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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** March 8, 2022
FROM Jeff Derksen
 Chair of Senate Graduate Studies
 Committee (SGSC)
RE: Capstone Unit Standardization

For Information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of March 8th, 2022, SGSC has approved the standardization of capstone courses within their respective academic units. This change helps designate and clarify how each capstone is defended, and defines the expectations for each completion option.

The units assigned to each course corresponds with how the capstone is defended as per the GGRs.

- Thesis = 18 units (GGR 1.7.2a)
- Defended project = 10 units (GGR1.7.2b)
- Project = 6 units (GGR 1.7.2c)

Please note, the Faculty of Education uses their capstone courses across multiple programs in their academic unit. With this in mind, we have added a separate table showing the new program totals for the courses being changed.

Course	Number	Description	Current	New Unit	Current Program Units	Proposed Program Units	Program Title
ARCH	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	21	33	Archaeology, PhD
BISC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	12	24	Biological Sciences, PhD

BUS	992	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	55	75	Business Administration, PhD
CA	899	Ph.D. Thesis	15	18	35	38	Contemporary Arts, PhD
CHEM	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	-	-	Chemistry, PhD
CMNS	898	MA Thesis	10	18	-	-	Communication, MA
CMNS	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	37	49	Communication, PhD
CMPT	898	MSc Thesis	15	18	-	-	Computing Science, MSc
CMPT	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	21	33	Computing Science, PhD
CRIM	898	MA Thesis	12	18	30	36	Criminology, MA
CRIM	899	Ph.D. Thesis	12	18	39	45	Criminology, PhD
ECON	991	MA Thesis	6	18	30	40	Economics, MA
ECON	990	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	50	62	Economics, PhD
EDUC	898	MA Thesis	10	18	-	-	Education, MA
EDUC	886	MA Thesis	15	18	-	-	Education, MA
EDUC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	15	18	-	-	Education, PhD
ENGL	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	-	-	English, PhD
ENSC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	-	-	Engineering Science, PhD
FREN	898	MA Thesis	15	18	-	-	French, MA
GERO	998	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	-	-	Gerontology, PhD
GSWS	898	MA Thesis	10	18	30	38	Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, MA
GSWS	998	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	21	33	Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, PhD

HSCI	887	MSc Thesis	12	18	30	36	Health Science, MSc
HSCI	990	Ph.D. Thesis	12	18	24	30	Health Science, PhD
HUM	803	MA Thesis	10	18	30	38	Humanities, MA
IAT	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	-	-	Interactive Arts and Technology, PhD
IS	898	MA Thesis	8	18	34	46	International Studies, MA
LING	898	MA Thesis	10	18	30	38	Linguistics, MA
LING	899	Ph.D. Thesis	10	18	39	47	Linguistics, PhD
MATH	898	MSc Thesis	12	18	-	-	Mathematics, MSc
MATH	899	Ph.D. Thesis	12	18	24	30	Mathematics, PhD
MATH	898	MSc Thesis	12	18	34	40	Applied and Computational Mathematics, MSc
MATH	899	Ph.D. Thesis	12	18	20	26	Applied and Computational Mathematics, Ph.D
MBB	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	-	-	Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, PhD
MSE	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	21	33	Mechatronic Systems Engineering, PhD
PHIL	998	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	-	-	Philosophy, PhD
PHIL	898	MA Thesis	11	18	39	41	Philosophy, MA
POL	898	MA Thesis	6	18	31	43	Political Science, MA
POL	899	Ph.D. Thesis	6	18	-	-	Political Science, PhD
PSYC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	12	18	-	-	Psychology, PhD

PSYC	898	MA Thesis	12	18	-	-	Psychology, MA
SA	898	MA Thesis	10	18	30	38	Sociology, MA
SA	899	Ph.D. Thesis	10	18	26	34	Sociology, PhD
BISC	656	Master of Et Project	6	10	38	42	Environmental Toxicology, Master of Environmental Toxicology
CMPT	897	M.Sc. Project	6	10	-	-	Computer Science, MSc
ECON	999	M.A. Project	6	10	-	-	Economics, MA
EDUC	881	Project	5	6	35	36	Education Individual Program, MEd
ENGL	882	MA Project	4	6	-	-	English, MA
ENGL	891	MA Paper/Project	4	6	36	38	English, Master of Arts for Teachers of English
GERO	898	MA Project	6	10	38	42	Gerontology, MA
POL	892	Research Project	6	10	36	40	Political Science, MA
REM	699	Research Project	6	10	57	61	Resource and Environmental Management, Master of Resource Management
STAT	898	MSc Project	6	10	30	34	Statistics, MSc

Education Program Totals

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EDUC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	15	18	36	39	Educational Theory and Practice, PhD
EDUC	898	MA Thesis	10	18	35	43	Arts Education, MA
EDUC	898	MA Thesis	10	18	44	52	Counselling Psychology, MA
EDUC	898	MA Thesis	10	18	35	43	Education Individual Program, MA
EDUC	881	Project	5	6	35	36	Education Individual Program, MEd
EDUC	898	MA Thesis	10	18	30	38	Educational Leadership, MA
EDUC	886	MA Thesis	15	18	30	33	Educational Psychology, MA
EDUC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	15	18	40	43	Educational Psychology, PhD
EDUC	898	MA Thesis	10	18	34	42	Educational Technology and Learning Design, MA
EDUC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	15	18	40	43	Educational Technology and Learning Design, PhD

EDUC	898	Master's Thesis	10	18	38	46	Secondary Mathematics Education, MSc
EDUC	898	MA Thesis	10	18	35	43	TEAL - Teaching English as an Additional Language (TESL/TEFL), MA
EDUC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	15	18	41	44	Arts Education, PhD
EDUC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	15	18	45	48	EdD
EDUC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	15	18	36	39	Educational Theory and Practice, PhD
EDUC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	15	18	38	41	Languages, Cultures and Literacies, PhD
EDUC	899	Ph.D. Thesis	15	18	40	43	Mathematics Education, PhD