</i></p> <p>By the end of three years (15 FCEs), at least three (3) FCEs must be Type A (<i>Humanities</i>) or Type B (<i>Social Sciences</i>) courses and; at least three (3) FCEs must be Type C (<i>Engineering, Mathematical and Natural Sciences</i>) or Type D (<i>Health and Behavioural Sciences</i>) courses. See Interdisciplinary Studies Regulation #4. <i>Note 2</i>; and at least one-half (0.5) FCE must be Type E courses. <i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Note 4:</i></p> <p>In Second Year, BASc students must complete one of the following methodological courses: Anthropology 2517, Biology 2910, Criminology 2090, English 2903 <i>2913</i>, Environmental Sustainability 2033, Geography 2251, Geography 2271, Mathematics 2310, Media Studies 2230, Philosophy 2413, Political Science 2555, Psychology 2101, Sociology</p>
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First Year:

(a) *One-half FCE in first year* Interdisciplinary Studies
~~1010~~(INTD)

(b) One FCE ~~(full course equivalent) in area of specialization~~ *in discipline*

(c) Three and one-half FCE electives (*Note the Type A, B, C, D, and E courses requirement.*)

Second Year:

(a) Two FCEs in ~~area of specialization~~ *discipline* at second - year level

(b) One FCE elective at second-year level or higher

(c) Two FCE electives (~~see Note #1 above~~) *Note the Type A, B, C, D, and E courses requirement.*

	<p>Third Year:</p> <p>(a) Two FCEs in area of specialization <i>discipline</i> at third or fourth - year level</p> <p>(b) <i>One-half FCE in third year</i> Interdisciplinary Studies 3040 <i>(INTD)</i></p> <p>(c) One half-course elective at third or fourth-year level</p> <p>(d) Two FCE electives at second-year level or higher (see Note #1 above <i>Note the Type A, B, C, D, and E courses requirement.</i>)</p>
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<u>Budgetary Considerations</u>	
CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Student Enrolment No	Student Enrolment No <i>Yes, the ICR might mean that students are taking a slightly different choice of classes, but this can probably be accommodated in the future course rotations.</i>
Student Enrolment Other Units No	Student Enrolment Other Units No
Additional Resources No	Additional Resources No
Teaching Loads No	Teaching Loads No
TeachingSupport Services No	TeachingSupport Services No
Outside Support No	Outside Support No