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To: Vancouver Senate

From: Admissions Committee

Re: **Faculty of Science Admissions Changes (approval) and Mature Student Calendar Entry (approval)**

- a. Change to admission requirements for applicants to the Faculty of Science, commencing September 2008 (approval) (circulated)

The Admissions Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed calendar entry on International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement credit for equivalent first-year courses in the Faculty of Science.

***Motion:** That Senate approve the revised calendar entry on International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement credit for applicants to the Faculty of Science, commencing September 2008.*

- b. Change to calendar entry on the classification of 'Mature Student' (approval)(circulated)

The Admissions Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed calendar entry on the classification of 'Mature Student.'

***Motion:** That Senate approve the revised calendar entry on the classification of 'Mature Student.'*

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Berger, Chair
Senate Admissions Committee

UBC Admissions Proposals

Date: March 11, 2008
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CHEMISTRY

Effective Date for Change: 08W
Proposed Web site Entry:

First-Year Credit

UBC recognizes the IB enriched secondary school program. The table below shows how first-year credit is granted for IB courses

...
 take the course anyway.

Subject	IB higher level grade	UBC course granted (including credit values)
...
Chemistry	6	CHEM 121 (4) [1]
...
Visual Arts	5	VISA 182 (3), VISA 183 (3)

[1] Students entering the BASC program will be granted an exemption from CHEM 154.

Present you@UBC Web site Entry:

<http://you.ubc.ca/ubc/vancouver/ib.ezc#fyc>

First-Year Credit

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 take the course anyway.

Subject	IB higher level grade	UBC course granted (including credit values)
...
Chemistry	6	CHEM 121 (4); 100-level CHEM (2)
...
Visual Arts	5	VISA 182 (3), VISA 183 (3)

Action: Delete the generic 100-level credit associated with the IB chemistry transfer shown in the Table at the you@UBC website. Add a footnote at the end of the transfer table that students entering the BASC (engineering) program will be granted an exemption from CHEM 154.

Rationale: Offering credit for completion of advanced high school courses has two purposes: to advise students of the appropriate university courses to take and to recognize the extra work done as a way of recruiting strong students. UBC has a fairly generous recognition policy

but a balance has to be struck between offering credit to attract students and encouraging students to take critical first-year courses and to have the appropriate prerequisite courses in place for further study.

While the high school course may help students to develop strong learning skills its curriculum doesn't match that of the first-year university courses. Changes to the chemistry curriculum have resulted in both a credit and content mismatch to the current IB transfer credit. The generic credits do not assist students in meeting the prerequisites for any second-year chemistry course and result in confusion for students, as well as for departmental and faculty advisors. However, the IB HL CHEM course does more closely match the curriculum of UBC's CHEM 154.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the generic transfer component of the transfer allowance be abandoned. The new credit awarded will ensure that students know they need to take CHEM 123 if they wish to take further CHEM courses. Students entering the BASC (Engineering) program will be exempted from the required first-year CHEM course.

Effective Date for Change: 08W

Proposed Web site Entry:

First-Year Credit

If you achieve a grade of 4 or better on approved AP exams, UBC will grant you credit.

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take the course anyway.

Subject	UBC course granted (including credit values)
...	...
Chemistry	CHEM 121 (4) [1]
...	...
English Language and Composition	ENGL 112 (3), 100-level ENGL (3) [2]
English Literature and Composition	ENGL 112 (3), 100-level ENGL (3) [2]
...	...
World History	100-level HIST (3)

[1] Students entering the BAsC program will be granted an exemption from CHEM 154.

[2] When AP ENGL ... 100-level ENGL.

Present you@UBC Web site Entry:

<https://you.ubc.ca/ubc/vancouver/ap.ezc>

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...	...
Chemistry	CHEM 121 (4), 100-level CHEM (2)
...	...
English Language and Composition	ENGL 112 (3), 100-level ENGL (3) [H]
English Literature and Composition	ENGL 112 (3), 100-level ENGL (3) [H]
...	...
World History	100-level HIST (3)

Action: Delete the generic 100-level credit associated with the AP chemistry transfer shown in the Table at the you@UBC website. Add a footnote at the end of the transfer table that students entering the BAsC (engineering) program will be granted an exemption from CHEM 154.

Renumber the existing footnotes for AP English Language/Literature and Composition from [1] to [2].

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UBC Undergraduate Admissions Proposal Form Change to Admission Requirements UBC Vancouver

<p>Approval Dates:</p> <p>UBC Vancouver Senate Admissions Committee: February 27, 2008</p> <p>Effective Session: To be published in the online calendar upon approval for the purpose of advising prospective students seeking entry in Summer 2009 and onward.</p>	<p>Date: February 28, 2008</p> <p>Contact Persons:</p> <p>Rosalie Vlaar, Senior Policy Analyst, Undergraduate Admissions 604-822-4240 rosalie.vlaar@ubc.ca</p> <p>Dr. Bruce Dunwoody, Associate Dean Faculty of Applied Science 604 822 6556 bruce.dunwoody@ubc.ca</p>
<p>Proposed Calendar Entry:</p> <p>4. Mature Student. An individual whose formal education was interrupted and who did not meet the normal requirements for admission but who demonstrated an intellectual maturity that permitted acceptance to the university. Mature students are permitted to undertake degree or diploma studies on the same basis as a regular student. Admission criteria are outlined under Mature Applicants.</p>	<p>Present Calendar Entry:</p> <p><i>Vancouver:</i> http://www.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=2,32,0,0</p> <p>CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>4. Mature Applicant. A resident of BC whose formal education has been interrupted and who does not meet the normal requirements for admission, but who has pursued interests and activities that have contributed to an intellectual maturity that would permit acceptance to the University. The University reserves the right to determine whether or not an applicant can be classified as mature; the determination will not be made on the sole criterion of chronological age. An applicant who applies for admission as a mature applicant and is not granted admission in this category will be advised of an alternate route of study, usually at a college, in order to prepare for future admission as a regular student. Each applicant is considered on an individual basis. Application must be made to Enrolment Services, giving the applicant's school and employment background. It may be necessary for the applicant to be interviewed by the dean of the faculty concerned. A mature student is permitted to undertake degree or diploma studies on the same basis as a fully matriculated student.</p>



	<p>Type of Action:</p> <p>Delete the current mature student classification entry for UBC Vancouver replace with a revised definition of Mature Student under Classification of Students.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <p>The admission criteria for mature applicants are currently mixed within the definition of mature students as a student classification. The proposed reorganization of information for these students separates classification from the admission criteria.</p>
<p>Proposed Calendar Entry:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contents</p> <p><u>Notice Regarding Admissions</u> ></p> <p>[...] ></p> <p><u>International Applicants</u> ></p> <p><u>Mature Applicants</u> ></p> <p><u>Application to UBC [...]</u> ></p> <p>[...] ></p>	<p>URLs:</p> <p>Vancouver: http://www.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=2,0,0,0</p> <p>Present Calendar Entry:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contents</p> <p><u>Notice Regarding Admissions</u> ></p> <p>[...] ></p> <p><u>International Applicants</u> ></p> <p><u>Application to UBC [...]</u> ></p> <p>[...] ></p> <p>Type of Action: Add Mature Applicants as an admission category for UBC Vancouver, following “International Applicants.”</p>
<p>New URL:</p> <p>Create a new “MATURE APPLICANTS” page hyper-linked from the Mature Student classification entry (underlined word in proposed text, above).</p> <p>Proposed Calendar Entry:</p> <p>MATURE APPLICANTS</p> <p>In seeking to admit the best and brightest students, the University recognizes evidence of academic potential in a range of achievements and life experiences. It recognizes that those who have achieved excellence, pursued interests and activities with dedication, determination and discipline or overcome significant hardships may have the intellectual maturity required to contribute to and benefit from degree and diploma studies at the</p>	<p>URL: No present URL or entry for this content in the UBC Vancouver calendar.</p> <p>Type of Action: Create new calendar entries and web pages for “MATURE APPLICANTS”, separate from the definition of the Mature Student classification in the UBC Vancouver calendar.</p> <p>Rationale: The current calendar entries for Mature Applicants appear under “Student Classifications”. The new calendar section will separate the definition of this student classification from the details related to identification and admission of mature applicants.</p> <p>The proposed text more clearly articulates the types of mature students identified as desirable by the University while simultaneously revising the</p>



University.

Individuals who see themselves in the above statement and who have been outside of full-time formal education for at least four years are encouraged to submit an application and supporting documents for consideration.

The University reserves the right to determine whether or not an applicant can be classified as mature. Applicants to programs with pre-requisite subjects are normally required to complete these prior to admission to the program.

adjudication practices behind the policy to better identify and admit the appropriate students.

Background on this proposal is provided in the attached *Mature Policy Proposal – Background Paper*.

Processing Mature Applications

As is currently the practice, information regarding document requirements for Mature Applicants will be provided on the website for prospective students to UBC Vancouver and in communication to applicants from the Admissions Office at the point of application.

Prospective Mature Students will continue to self-identify by selecting the Mature Applicant category in the online application form for undergraduate admission.

Although the required documents and methods of collection may change over time and in consultation with the University, the proposed document requirements for now are:

- Application and application fee
- Official transcripts of all post-secondary coursework (the need for secondary transcripts would be assessed on a case-by-case basis)
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (if English is not the applicant's first language)
- Statement of Intent – outlining area(s) of study interest and preparedness for successful university study
- Full record of employment and personal history – highlighting points relevant to the application
- Two references from persons specifically able to assess potential for academic success

The Admission Office will continue to process the Mature Student applications and collect the required documentation.

Adjudication of Mature Applications:

Adjudication of these applications and a decision on admissibility will rest with a designated authority (e.g. the Dean or Associate Dean) within the academic unit(s) to which the individual has



	<p>applied. Communication of that decision is to be made via the Admissions Office or be copied to the Admissions Office to ensure that all necessary information is provided to admitted students and that students who are denied but advised of an alternate route to admission (e.g. via specific courses and/or grades in Access Studies or College transfer) can be tracked upon future application.</p>
<p>Proposed Calendar Entry: None</p>	<p>Vancouver URL:</p> <p>http://www.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=12,195,272,28</p> <p>Present Calendar Entry</p> <p><u>The Faculty of Applied Science > Bachelor of Applied Science > Admission</u></p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Mature Students</p> <p>Applicants who do not meet the normal University or Faculty requirements for admission, but who have relevant work experience in engineering, may be considered for admission. Mature student applications are considered on an individual basis; this applies to residents of BC only.</p> <p>Type of Action: Strike the faculty-specific reference to Mature Students in the UBC Calendar.</p> <p>Rationale: The current language is replaced by the proposed Mature student classification and admission policy.</p>