

**Senate Curriculum Committee
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I. SUMMARY:

A: Items That Do Not Require Senate Approval

1. Department of Philosophy

Reversal of SCC's November 2014 approval of minor changes to prerequisites & *Calendar* description for Department of Philosophy:

The November 2014 SCC report to Senate contained the following note about the Philosophy Department under SUMMARY, A: Items That Do Not Require Senate Approval: "Proposal for minor changes to prerequisites & *Calendar* description (note to students about how many 1000-level courses may be counted toward Maj. & Hons. requirements). *Approved by SCC.*"

The Department withdrew its proposals for four new introductory courses (PHIL 1033; PHIL 1043; PHIL 1053; & PHIL 1063) at the Nov. 20 Senate meeting. Thus the minor *Calendar* changes approved by the SCC in November (and not requiring Senate approval) became redundant and needed to be reversed and/or nullified.

Approved by SCC.

B. Items That Require Senate Approval (with motion)1. **Department of History** (please see p. 4)

Proposal to revise HIST-3443 *Canadian Youth and Universities in Comparative Perspective* as HIST-3443 *Youth and Popular Culture in North America*.

MOTION: That the revision of HIST-3443 *Canadian Youth and Universities in Comparative Perspective* as HIST-3443 *Youth and Popular Culture in North America* be approved.

II. DOCUMENTATION

1. Department of History

Proposal to Revise HIST-3443

Current Course Title and Description:

HIST-3443. Canadian Youth and Universities in Comparative Perspective This course will explore the changing nature of student culture within the culture of the university. It will use student culture as a lens to examine social and cultural developments in Canada from the late 19th century on. And it will place these changes within a broader comparative perspective while focusing on such topics as residence life, counterculture and student protest, gender relations and sexuality. Prerequisite: HIST 2913 or permission of the instructor.

PROPOSED *New / Revised* Course Title and Description:

HIST-3443. Youth and Popular Culture in North America

This course explores the changing nature of youth culture in 20th-century North America. It focuses on a variety of topics including schooling and university life, television, toys, food, music, sexuality, and political protest. Key themes include race relations, gender identity, and social mores.

Theme or Category Grouping:

If approved HIST-3443 will need to be moved from category 7. STATE, NATION, AND LOCALITY (THE AMERICAS) to 4. REGIONS (THE AMERICAS) in the *Calendar*.

Rationale:

HIST 3443 has been taught twice before, in 2008 and 2009. By broadening the course's geographic focus and expanding its case studies to include youth culture beyond university life, we anticipate that students will secure a broader and more comprehensive understanding of the history of youth culture. *We have also removed the prerequisite* to facilitate the enrolment of students who are outside of the History programme but are interested in popular culture.