TO: University of Toronto Scarborough Academic Committee
SPONSOR: John Scherk, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate
DATE: January 22, 2013
AGENDA ITEM: For approval

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:
Curriculum change proposals from the Department of Philosophy:
1. Minor Program Modifications:
   • Specialist in Philosophy
   • Major in Philosophy
2. Deleted Courses
3. New Courses
4. Consent Agenda Course Changes

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:
University of Toronto Scarborough Academic Committee has authority to oversee and approve all curricular and academic matters on which the Committee’s decision is required, including programs, courses, and academic regulations and policies.

SUMMARY:
1. The Department is increasing the number of C- or D-level credits needed to complete the Specialist and Major programs so as to make the programs more credible.
2. The Department is deleting several B-level courses so as to streamline these offerings, and one C-level course taught by a retired faculty member.
3. The Department is introducing one new D-level course in ethics, which will cap their sequence of ethics courses.
4. The Department is changing PHLB80H3 to a C-level course because the material is better suited to the C-level. There will be no significant impact on learning outcomes.

1. MINOR PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS:

Specialist in Philosophy

Overview of Changes:
• Increase the number of C- or D-level requirements to complete the program from 4.0 to 5.0 fces.

Proposed Program Requirements:
SPECIALIST PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY

Program Requirements
Students must complete at least 12.0 credits in Philosophy including PHLB50H3 Symbolic Logic I or PHLB55H3 Puzzles and Paradoxes, and at least 4.0 \( \geq 5.0 \) credits at the C- or D-level of which 1.0 must be at the D-level. MATC09H3 can be used as a Philosophy course for these purposes. Students are encouraged, though not required, to complete at least 0.5 credit as a reading course at the D-level.

Note: PHLB99H3 Writing Philosophy, is strongly recommended for the Philosophy Specialist and Major programs and is important preparation for advanced C- and D-level studies in Philosophy.

**Major in Philosophy**

*Overview of Changes:*
- Increase the number of C- or D-level requirements to complete the program from 2.0 to 3.0.

*Proposed Program Requirements:*

**MAJOR PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY**

**Program Requirements**

Students must complete at least 7.0 credits in Philosophy including PHLB50H3 Symbolic Logic I or PHLB55H3 Puzzles and Paradoxes and at least 2.0 \( \geq 3.0 \) credits must be at the C- or D-level. MATC09H3 can be used as a Philosophy course for these purposes.

Note: PHLB99H3 Writing Philosophy, is strongly recommended for the Philosophy Specialist and Major programs and is important preparation for advanced C- and D-level studies in Philosophy.

2. **DELETED COURSES**

- PHLB36H3 Nature and Ethics in the Early Modern Era
  
  o The material in the course is covered in other courses and is redundant.

- PHLB63H3 The Art of Thinking
  
  o The material in the course is covered in PHLB50H3 and PHLB99H3 and is redundant.

- PHLB70H3 Philosophy of Science
  
  o The material in the course is not appropriate for the C-level.

- PHLC84H3 Seminar in Philosophy: Postcolonial Studies in Philosophy
  
  o The course was designed and taught by a faculty member who has retired.

3. **NEW COURSES**

**PHLD05H3 Advanced Seminar in Ethics**

This course offers an in-depth investigation into selected topics in moral philosophy. Prerequisites: 3.5 credits in Philosophy, including 2 courses (1.0 credit) at the C-level, at least one of which must be PHLC05H3 or PHLC06H3. Exclusion: PHL407, PHL475
4. **CONSENT AGENDA COURSE CHANGES:**

- PHLB80H3  Philosophy of Language
  - Level Change to C
  - Add Prerequisite