



OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

8888 University Drive,
Burnaby, BC
Canada V5A 1S6

TEL: 778.782.4636
FAX: 778.782.5876

avpcio@sfu.ca
www.sfu.ca/vpacademic

MEMORANDUM

| | | | |
|------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| ATTENTION | Senate | DATE | May 6, 2016 |
| FROM | Gordon Myers, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies | PAGES | 1/1 |
| RE: | Faculty of Science (SCUS 16-13b) | | |

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of May 5, 2016 SCUS approved the following curriculum revision effective Spring 2017.

1. Department of Biological Sciences (SCUS 16-13b)

(i) Requirement changes to the Biological Sciences Honours program



Calendar Entry Change
Name of Program or Name of Faculty

SCUS 16-13b

Rationale for change:

The following changes provide greater clarity on graduation requirements in addition to entry requirements. This description change, combined with changes to the ISS application form, will close current loopholes.

Effective term and year: Spring 2017

The following program(s) will be affected by these changes:

Biological Sciences Honours

Calendar Change

~~This honours program offers independent research and in-depth study. It requires minimum of 124 units as specified below. Entry requires a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 or higher (B-standing), and department permission. Students complete all lower division requirements as shown below, and at least 15 upper division units in biological sciences prior to application for entry. Students should contact an advisor before enrolment.~~

The Honours program is intended for academically strong students who wish to combine in-depth study and research-based courses in Biological Sciences. Students may apply once they have completed all lower division requirements and at least 15 upper division units in Biological Sciences. Entry requires a CGPA of 3.0 or higher, and departmental permission. Graduation requirements for a BISC honours include: 124 credits, a CGPA of 3.0 or higher, completion of an Independent Study Semester (ISS), and an upper division concentration in BISC as outlined below.