

MEMORANDUM

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ATTENTION Senate

Gordon Myers, Chair

Senate Committee on

Undergraduate Studies

Faculty of Science (REVISED SCUS 15-04a)

March 6, 2015

#### For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of March 5, 2015 SCUS approved the following curriculum revision effective Fall 2015.

### 1. Department of Statistics

(i) Credit change to STAT 341, 342



# EXISTING COURSE CHANGE FORM

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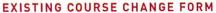
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