

Minor Change to Existing Program Proposal Form

Deadline

FWS 19-20 June 1, 2018

Prior to completing this form, proponents are asked to consult Kathryn Doyle, Faculty Curriculum Manager, doyleka@yorku.ca, for definitions of major versus minor modifications

Departmental Curriculum Approval

The Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards will not consider new course proposals that has not received department-level curriculum approval.

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Minor Change Description

1. What is the proposed change?
2. How does this change affect the program?

For the Minor in Cognitive Science, replace LING 1000 with LING 2800 in Part A and eliminate LING 2800 from Part B. Move PHIL 2240 from Part B to A. This will keep the total number of credits required for the minor the same since LING 1000 was 6.0 credits and LING 2800 and PHIL 2240 are each 3.0 credits.

Academic Rationale

1. How does this change clarify requirements or options for students?
2. How does this change contribute to program identity or coherence?
3. How does the change affect the program's effectiveness at preparing students to meet the program learning outcomes?

Replace LING 1000 with LING 2800 in Part A and eliminate LING 2800 from Part B.

LING 2800 is 3.00 credits rather than 6.00 credits, which makes it more suitable for a minor. It's also specifically designed for cognitive science majors, and so is a better fit with the overall program. Furthermore, LING 2800 is currently listed in Part B, but once students have already taken LING 1000 there is too much repetition in LING 2800. When we originally created the minor, we wanted to require LING 2800 rather than LING 1000, but at that point we weren't certain that LING 2800 would be offered every year. We have now received word from Linguistics that they are in fact committed to offering LING 2800 every year.

Move PHIL 2240 from Part B to A. If we replace LING 1000 (6.00 credits) with LING 2800 (3.00 credits), we need to add 3.00 credits to the minor to keep the total required credits the same. We think the best way to do this is by requiring all students in the minor to take PHIL 2240, which serves as a foundation (and often a prerequisite) for the courses in Part B. For example, Part B includes Phil 3260, PHIL 3265, PHIL 3635, and Phil 3750. For these courses the skills and knowledge taught in Phil 2240 are important as background. In these higher courses, we noticed a deficiency in philosophical skills and knowledge about Philosophy of Mind contents. This is in part because right now these courses have as prerequisites Phil 2240 or COGS/PHIL 2160. COGS/PHIL 2160 is in Part A as a required course for all minors; as a result most Cognitive Science minors do not take Phil 2240. The proposed change is going to help to improve the minor's effectiveness and coherence by introducing Phil 2240 as an introduction that all major students have taken before they enroll in Phil 3260, 3265, 3635, or 3750.

By further scaffolding the curriculum, introducing PHIL 2240 and LING 2800 as required courses will therefore strengthen students' ability to meet the following program learning outcomes for Cognitive Science: present the philosophical positions about the nature of the mind, engage in theoretical or empirical research aimed at discovering aspects of the mind, integrate research from psychology, philosophy, computer science, linguistics, and neuroscience, engage in critical analysis of empirical and theoretical claims about the nature of the mind, and articulate theories about the nature of the mind.

Calendar Copy

Use course information from the current Academic Calendar. Denote additions in **bold**, **blue**, **underlined** type and deletions with a ~~strikethrough~~ in the left column.

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Course Information

New Courses

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Submit a New Course Proposal form for each course along with this CEP.

Existing Courses

List any existing courses that will be revised as a result of the proposed program change. Include the rubric number, credits and title:

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