



Decision **Discussion** **Information**

ITEM OBJECTIVE: To approve the creation of four new minors for undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts.

DATE	June 20, 2024
TO	GFC Programs Committee
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

MOTION: THAT the GFC Programs Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed Minors in Agricultural Food Policy and Global Health; Clothing, Textiles and Material Culture; Environmental Policy; and Family Science, as proposed by the Faculty of Arts, for inclusion in the 2025-2026 University Calendar.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences have developed four new minors for Arts students in the BA and the BA (Honors), based on programming in ALES.

The minors are:

- Agricultural Food Policy and Global Health
- Clothing, Textiles and Material Culture
- Environmental Policy
- Family Science

Each minor is centred on a core of ALES courses. Students can add more courses from a list of courses offered by ALES, Arts, Native Studies, Nursing, Science, and St. Joseph’s College.

Each minor contains a mandatory Indigenous content requirement.

This package contains an internal program proposal template for each minor followed by the letters of consultation and support, beginning with a letter of support from the Dean of ALES. The Calendar change request forms are at the end of the package.

Please note that many of the letters of consultation and support refer to more than one minor.

We are asking for implementation for Fall 2025.

GOVERNANCE OUTLINE



SCHEDULE A:

Engagement and Routing

Consultation and Stakeholder Participation / Approval Route (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity) <[Governance Resources Section Student Participation Protocol](#)>

Those who are actively participating:

- Arts Undergraduate Student Services
- Dr. Nat Kav, Associate Dean (Academic), ALES
- Stephanie Dickie, Team Lead, Student Programs Administration, ALES

Those who have been consulted:

- Department of Anthropology – October-November 2023
- Department of Art & Design – October-November 2023
- Department of Drama – October-November 2023
- Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences – October-November 2023
- Department of Economics – October-November 2023
- Department of History, Classics, and Religion – October-November 2023
- Media and Technology Studies – October-November 2023
- Department of Political Science – October-November 2023
- Department of Psychology – October-November 2023
- Department of Sociology – October-November 2023
- Department of Women’s and Gender Studies – October-November 2023
- Faculty of Native Studies – October-November 2023
- Faculty of Nursing – October-November 2023
- St. Joseph’s College – October-November 2023
- Dr. Florence Glanfield, Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming & Research) and Megan Tipler, Faculty of Education - November 10, 2023
- Dr. Carrie Smith, Vice-Provost (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion) – November 10, 2023
- Arts Undergraduate Programs Committee – March 20, 2024
- Program Support Team – March 28, 2024
- Rebecca Liaw, University Calendar Editor – April 2024

Those who have been informed:

- Dr. Stanford Blade, Dean of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences



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- Dr. Robert Wood, Dean of Arts

Approval Route:

- Arts Academic Affairs Committee – November 21, 2023
- Arts Executive Committee – May 2, 2024
- Arts Faculty Council – May 23, 2024
- GFC Programs – June 20, 2024

Supplementary Notes / Context:

The three Arts committees in the approval route all have undergraduate student representation.