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Memo to: Okanagan Senate

From: Admissions and Awards Committee

Re: **Admissions Requirements for the Bachelor of  
Education, Middle School Specialty (approval)**

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Please find attached a proposal to modify the admissions requirements for the Bachelor of Education, Middle School Specialty.

**Motion:** *That the Senate approve the revisions to the admissions requirements for the Bachelor of Education, Middle School Specialty.*

# Faculty of Education – STEP Middle School

## UBC Curriculum Proposal Form

### Change to Course or Program

Category: (1 or 2)

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| <p><b>FACULTY:</b> <b>EDUCATION</b></p> <p><b>Department:</b></p> <p><b>Faculty Approval Date:</b> Fall 2007</p> <p><b>Effective Session:</b> Summer, Term 2</p> <p><b>Year for Change:</b> 2007</p>  | <p><b>Date:</b> January 2007</p> <p><b>Contact Person:</b> Dr. Robert Campbell</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> 807-9170</p> <p><b>Email:</b> Robert.Campbell@ubc.ca</p>   |
| <p><b>Proposed Calendar Entry:</b></p> <p>Middle School Education Specialty</p> <p>Admission Requirements</p> <p><b>BEGINNING WITH THE JULY 2008 INTAKE APPLICANTS TO THE STEP MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION SPECIALTY WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE ACADEMIC PREPARATION IN TWO TEACHABLE SUBJECTS.</b> - It is important that this text appear in the 2007/8 calendar in bold lettering and in all caps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GPA: A grade point average of at least 65% in the last 60 credits of post-secondary course work passed, failed, and/or repeated;</li> <li>▪ English Requirements: 6 credits of approved English with an average of 65% or greater. A minimum 3 credits must be English literature. The 6 credits of approved English literature</li> </ul> | <p><b>URL:</b><br/>(URL from the current web Calendar – not the draft calendar. This URL is not needed if you are only making changes to individual courses - for course entries simply list the course number.)</p> <p><a href="http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=18,284,838,976">http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=18,284,838,976</a></p> <p><b>Present Calendar Entry:</b><br/>(Cut and paste from the current web Calendar.)</p> <p>Middle School Education Specialty</p> <p>Admission Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GPA: A grade point average of at least 65% in the last 60 credits of post-secondary course work attempted;</li> <li>▪ English Requirements: 6 credits of approved English with an average of 65% or greater. A minimum 3 credits must be English literature. The 6 credits of approved English literature and composition may be satisfied with course work at the 100-, 200-, 300-, and/or 400-levels. Courses in creative writing, technical or business writing, or communication are not acceptable;</li> <li>▪ A Bachelor of Arts, Science, or Fine</li> </ul> |

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| <p>and composition may be satisfied with course work at the 100-, 200-, 300-, and/or 400-levels. Courses in creative writing, technical or business writing, or communication are not acceptable;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>A four-year (120 credits) Bachelor of Arts, Science, or Fine Arts degree (or equivalent), which includes academic preparation in either a teaching major and a teaching concentration, or two teaching concentrations, as follows:</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Option 1: Teaching Major &amp; Teaching Concentration</b></p> <p>The <b>teaching major</b> requires 30 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher. The teaching concentration requires 9 credits of course work at the 200-level and 9 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher. The 200-level course work will qualify for the concentration only if 6 credits of introductory course work in the subject (typically at the 100-level) have been completed.</p> <p><b>Option 2: Two Teaching Concentrations</b></p> <p>The <b>two teaching concentrations</b> require one concentration with 18 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher, and one concentration with 9 credits of course work at the 200-level and 9 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher. The 200-level course work will qualify for the concentration only if 6 credits of introductory</p> | <p>Arts degree or equivalent, with a minimum of 18 credits of coursework at the 300-level or higher in one or two teachable subjects. See 1, 2, and 3 below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <del>Note: it is strongly recommended that students have academic preparation in two teachable subjects;</del></li> <li>▪ <del>Applicants with a French Major or teaching concentration must also successfully complete the oral and written French Competency exam to the level specified for French as a Second Language.</del></li> </ul> <p>Teachable Subjects include: English, <del>French Language and Literature</del>, Geography, History, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Studies/Computer Science, Earth/Geological Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, <del>Music</del>, <del>Art/Visual Arts</del>, <del>Home Economics</del>, <del>Technology Studies</del>, and Social Studies.</p> <p><del>A teaching concentration consists of 18 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher. A teaching major consists of 30 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher.</del></p> <p>1. A teaching concentration in Geography or History requires completion of 6 credits of approved Canadian Studies<sup>1</sup>, <del>in addition to a minimum 18 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher.</del></p> <p>A teaching major in Geography or History requires completion of 6 credits of approved Canadian Studies<sup>1</sup> which may be included in the minimum 30 credits of course</p> |
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| <p>course work in the subject (typically at the 100-level) have been completed.</p> <p><b>Teachable subjects acceptable for admission to the STEP Middle School Education Specialty are: Computer Studies/Computer Science, English, Art/Visual Arts, Geography, History, Social Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Earth/Geological Sciences, Mathematics, and Physics. See 1, 2, and 3 below.</b></p> <p><b>It is strongly recommended that applicants completing requirements for a teaching major or concentration in English include a course in Shakespeare.</b></p> <p>1. A teaching major in Geography or History requires completion of 6 credits of approved Canadian Studies<sup>1</sup> which may be included in the minimum 30 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher.</p> <p>A teaching concentration in Geography or History requires completion of 6 credits of approved Canadian Studies<sup>1</sup> in addition to a minimum 18 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher.</p> <p><b>Applicants may apply with either a teaching major or concentration in either Geography or History but not both. Geography and History must be paired with another teachable subject.</b></p> <p>2. A <b>teaching major or concentration</b> in Social Studies with a Social Science focus may include course work in one or more of the following: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, or Sociology.</p> <p><b>A teaching major</b> in Social Studies with a Social Science</p> | <p>work at the 300-level or higher.</p> <p>2. A teaching concentration or major in Social Studies may include course work in one or a combination of the following: Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, History, or Geography.</p> <p>A teaching concentration in Social Studies requires completion of 6 credits of approved Canadian Studies<sup>1</sup>, 3 credits of senior-level Geography<sup>2</sup>, and 3 credits of senior-level History<sup>2</sup>, <del>in addition to a minimum 18 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher.</del></p> <p>A teaching major in Social Studies requires completion of 6 credits of approved Canadian Studies, 6 credits of senior-level Geography<sup>2</sup>, and 6 credits of senior-level History<sup>2</sup>, in addition to a minimum 30 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher.</p> <p>1. <del>Applicants with a degree in Kinesiology or Physical Education, acceptable in content to the Faculty of Education, may be considered for admission only if they have completed a minimum 18 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher in a second teachable subject from the above list.</del></p> <p><sup>1</sup>Approved Canadian Studies course work may be completed at the 100-, 200-, 300-, and/or 400-level.</p> <p><sup>2</sup>For the teaching concentration or major in Social Studies, 200-level course work may satisfy the senior-</p> |
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| <p>focus requires completion of 6 credits of approved Canadian Studies<sup>1</sup>, 6 credits of senior-level Geography<sup>2</sup>, and 6 credits of senior-level History<sup>2</sup>, and 30 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher. The 6 credits of approved Canadian Studies may be included in the minimum 30 credits of course work at the 300-level or higher.</p> <p><b>A teaching concentration in Social Studies with a Social Science focus</b> requires completion of 6 credits of approved Canadian Studies<sup>1</sup>, 3 credits of senior-level Geography<sup>2</sup>, and 3 credits of senior-level History<sup>2</sup>, in addition to the course work required for the concentration.</p> <p><sup>1</sup>Approved Canadian Studies course work may be completed at the 100-, 200-, 300-, and/or 400-level.</p> <p><sup>2</sup>For the teaching concentration or major in Social Studies, 200-level course work may satisfy the senior-level Geography and History requirement, provided 6 credits of introductory course work in the subject (typically at the 100-level) have been completed.</p> | <p>level Geography and History requirement, provided 6 credits of introductory course work in the subject (typically at the 100-level) have been completed.</p> <p><b>Type of Action: Revise admission requirements including the list of acceptable teachable subjects.</b></p> <p><b>Rationale: Following consultation with the BC College of Teachers, and in order to ensure applicants have adequate academic preparation for teaching the Middle School curriculum, it is necessary to revise admission requirements for the STEP Middle School Education Specialty.</b></p> |
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