

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

Report to Faculty of Science Meeting of October 13, 2009

The Academic Committee approved the following on Tuesday, September 29, 2009:

**SECTION A: MAJOR PROGRAM CHANGES**

**(1) Computer Science**

- M.Sc. in Computer Science (Thesis) AC-09-9
- M.Sc. in Computer Science (Thesis); Computational Science & Engineering Option AC-09-10
- M.Sc. in Computer Science (Thesis); Bioinformatics Option/Conc. AC-09-11
- M.Sc. in Computer Science (Project/Non-Thesis) AC-09-12

**Associated New Courses:**

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| COMP 691 | Thesis Research 1<br>2 credits | AC-09-5 |
| COMP 693 | Thesis Project 1<br>3 credits  | AC-09-6 |
| COMP 696 | Thesis Research 2<br>3 credits | AC-09-7 |
| COMP 697 | Thesis Research 3<br>4 credits | AC-09-8 |

**(2) Geography**

- M.Sc. in Geography (Thesis) AC-09-17
- M.Sc. in Geography (Thesis); Environment Option/Concentration AC-09-18
- M.Sc. in Geography (Thesis); Neotropical Environmental Option/Conc. AC-09-19

**Ph.D. Programs**

- Ph.D. in Geography AC-09-20
- Ph.D. in Geography; Environment Option/Concentration AC-09-

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- Ph.D. in Geography; Gender and Women's Studies Option/Conc. AC-09-22
- Ph.D. in Geography; Neotropical Environment Option/Concentration AC-09-23

**Associated Courses:**

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| GEOG 631                | Meth of Geographical Research<br>Change in credit weight [from 6 to 3 credits] | AC-09-15 |
| GEOG 696 ( <i>New</i> ) | Accelerated Thesis Preparation<br>3 credits                                    | AC-09-16 |

**SECTION B: NEW COURSE**

**Biochemistry**

- BIOC 570 Biochemistry of Lipoproteins AC-09-3  
3 credits

**SECTION C: MINOR COURSE CHANGES (For Information Only)**

- Report on Minor Course Changes AC-09-2

**SECTION D: OTHER**

**(1) Guidelines for Ad hoc Programs**

- (i) that students should propose ad hoc programs at the beginning of their undergraduate degree
- (ii) that the Director of Advising Services would check to see if an existing program could accommodate the student, and if so, propose that the student follow the existing program
- (iii) that the number of credits for a joint honours program should not exceed 81, and for a majors program should not exceed 75 (with the aim of 72)

**(2) Geography M.A. Programs (*For Information Only*):**

- M.A. in Geography (Thesis)
- M.A. in Geography (Thesis); Environment Option/Concentration
- M.A. in Geography (Thesis); Neotropical Environment Option/Conc.
- M.A. in Geography (Thesis); Development Studies Option/Conc.
- M.A. in Geography (Thesis); Gender and Women's Studies Option/Conc.
- M.A. in Geography (Thesis); Social Statistics Option/Concentration