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**MEMORANDUM**

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**ATTENTION** Senate **DATE** May 16, 2024  
**FROM** Mary O'Brien,  
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies  
**RE:** Committee (SGSC)  
Course Changes



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**For information:**

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of May 7, 2024, SGSC approved the following course changes, effective **Spring 2025**:

**Faculty of Applied Science**

School of Engineering Science

- 1) Course Change (Title, Prerequisite, Corequisite): ENSC 805
- 2) Course Change (Prerequisite): ENSC 813

**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

Department of Economics

- 1) Course Change (Title, Description, Prerequisite): ECON 818
- 2) Course Change (Description, Equivalent Statement): ECON 826
- 3) Course Change (Description): ECON 842
- 4) Course Change (Description): ECON 855
- 5) Course Change (Description): ECON 860
- 6) Course Change (Description, Prerequisite): ECON 881
- 7) Course Change (Description): ECON 891
- 8) Course Change (Title): ECON 802
- 9) Course Change (Title, Description, Prerequisite): ECON 803
- 10) Course Change (Title, Description, Prerequisite): ECON 804
- 11) Course Change (Title, Description, Prerequisite, Equivalent Statement): ECON 808
- 12) Course Change (Title, Description, Equivalent Statement): ECON 809
- 13) Course Change (Title, Description): ECON 837
- 14) Course Change (Title, Description): ECON 838

School of Public Policy

- 1) Course Change (Title, Description): PLCY 805
- 2) Course Change (Title): PLCY 806

**Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

School of Digital Media

- 1) Course Change (Prerequisite): DMED 521
- 2) Course Change (Prerequisite): DMED 522

Senators wishing to consult a more detailed report of curriculum revisions may do so on the Senate Docushare repository at <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-12682>

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Attention Dr. Mary O'Brien  
Dean, Graduate Studies

Date: April 2, 2024

From Dr. Parvaneh Saeed, [psaeedi@sfu.ca](mailto:psaeedi@sfu.ca)  
Faculty of Applied Science, Graduate Studies Committee

Re: FAS multiple course changes

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The faculty of Applied Sciences Graduate Studies Committee would like to request the following course changes to be included in the next Senate Graduate Studies Committee meeting.

1. ~~Conversion of the following special topic courses to permanent new courses.~~

~~ENSC 812 - Synthetic Aperture Radar, Backscatter and Interferometry Applications (formerly~~

~~ENSC 895 - Special Topics III)~~

~~ENSC 845 - Programming for Heterogeneous Computing Systems (formerly ENSC 894 - Special Topics II)~~

~~ENSC 871 - Optical and laser engineering applications (formerly ENSC 894 - Special Topics II)~~

~~ENSC 875 - Biomedical Instrumentation (formerly ENSC 895 - Special Topics III)~~

~~ENSC 884 - Introduction to Robotics (formerly ENSC 894 - Special Topics II).~~

2. Course change

- ENSC 805 - Advanced Digital Communication
- ENSC 813 - Deep Learning Systems in Engineering

We would request the changes to be projected in the University calendar for Spring 2025.

Regards,  
Parvaneh Saeedi



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Please accept the following new course proposals and course change requests, which have been updated per feedback received recently from the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (pre-SGSC):

~~New course proposals:~~

~~ENSC 812, ENSC 845, ENSC 871, ENSC 875, ENSC 884~~

- ~~The School of Engineering Science Graduate Studies Committee (ENSC GPC) would like to request converting these frequently offered Special Topics courses to regular graduate courses by submitting the new course proposals. The rationale for the change is to provide better scheduling when offering these combined courses, reduce confusion to students during enrollment and generating transcripts. These are anticipated to appear in the University calendar for Spring 2025.~~

Course changes:

ENSC 805 – The ENSC GPC would like to request changing the ENSC 805 course pre-requisite. The rationale for the change is to make the course accessible to a larger group of students.

ENSC 813 – The rationale for this prerequisite change is to make this course more accessible to graduate students across SFU.





# GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> ENSC 805	<b>Units</b> 3	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Spring 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Advanced Digital Communications		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b> To make the course accessible to a larger group of students. In the past, this course focused on a few very advanced topics of digital communication. However, the changes and technological evolution in the industry make it necessary to emphasize in this course more on the relation between communication technology and other fields of engineering. Thus, it is desired to teach more fundamental concepts of communication technology in ENSC 805 and train students to apply the fundamental ideas to different applications and different fields of engineering.		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number    Units\*    Title    Description    Prerequisite    Other co-requisite

### Complete only the fields to be changed

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b>	<b>Course Subject/Number</b>
<b>Units</b>	<b>Units*</b>
<b>Course Title</b> Advanced Digital Communications	<b>Course Title (max 100 characters)</b> Digital Communications
<b>Course Short Title</b>	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b>
<b>Description</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Prerequisite</b> ENSC 428 or equivalent. ENSC 802 (as a corequisite) or permission of instructor.	<b>Prerequisite</b> Recommended: ENSC 380 or equivalent , ENSC 280 or equivalent
<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>


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**CONTACT PERSON**

<b>Department / School / Program</b> Engineering Science	<b>Contact name</b> Daniel Lee	<b>Contact email</b> dchlee@sfu.ca
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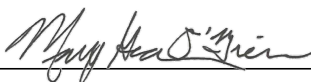
**DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL**

<b>Department Graduate Program Committee</b> Mirza Faisal Beg	<b>Signature</b> Mirza Faisal Beg <small>Digitally signed by Mirza Faisal Beg DN: cn=Mirza Faisal Beg, o=Simon Fraser University, ou=School of Engineering Science, email=mbeg@sfu.ca, c=US Date: 2024.02.22 20:25:26 -08'00'</small>	<b>Date</b> 02/22/2024
<b>Department Chair</b> Cheng Li	<b>Signature</b>  <small>Digitally signed by Cheng Li Date: 2024.02.23 17:33:03 -08'00'</small>	<b>Date</b> 2/23/2024

**FACULTY APPROVAL**

<b>Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC)</b> Parvaneh Saeedi	<b>Signature</b> Parvaneh Saeedi <small>Digitally signed by Parvaneh Saeedi Date: 2024.04.02 14:38:41 -07'00'</small>	<b>Date</b>
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**SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<b>Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)</b> Mary O'Brien	<b>Signature</b> 	<b>Date</b> May 16, 2024
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**ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION (for Graduate Studies only)**

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Course Attribute Value: _____	Academic Progress Units: _____
Instruction Mode: _____	Financial Aid Progress Units: _____
Attendance Type: _____	



# GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> ENSC 813	<b>Units</b> 3	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Spring 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Deep Learning Systems in Engineering		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b> Engineering Science regularly receives requests from non-ENSC graduate students to register for this course. Simplifying the prerequisite to 'active in an SFU graduate program' will simplify enrollment for all graduate students and avoid subjecting them to unnecessary administrative hurdles.		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number    Units\*    Title    Description    Prerequisite    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Course Short Title</b>	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b>
<b>Description</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Prerequisite</b> MATH 251 or ENSC 280 or ENSC 380 or permission of instructor.	<b>Prerequisite</b> Must be active in an SFU graduate program
<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>


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**CONTACT PERSON**

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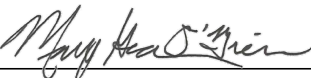
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<b>Department Chair</b> Cheng Li	<b>Signature</b>  <small>Digitally signed by Cheng Li Date: 2024.03.28 07:48:55 -0700'</small>	<b>Date</b> 2024-03-28

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<b>Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC)</b> Parvaneh Saeedi	<b>Signature</b> Parvaneh Saeedi <small>Digitally signed by Parvaneh Saeedi Date: 2024.04.02 14:37:57 -0700'</small>	<b>Date</b>
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 Instruction Mode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attendance Type: \_\_\_\_\_

If different from regular units:  
 Academic Progress Units: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Financial Aid Progress Units: \_\_\_\_\_

## Memo

**Attention** Mary O'Brien, Dean of Graduate Studies

**From** Kate. Slaney, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, FASS

**Subject** Items for SGSC

**Date** March 4, 2024

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Dear Mary,

The following were approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Studies Committee on February 7, 2023, and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval. Please include them on the next SGSC agenda.

### 1 Department of Economics

- a) Calendar Change
    - ECON 818
    - ECON 826
    - ECON 842
    - ECON 855
    - ECON 860
    - ECON 881
    - ECON 891
- To be effective as soon as possible

### ~~2 Department of Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies~~

- ~~a) Calendar Change~~
  - ~~To be effective as soon as possible~~

### 3 School of Public Policy

- a) Calendar Change
    - ~~PLCY 804~~
    - PLCY 805
    - PLCY 806
- To be effective as soon as possible

Calendar and course change forms attached.

Unfortunately, these calendar and course change requests were inadvertently not submitted to SGSC for approval. If these approval requests can be put forward to the SGSC as soon as possible, we'd be very grateful. We sincerely apologize for the oversight on our part.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Slaney', written in a cursive style.

Kathleen (Kate) Slaney  
Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies,  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
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**MEMO**

Bertille Antoine,  
Graduate Program Chair  
Department of Economics

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ATTENTION Kate Slaney, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral  
Studies, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

FROM Bertille Antoine, Graduate Program Chair, Department  
Of Economics

RE Changes to the calendar description of elective graduate  
courses in ECON

DATE 01/03/2023

~~The following changes to the calendar descriptions of several elective graduate courses  
in economics (specifically for ECON 818, 826, 842, 855, 860, 881, and 801) are proposed.~~

In addition, the following change is proposed to the Econ MA program requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Signed,

Bertille Antoine  
Graduate Program Chair

## Graduate Course Change

Attach a separate document if more space is required.

Course Subject/Number <b>ECON 818</b>	Units <b>4</b>	Effective Term and Year <b>Spring 2025</b>
Course Title <b>Advanced Topics in Finance</b>		
Rationale for Change: Update the title and calendar description to better reflect its content.		

**Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)**

Course number  
  Units\*  
  Title  
  Description  
  Prerequisite  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete only the fields to be changed**

FROM	TO
Course Subject/Number	Course Subject/Number
Units	Units*
Course Title <b>Advanced Topics in Finance</b>	Course Title (max 100 characters) <b>Applied Economic Analysis using Time series Methods</b>
Course Short Title <b>Advanced Topics in Finance</b>	Course Short Title (max 30 characters) <b>Applied Economics: Time Series</b>
Description <b>Advanced topics in finance with a focus on derivative securities. Offered once every other year.</b>	Description Econometric and statistical methods and models to analyze and forecast financial and macroeconomic data. This is an applied time series course focused on: (i) practical implementation of these methods and models for data analysis using appropriate computer programs; (ii) understanding their implications for economic and financial interpretation.
Prerequisite <b>ECON 815</b>	Prerequisite <b>NONE</b>
Other	Other

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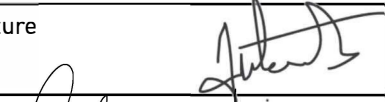



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**DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL**

Department Graduate Program Committee B. Antoine	Signature 	Date 2022-12-07
Department Chair A. Kessler	Signature 	Date 2023-01-17

**FACULTY APPROVAL**

Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC) Kate Slaney	Signature 	Date March 4, 2024
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## Graduate Course Change

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Course Subject/Number <b>ECON 826</b>	Units <b>4</b>	Effective Term and Year <b>Spring 2025</b>
Course Title <b>Applied Contract Theory</b>		
Rationale for Change: <b>Update the calendar description to better reflect the content of the course</b>		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number  
  Units\*  
  Title  
  Description  
  Prerequisite  
  Other Equivalent Statement

### Complete only the fields to be changed

FROM	TO
Course Subject/Number	Course Subject/Number
Units	Units*
Course Title	Course Title (max 100 characters)
Course Short Title	Course Short Title (max 30 characters)
Description This course examines topics specific to the theory of the firm. Classes will focus on theories of transaction cost, principal-agency, and the theory of contracts. Particular attention will be given to the strategic interaction of the agents.	Description Contract theory and its applications, with a focus on principal-agent theory, the theory of property rights, and incomplete contracting.
Prerequisite	Prerequisite
Other Equivalent Courses: <b>ECON913</b>	Other None



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## Graduate Course Change

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Course Subject/Number <b>ECON 842</b>	Units <b>4</b>	Effective Term and Year <b>Spring 2025</b>
Course Title <b>International Monetary Economics</b>		
Rationale for Change: <b>Update the calendar description to better reflect the content of the course.</b>		

**Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)**

Course number  
  Units\*  
  Title  
  Description  
  Prerequisite  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete only the fields to be changed**

FROM	TO
Course Subject/Number	Course Subject/Number
Units	Units*
Course Title	Course Title (max 100 characters)
Course Short Title	Course Short Title (max 30 characters)
Description <b>Balance of payments theory, foreign exchange theory, and adjustment processes. A range of applied problems will be dealt with such as the operation of exchange rates, analysis of exchange rate systems, exchange control and the processes of short and long term capital movements in international trade.</b>	Description <b>International finance and open-economy macroeconomics, including theories of current account dynamics and international capital flows, open-economy business cycle, international trade and exchange rate, financial crisis and sovereign default.</b>
Prerequisite	Prerequisite
Other	Other



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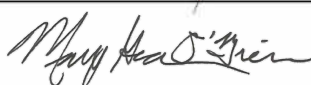
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Course Subject/Number <b>ECON 855</b>	Units <b>4</b>	Effective Term and Year <b>Spring 2025</b>
Course Title <b>Theories of Economic Development</b>		
Rationale for Change: <b>Update the calendar description to better reflect the content of the course.</b>		

**Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)**

Course number  
  Units\*  
  Title  
  Description  
  Prerequisite  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete only the fields to be changed**

FROM	TO
Course Subject/Number	Course Subject/Number
Units	Units*
Course Title	Course Title (max 100 characters)
Course Short Title	Course Short Title (max 30 characters)
Description <b>Characterization of non-growing economies; mechanics of the process of economic development; the role of economic and non-economic factors; structural transformation in economic development.</b>	Description <b>Theoretical perspectives on the process of economic development; role of economic and political institutions, culture, gender; household decision-making in developing country context.</b>
Prerequisite	Prerequisite
Other	Other



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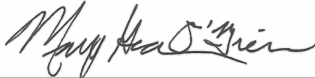
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Course Subject/Number <b>ECON 860</b>	Units <b>4</b>	Effective Term and Year <b>Spring 2025</b>
Course Title <b>Environmental Economics</b>		
Rationale for Change: <b>Update the calendar description to better reflect the content of the course.</b>		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number  
  Units\*  
  Title  
  Description  
  Prerequisite  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Course Subject/Number	Course Subject/Number
Units	Units*
Course Title	Course Title (max 100 characters)
Course Short Title	Course Short Title (max 30 characters)
Description The analysis of the role of the natural environment in economic system. All economic activity creates waste products (pollution) which must be disposed of back into the natural environment. The socially efficient amount of waste generation and disposal is determined and methods of reaching this level evaluated. This involves the theoretical and empirical determination of the costs and benefits of waste generation and a thorough discussion of the role of government policies: taxes, standards, tradeable emission permits versus private market initiatives (bargaining and green goods) under a variety of assumptions about the economic system.	Description Looks at economic methods to empirically analyze environmental issues. This course combines theoretical analysis with in depth discussions on specific environmental policies as applied to air pollution, energy, climate change, quality of life and human health issues.
Prerequisite	Prerequisite
Other	Other

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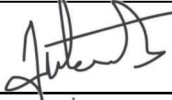
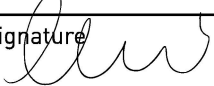


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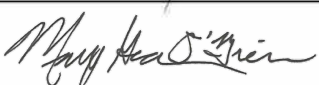
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## Graduate Course Change

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Course Subject/Number <b>ECON 881</b>	Units <b>4</b>	Effective Term and Year <b>Spring 2025</b>
Course Title <b>Labor Economics</b>		
Rationale for Change: update the calendar description to better reflect the content of the course given the current instructor. The course is generally offered during the same semester as its prerequisite, a required core course for MA students		

**Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)**

Course number  
  Units\*  
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  Description  
  Prerequisite  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Course Title	Course Title (max 100 characters)
Course Short Title	Course Short Title (max 30 characters)
Description Theoretical analysis of labor in the context of a national resource. Critical examination of the aspects of quantity, quality, allocation and utilization of human resources. Topics given particular attention include labor force participation, structural employment, human capital, incomes policies and the concept of an of an active manpower policy.	Description Theoretical and empirical methods in labour economics. Topics may include static and dynamic models of labor supply and demand, human capital investment, wage determination, inequality, identification strategies, and causal inference.
Prerequisite Prerequisite: <b>ECON 835</b>	Prerequisite None
Other	Other


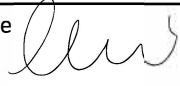
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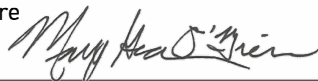
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Department Graduate Program Committee B. Antoine	Signature 	Date 2022-12-07
Department Chair A. Kessler	Signature 	Date 2023-01-17

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Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC) Kate Slaney	Signature 	Date March 4, 2024
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## Graduate Course Change

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Course Subject/Number <b>ECON 891</b>	Units <b>4</b>	Effective Term and Year <b>Spring 2025</b>
Course Title <b>The Economics of Public Choice</b>		
Rationale for Change: <b>Update the calendar description to better reflect the content of the course.</b>		

**Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)**

Course number  
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  Title  
  Description  
  Prerequisite  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Course Title	Course Title (max 100 characters)
Course Short Title	Course Short Title (max 30 characters)
Description <b>Applies economic theory to the analysis of non-market, political choice. Some of the topics studied will be coalition formation and rational voter behavior; allocations under various property rights systems; optimal constitutions; public sector externalities; federalism; discrimination, nationalism and crime.</b>	Description Exploration into the study of non-market political choice. Students will learn about the basic models economists use to describe political choice, and how they can be applied to better understand government behaviour and characteristics. Applications to specific policies such as income redistribution, provision of public services and education or health care are discussed, along with empirical applications.
Prerequisite	Prerequisite
Other	Other

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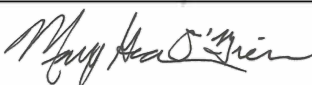
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## Memo

**Attention** Mary O'Brien, Dean of Graduate Studies

**From** Kate. Slaney, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, FASS

**Subject** Items for SGSC

**Date** April 2, 2024

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Dear Mary,

The following were approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Studies Committee on February 13, 2024, and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval. Please include them on the next SGSC agenda.

### 1 Department of Economics

Course Change

ECON 802

ECON 803

ECON 804

ECON 808

ECON 809

ECON 837

ECON 838

To be effective for Spring 2025

### ~~2 Department of Philosophy~~

~~Calendar Change under DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY entry~~

Note: The Department of Philosophy approved this change on September 15, 2023. I have approved the change by delegated authority on behalf of the FASS Graduate Studies Committee, to be effective for Spring 2025.

Please add these items for consideration at the next SGSC meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to be 'KSlaney', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right and a vertical stroke at the end.

Kathleen (Kate) Slaney  
Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies,  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Simon Fraser University



**MEMO**  
Bertille Antoine,  
Graduate Program Chair  
Department of Economics

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ATTENTION Kate Slaney, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral  
Studies, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

FROM Bertille Antoine, Graduate Program Chair, Department  
Of Economics

RE Changes to the calendar description of six graduate courses  
in Economics

DATE 2024/01/30

The following course changes have been approved by the Graduate Program Committee in Economics and are forwarded to the FASS-GPS for approval. These curriculum items should be effective for Fall 2024. Please include them on the next agenda.

In the Fall 2023, a broad consultation with all members of the department of Economics was organized to collect feedback on the content of the core courses in our PhD program. For 4 courses (ECON 808, 809, 837 and 838), few changes were suggested. For the remaining 2 courses which correspond to our microeconomics sequence (ECON 803, 804), the consultation revealed that it was not in-line with what is currently done at top-places: e.g. it currently omits some key standard topics, while focusing on specialized ones. There are some historical reasons explaining the above: namely, the required micro sequence used to include an additional course, ECON 802 (nowadays, our required MA micro course). However, to align our PhD with other programs and to ensure more balance between the 3 core fields (micro, macro and metrics), it was decided years ago to only require 2 courses, Econ803 and 804; but the topics were not updated accordingly. The sequence required substantial changes. It was also suggested that all courses be renamed to create consistency and uniformity across the core courses in our PhD program.

We also propose to rename ECON802 so its current title can be used for ECON803 – and ensure consistency throughout our core required courses for 1<sup>st</sup>-year PhD students.



*Department of Economics:*

- Course changes: ECON802, ECON 803, ECON 804, ECON 808, ECON 809, ECON 837 and ECON 838.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Signed,



Bertille Antoine  
Graduate Program Chair



# GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> ECON 802	<b>Units</b> 4	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Spring 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Microeconomic Theory I		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b>  Current title will be used for the core required course in microeconomic theory in our PhD program		

**Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)**

Course number    Units\*    Title    Description    Prerequisite    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Course Title</b> Microeconomic Theory I	<b>Course Title (max 100 characters)</b> Microeconomics
<b>Course Short Title</b> Microeconomic Theory I	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b> Microeconomics
<b>Description</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Prerequisite</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>

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# GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> ECON 803	<b>Units</b> 4	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Spring 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Microeconomic Theory II		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b>  To ensure core courses in our PhD program are up-to-date and consistency throughout our PhD program.		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number    Units\*    Title    Description    Prerequisite    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Course Title</b> Microeconomic Theory II	<b>Course Title (max 100 characters)</b> Microeconomic Theory I
<b>Course Short Title</b> Microeconomic Theory II	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b> Microeconomic Theory I
<b>Description</b> The course subsequent to ECON 802 which covers advanced Microeconomic theory on a dynamic and general equilibrium basis.	<b>Description</b> Covers: (i) individual decision-making (including choice theory, consumer choice, producer choice, and choice under uncertainty); (ii) competitive markets (including Pareto optimality and welfare analysis); (iii) general equilibrium (including equilibrium under uncertainty and equilibrium and time).
<b>Prerequisite</b> ECON 802. Offered once a year.	<b>Prerequisite</b> ECON 802 or equivalent.
<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>

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# GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> ECON 804	<b>Units</b> 4	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Spring 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Advanced Topics in Microeconomic Theory		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b>  To ensure core courses in our PhD program are up-to-date and consistency throughout our PhD program.		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number    Units\*    Title    Description    Prerequisite    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Units</b>	<b>Units*</b>
<b>Course Title</b> Advanced Topics in Microeconomic Theory	<b>Course Title (max 100 characters)</b> Microeconomic Theory II
<b>Course Short Title</b> Advanced Topics in Microeconomic Theory	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b> Microeconomic Theory II
<b>Description</b> The course following ECON 802 and 803 which covers such topics as equilibrium theory, axiomatic analysis, stability analysis, income distribution, dynamic micro models, and models of non-market economics.	<b>Description</b> Covers: (i) non-cooperative game theory (including static games, sequential games, repeated games, and Bayesian games) and applications; (ii) contracts and information (including moral hazard and adverse selection) and related topics (such as auctions, mechanism design, and incomplete contracts).
<b>Prerequisite</b> ECON 802 and 803 or equivalent	<b>Prerequisite</b> ECON 803
<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>

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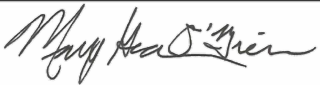
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# GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> ECON 808	<b>Units</b> 4	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Spring 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Macroeconomic Theory		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b>  To ensure core courses in our PhD program are up-to-date and consistency throughout our PhD program.		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number    Units\*    Title    Description    Prerequisite    Other Equivalent statement

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<b>Units</b>	<b>Units*</b>
<b>Course Title</b> Macroeconomic Theory	<b>Course Title (max 100 characters)</b> Macroeconomic Theory I
<b>Course Short Title</b> Macroeconomic Theory	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b> Macroeconomic Theory I
<b>Description</b>  <b>An analysis of current theories of aggregate economic behavior. Topics covered in this course may include long-run growth, dynamic general equilibrium models, and business cycle analysis.</b>	<b>Description</b>  Covers modern macroeconomic theory, with a focus on mathematical and computational foundations. Topics may include: long-run growth, dynamic general equilibrium models, and business cycle analysis, as well as abstract spaces, measure theory, dynamic optimization, notions of equilibrium and welfare theorems with infinitely many goods.
<b>Prerequisite</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b> ECON 807 or equivalent.
<b>Other</b> Students with credit ECON 805 may not take this course for further credit.	<b>Other</b> None

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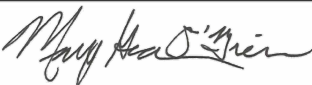
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# GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> ECON 809	<b>Units</b> 4	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Spring 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Advanced Macroeconomic Theory		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b>  To ensure core courses in our PhD program are up-to-date and consistency throughout our PhD program.		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number    Units\*    Title    Description    Prerequisite    Other Equivalent Statement

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<b>Course Title</b> Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	<b>Course Title (max 100 characters)</b> Macroeconomic Theory II
<b>Course Short Title</b> Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b> Macroeconomic Theory II
<b>Description</b>  This course covers advanced macroeconomic theory topics. Emphasis will be placed on current research techniques. Topics covered may include: capital and growth theory, real business cycle models, models of fiat money, asset pricing models, endogenous growth models, development traps, macroeconomic complementarities, co-ordination failures, and adaptive behavior in macroeconomic models.	<b>Description</b>  Covers advanced macroeconomic theory topics and emphasis is placed on current research techniques. Topics may include: theories of long-run growth and development, New-Keynesian and Neo-Classical business cycle models, heterogenous agents models, models of fiat money, asset pricing models, firm dynamics, adaptive behavior, and computational methods in macroeconomics.
<b>Prerequisite</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
<b>Other</b> Students with credit for ECON 806 may not take this course for further credit.	<b>Other</b> None

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> ECON 837	<b>Units</b> 4	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Spring 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Econometrics I		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b>  To ensure core courses in our PhD program are up-to-date and consistency throughout our PhD program.		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number    Units\*    Title    Description    Prerequisite    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Course Title</b> Econometrics I	<b>Course Title (max 100 characters)</b> Econometric Theory I
<b>Course Short Title</b> Econometrics I	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b> Econometric Theory I
<b>Description</b> Develops a foundation for econometric theory and applied econometrics. Topics may include an introduction to measure and probability theory, integration and mathematical expectations, stochastic limit theory, asymptotic theory, mathematical statistics, multiple linear regression, and an introduction to GMM and maximum likelihood estimation.	<b>Description</b> Covers probability theory and statistical inference. Topics may include an introduction to measure and probability theory, integration and mathematical expectations, stochastic limit theory, asymptotic theory, mathematical statistics, and an introduction to GMM and maximum likelihood estimation and the concept of identification.
<b>Prerequisite</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>

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**DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL**

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<b>Department Chair</b> Anke Kessler	<b>Signature</b> 	Digitally signed by Anke Kessler, Chair Date: 2024.01.30 11:28:15 -08'00'	<b>Date</b> 2024/01/30

**FACULTY APPROVAL**

<b>Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC)</b> Kate Slaney	<b>Signature</b> Kate Slaney	Digitally signed by Kate Slaney Date: 2024.03.04 10:45:13 -08'00'	<b>Date</b> March 4, 2024
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# GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> ECON 838	<b>Units</b> 4	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Spring 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Econometrics II		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b>  To ensure core courses in our PhD program are up-to-date and consistency throughout our PhD program.		

**Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)**

Course number    Units\*    Title    Description    Prerequisite    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b>	<b>Course Subject/Number</b>
<b>Units</b>	<b>Units*</b>
<b>Course Title</b> Econometrics II	<b>Course Title (max 100 characters)</b> Econometric Theory II
<b>Course Short Title</b> Econometrics II	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b> Econometric Theory II
<b>Description</b> Develops the core tools of theoretical and applied econometrics including time series, cross sectional, and panel data methods. Topics may include limited dependent variable models, GMM, instrumental variables, ARMA models, unit roots and cointegration, fixed and random effects, incidental parameters, testing, program evaluation, nonlinear regression, semi- and nonparametric methods.	<b>Description</b> Covers the core tools of theoretical and applied econometrics including time series, cross sectional, and panel data methods. Topics may include multiple linear regression, instrumental variables, GMM, limited dependent variable models, ARMA models, unit roots/cointegration, fixed/random effects, hypothesis testing, program evaluation, nonlinear regression, semi/non-parametric methods, big data and ML methods.
<b>Prerequisite</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>

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<b>Department Chair</b> Anke Kessler	<b>Signature</b> 	Digitally signed by Anke Kessler, Chair Date: 2024.01.30 11:26:50 -08'00'	<b>Date</b> 2024/01/30

**FACULTY APPROVAL**

<b>Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC)</b> Kate Slaney	<b>Signature</b> Kate Slaney	Digitally signed by Kate Slaney Date: 2024.03.04 10:45:42 -08'00'	<b>Date</b> March 4, 2024
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## Cover Memo to FASSGSC

To: FASS Graduate Studies Committee  
From: Kora DeBeck, School of Public Policy  
Re: Course Offering, Course Title and Course Description Changes  
Date: January 23, 2023

The following course offerings, title and description changes have been requested by the course instructors and approved by the School of Public Policy Director and Grad Chair and are forwarded to FASS Graduate Studies Committee for consideration and approval. These calendar updates should be effective for Fall 2023. Please include them on the next FASSGSC agenda.

### *School of Public Policy Course Change Submissions*

- 1) ~~Removal of PLCY 804 from calendar (Political Foundations of Policy Analysis II)~~
  - ~~In previous years, PLCY 803 and 804 together comprised Part I and Part II of a sequence on the “Political Foundations of Policy Analysis.” Part I covered the institutions of Canadian policymaking, and Part II covered the role of political actors in the public policy process. To make way for a new required course on Indigenous public policy, the material from 803 and 804 has now been combined into one course. PLCY 803 now covers both the political institutions of policymaking, and the key political actors and social context making PLCY 804 unnecessary.~~
- 2) Course title and description change for PLCY 805 (Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods I)
  - The School of Public Policy presently lacks a foundational course in research philosophy, epistemology, techniques, and analysis. PLCY 805 is being restructured from an almost exclusive focus on survey design to general introduction to research.
    - New proposed course title: *Public Policy Research Techniques and Methods*
    - New proposed course description: *This course provides a foundational overview of social science research appropriate to public policy, including research philosophy and epistemology, and methodologies for data collection, analysis, and program evaluation*
- 3) Course title change for PLCY 806 (Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods II)
  - PLCY 805 and 806 comprised on a continuation of research methods classes. PLCY 805 is being restructured and renamed 'Public Policy Research Techniques and Methods', so it no longer makes sense to have “part two” in the title for PLCY 806
    - New proposed course title: *Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods*

*Kora DeBeck*

Kora DeBeck, School of Public Policy Faculty Graduate Chair



## Graduate Course Change

Attach a separate document if more space is required.

Course Subject/Number PLCY 805	Units 5	Effective Term and Year Spring 2025
Course Title Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods I		
Rationale for Change: The School of Public Policy presently lacks a foundational course in research philosophy, epistemology, techniques, and analysis, especially with respect to the qualitative research techniques. PLCY 805 is being restructured from an almost exclusive focus on survey design to general introduction to research in public policy.		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number  
  Units\*  
  Title  
  Description  
  Prerequisite  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Course Subject/Number	Course Subject/Number
Units	Units*
Course Title Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods I	Course Title (max 100 characters) Public Policy Research Techniques and Methods
Course Short Title Research Methods I	Course Short Title (max 30 characters) Research Methods
Description Surveys graphical, mathematical and statistical tools with applications to policy analysis. Covers graphical techniques; algebraic relationships, descriptive statistics, probability distributions, confidence intervals; definition and interpretation of regression results	Description Overview of social science research appropriate to public policy, including research philosophy and epistemology, and methodologies for data collection, analysis, and program evaluation
Prerequisite	Prerequisite
Other	Other

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Department Graduate Program Committee Kora DeBeck	Signature 	Date January 23, 2023
Department Chair Paymaneh Ritchie obo Dr. G. LeBaron Genevieve LeBaron	Signature 	Date March 15, 2024

**FACULTY APPROVAL**

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## Graduate Course Change

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Course Subject/Number PLCY 806	Units 5	Effective Term and Year Spring 2025
Course Title Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods II		
Rationale for Change: PLCY 805 and 806 comprised on a continuation of research methods classes. PLCY 805 is being restructured and renamed 'Public Policy Research Techniques and Methods', so it no longer makes sense to have part two in the title for PLCY 806		

### Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)

Course number  
  Units\*  
  Title  
  Description  
  Prerequisite  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Course Title Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods II	Course Title (max 100 characters) Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods
Course Short Title Research Methods II	Course Short Title (max 30 characters) Research Methods
Description	Description
Prerequisite	Prerequisite
Other	Other


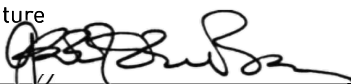
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**MEMORANDUM**

<b>ATTENTION:</b>	SGSC
<b>FROM:</b>	Arne Eigenfeldt, Chair, FCAT GSC
<b>RE:</b>	Items to be added to the SGSC Meeting Agenda
<b>DATE:</b>	March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024

FCAT GSC has voted to approve the following change at the FCAT GSC meeting that occurred on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

**Master of Digital Media Program:**

- Course Change: DMED521 Projects II – (pp. 3 - 4)
- Course Change: DMED522 Projects III – (pp. 5 - 6)

Please add these items and additional materials to your next meeting agenda.

Thank you.

Arne Eigenfeldt, D.M.  
Associate Dean, Academic,  
FCAT Chair, FCAT GSC

cc Dave Fracchia, Centre for Digital Media

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MEMO

Date:	03/07/2024
To:	Senate Committee on Graduate Studies FCAT Associate Dean, Academic and GSC Chair, Arne Eigenfeldt
From:	Ted Gervan, Managing Director – Centre for Digital Media - Master of Digital Media Dave Fracchia – Faculty and GSC Chair – Master of Digital Media
Subject:	Course Changes DMED521 and DMED522

Dear Senate Committee on Graduate Studies,

Please facilitate the following course change proposals for DMED 521 - Projects II and DMED 522 – Projects III which are ready for review by FCAT and the Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

Please place these proposals on the agenda for the upcoming meeting of the Faculty of Communication, Art, and Technology's Graduate Studies Committee.

Thank you so much in advance.

**Dr. Dave Fracchia** (he/him)  
Faculty (GSC Chair)

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# GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> DMED521	<b>Units</b> 12	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Spring 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Projects II		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b> updating prerequisite requirement for this course to enhance the rigour of student expectations.		

**Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)**

Course number    Units\*    Title    Description    Prerequisite    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Course Short Title</b>	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b>
<b>Description</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Prerequisite</b> DMED520	<b>Prerequisite</b> DMED 520 with a grade of B or higher
<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>

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<b>Department Graduate Program Committee</b> Dr. Ted Gervan	<b>Signature</b> Ted Gervan <small>Digitally signed by Ted Gervan Date: 2024.03.07 12:56:11 -08'00'</small>	<b>Date</b> March 5, 2024
<b>Department Chair</b> Dr. Dave Fracchia	<b>Signature</b> Dr. Dave Fracchia <small>Digitally signed by Dr. Dave Fracchia Date: 2024.03.05 11:54:17 -08'00'</small>	<b>Date</b> March 5, 2024

**FACULTY APPROVAL**

<b>Faculty Graduate Studies Committee (FGSC)</b> Arne Eigenfeldt	<b>Signature</b> 	<b>Date</b> March 20, 2024
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**SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

<b>Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)</b> Mary O'Brien	<b>Signature</b> 	<b>Date</b> May 16, 2024
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# GRADUATE COURSE CHANGE

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<b>Course Subject/Number</b> DMED522	<b>Units</b> 12	<b>Effective Term and Year</b> Summer 2025
<b>Course Title</b> Projects III		
<b>Rationale for Change:</b> updating prerequisite requirement for this course to enhance the rigour of student expectations.		

**Proposed Changes (Check all that apply)**

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<b>Course Short Title</b>	<b>Course Short Title (max 30 characters)</b>
<b>Description</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Prerequisite</b> DMED521	<b>Prerequisite</b> DMED 521 with a grade of B or higher
<b>Other</b>	<b>Other</b>

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<b>Department Chair</b> Dr. Dave Fracchia	<b>Signature</b> Dr. Dave Fracchia <small>Digitally signed by Dr. Dave Fracchia Date: 2024.03.05 11:58:52 -08'00'</small>	<b>Date</b> March 5, 2024

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