

## Major Modifications, Detailed Minor Modifications, and Standard Minor Modifications

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	MAJOR MODIFICATION	MINOR MODIFICATIONS	
		DETAILED (see <a href="https://www.yorku.ca/unit/yuqap/program-modifications/">YUQAP website</a> )	STANDARD (Contact your Faculty for specifics)
<b>DEFINITION</b>	A significant change to a degree program or Type 2 or Type 3 Graduate Diploma, which may include significant changes to the program requirements, intended learning outcomes, mode of delivery, and/or human and other resources associated with the program.	A modification to a program or degree option that does not rise to the level of a major modification <i>but</i> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• may have a broad impact</li> <li>• require consultation across units/groups</li> <li>• include substantial changes to an existing program option established through a major modification (e.g., minor, graduate specialization, option, certificate, or WIL option)</li> </ul>	A modification to a program or degree option that does not rise to the level of a major modification or a detailed minor modification.
<b>TEMPLATE</b>	Found on YQUAP site: <a href="https://www.yorku.ca/unit/yuqap/program-modifications/">https://www.yorku.ca/unit/yuqap/program-modifications/</a>	Found on YQUAP site: <a href="https://www.yorku.ca/unit/yuqap/program-modifications/">https://www.yorku.ca/unit/yuqap/program-modifications/</a>	Contact your Faculty for a Faculty-specific form that addresses these types of program modifications.
<b>EXAMPLES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantive changes to program learning outcomes (PLOs) and/or approved requirements that comprise up to approximately one-third of the program</li> <li>• Major changes to courses comprising a significant proportion of the program and making an important contribution to meeting program learning outcomes (approximately one-third of courses).</li> <li>• The addition of a new major (undergraduate) where a similar major exists</li> <li>• Change in program name and/or degree nomenclature when this results in a change in learning outcomes. (Note: New degree types require a separate Motion to Senate)</li> <li>• Addition or deletion of streams</li> <li>• Establishment of undergraduate certificates</li> <li>• The merger of two or more programs</li> <li>• The creation of combined degrees (existing programs), either undergraduate, graduate, or undergraduate/graduate</li> <li>• Establishment of a dual credential arrangement (degree/degree or degree/diploma)</li> <li>• New bridging options for college diploma graduates</li> <li>• Establishment of a minor program or minor option</li> <li>• The addition of new options or significant changes to a program's delivery, including to the program's faculty and/or to the essential physical resources as may occur, for example, where there have been changes to the existing mode(s) of delivery (e.g., different campus, part-time to full-time (or vice-versa) and/or online/hybrid delivery).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of part-time / full-time program offering, or a change from option to the other, where no significant change in resources is required</li> <li>• Addition of an optional, standalone work-integrated learning element, e.g., an internship course or similar non-credit element.</li> <li>• Substantive changes in admission requirements</li> <li>• Substantive changes in progression requirements</li> <li>• Substantial changes to required/core courses for a major/graduate degree that do not rise to the level of a major modification</li> <li>• Substantial changes to any existing program option that was previously established via major modification (i.e., substantial change to a minor, option, certificate, work-integrated learning option, or graduate specialization.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calendar copy corrections</li> <li>• Revisions and/or updates to PLOs that do not change the substance of the PLOs</li> <li>• Change program name or nomenclature where there are no changes to PLOs</li> <li>• Course changes – revisions, additions, deletions, repositioning, resequencing, etc. – where there are no changes to PLOs</li> <li>• Change in program requirements or sequencing where less than one-third of the program courses are affected</li> <li>• Minor changes (changes less than one-third of the program) to an existing minor, specialization, option, certificate, or WIL option (i.e., minor change to anything established through a major modification)</li> <li>• Closure of any degree option, e.g. honours specialization</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the master’s level, the introduction or deletion of a major research paper, thesis, or course-only option</li> <li>• In a graduate program, addition or deletion of an allowable dissertation / thesis format</li> <li>• The introduction or deletion of a required co-op, course-based placement, practicum, internship or other work-integrated learning requirement</li> <li>• A new specialization at the graduate level</li> <li>• The introduction or deletion of a field in a graduate program</li> <li>• The creation of a collaborative specialization at the graduate level</li> <li>• The creation of a new Type 1 graduate diploma</li> <li>• Significant change to graduate degree requirements, including comprehensive exams and thesis requirements, that result in a significant change to the learning outcomes (see first point above)</li> </ul>		
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