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ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	June 7, 2013
FROM	Gordon Myers, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Faculty of Health Sciences (SCUS 13-30)		

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of June 6, 2013, SCUS approved the following curriculum revision effective Spring 2014:

- (i) Title and description change to HSCI 402



EXISTING COURSE, CHANGES RECOMMENDED

Please check appropriate revision(s):

Course number Credit Title Description Prerequisite Course deletion Learning Outcomes

Indicate number of hours for: Lecture _____ Seminar _____ Tutorial _____ Lab _____

FROM _____ TO _____
Course Subject/Number **HSCI 402** Course Subject/Number **HSCI 402 (no change)**

Credits _____ Credits _____

TITLE

(1) Long title for calendar and schedule, no more than 100 characters including spaces and punctuation.

FROM: **Substance Use & Addiction** TO: **Substance Use, Addiction and Public Health**

(2) Short title for enrollment and transcript, no more than 30 characters including spaces and punctuation.

FROM: _____ TO: _____

DESCRIPTION

FROM: This course addresses substance use and addiction within the context of public health. Major topics covered in the course include: social determinants of substance use and addiction; varieties of substance abuse and compulsive and addictive behaviors and their associated impacts on public health; economic, political and global factors influencing the conceptualization and prevalence of addiction; etiological theories of addiction; treatment approaches and intervention to reduce risks and harm; models and policies for prevention and control.

DESCRIPTION

TO: Examination of substance use and addiction focusing on alcohol and "illicit drugs" as major psychoactive use categories – within a framework of public health. Major topics covered in the course include: fundamental concepts in substance use and addiction; historical, economic, political factors influencing substance use and control, epidemiology and patterns of substance abuse in general and special risk populations, substance use related morbidity, mortality and social harms and their impacts on public health; social and environmental determinants of substance use, risks and harms, prevention, treatment and approaches and interventions and policy/control options to reduce substance use related risks and harms in the population.

PREREQUISITE

Does this course replicate the content of a previously approved course to such an extent that students should not receive credit for both courses? If so, this should be noted in the prerequisite.

FROM: _____ TO: _____

LEARNING OUTCOMES

RATIONALE

Rationale for requested changes in course title & description: Both changes are to provide improved clarity and specificity in regards to course content, focus and framework, also in order to allow for optimized student information and decision-making .

Effective term and year

SPRING 2014 _____