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Vancouver Senate Admissions Committee
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To: Vancouver Senate

From: Admissions Committee

Re: **Canadian Aboriginal Applicants (approval)**
Master of Journalism (approval)
Master of Food and Resource Economics (approval)
Master of Science: Human Nutrition (approval)

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a. Canadian Aboriginal Applicants (approval)

The Admissions Committee has reviewed and recommends to Senate for approval changes in admission requirements for Canadian Aboriginal applicants. As outlined in the circulated calendar entry, applicants may self-identify upon application for admission. A number of editorial changes are also outlined.

Motion: *That Senate approve changes in admission requirements for Canadian Aboriginal applicants, as outlined in the revised calendar entry on admission, effective for entry to the 2012 Winter Session and thereafter.*

b. Master of Journalism (approval)

The Admissions Committee has reviewed and recommends to Senate for approval changes in admission requirements for applicants to Master of Journalism program. As outlined in the circulated calendar entry, applicants are no longer required to present an honours baccalaureate degree for admission. A number of editorial changes are also outlined.

Motion: *That Senate approve changes in admission requirements for applicants to the Master of Journalism program, effective for admission to the 2011 Winter Session and thereafter.*

c) Master of Food and Resource Economics

The Admissions Committee has reviewed and recommends to Senate for approval changes in admission requirements for applicants to Master of Food and Resource Economics program. Applicants may present a baccalaureate degree in Economics for admission.

Motion: *That Senate approve changes in admission requirements for applicants to the Master of Food and Resource Economics program, effective for admission to the 2011 Winter Session and thereafter.*

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d) Master of Science: Human Nutrition

The Admissions Committee has reviewed and recommends to Senate for approval changes in admission requirements for applicants to Master of Science in Human Nutrition program. For admission, applicants must present three (3) credits of biochemistry and physiology and twelve (12) credits of advanced nutrition.

Motion: *That Senate approve changes in admission requirements for applicants to the Master of Science in Human Nutrition program, effective for admission to the 2011 Winter Session and thereafter.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. David Fielding
Chair, Admissions Committee

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UBC Undergraduate Admissions Proposal Form
Change to Admission Requirements

Effective Session: 2012 Admission **Year for Change:** To be posted to the calendar as soon as possible for the purpose of advising prospective students.	**Date:** April 14, 2011 **Contact Person:** Graeme Joseph, Coordinator Strategic Aboriginal Initiatives Office of the Vice-President, Students Telephone: 604 822-4041 Email: graeme.joseph@ubc.ca
URL: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,14,0,0 Homepage→ Admissions →Canadian Aboriginal Applicants **Proposed Calendar Entry:** ***Canadian Aboriginal Applicants*** UBC is dedicated to making its resources more accessible to Aboriginal people, and to improving its ability to meet their educational needs. The University recognizes that Aboriginal students make valuable contributions to its learning environment and therefore invites inquiries and applications from Aboriginal candidates to its many and diverse fields of study. UBC may consider applicants who do not meet the current competitive admission cut-off set by the individual faculties and schools, but who meet the University-wide academic minimum of 70% for first-year programs or 2.0 AGPA on a 4.0 scale for applicants applying from a recognized post-secondary institution. Applicants must also satisfy program pre-requisites set by the individual faculties and schools. Applicants who wish to be considered under this admission category **must self-**	**URL:** http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,14,0,0 Homepage→ Admissions →Canadian Aboriginal Applicants **Present Calendar Entry:** ***Canadian Aboriginal Applicants*** UBC is dedicated to making its ~~vast~~ resources more accessible to Aboriginal people, and to improving its ability to meet their educational needs. The University recognizes that Aboriginal students make valuable contributions to its learning environment and therefore invites inquiries and applications from Aboriginal candidates to its many and diverse fields of study. UBC may consider applicants who do not meet the current competitive admission cut-off set by the individual faculties and schools, but who meet the University-wide academic minimum of 70% for first-year programs or 2.0 AGPA on a 4.0 scale for applicants applying from a recognized post-secondary institution. Applicants must also satisfy program pre-requisites set by the individual faculties and schools. Applicants who wish to be considered under this admission category must

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identify as Aboriginal upon application for admission to the University. Applicants will be considered on an individual basis by the applicable faculty or school in consultation with a representative of the First Nations House of Learning. **A number of factors indicative of personal readiness** to succeed at UBC will be considered. For the purposes of application and admission to UBC, and in accordance with the *Constitution Act, 1982*, Part II, Section 35(2), being Schedule B to the *Canada Act 1982* (U.K.), 1982, c. 11, an Aboriginal applicant is an Indian, Inuit, or Métis person of Canada.	~~**complete an Aboriginal Supplemental Application in addition to the application for admission to UBC.**~~ Applicants will be considered on an individual basis by the applicable faculty or school in consultation with a representative of the First Nations House of Learning. ~~**Educational history, cultural knowledge, community participation, work experience, and educational goals, as well as other achievements that indicate an ability**~~ to succeed at UBC will be considered. For the purposes of application and admission to UBC, and in accordance with the *Constitution Act, 1982*, Part II, Section 35(2), being Schedule B to the *Canada Act 1982* (U.K.), 1982, c. 11, an Aboriginal applicant is an Indian, Inuit, or Métis person of Canada.
	Type of Action: Revise Canadian Aboriginal Admission Policy to reflect changes in process. **Rationale**: A separate Aboriginal Supplemental Application will not be required for most Aboriginal applicants as a result of the implementation of common (or shared) BBA questions for the selection of students to most direct-entry undergraduate programs. As the common questions will support the assessment of personal readiness for study at UBC in place of the Aboriginal Supplemental Application, reference to this part of the procedure to apply is no longer required in the Calendar. Information required of applicants who self-identify as Aboriginal will either be collected as part of the initial application or will be communicated in accordance with the requirements for the program to which individuals apply.

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UBC Admission Proposal Form
Change to Course or Program

Faculty: Arts Department: Journalism Faculty Approval Date: Effective Session 2011 Winter Term 1	Date: August 26, 2010 Contact Person: Barbara Curtis-Wallin, Education Programmer & Advisor Phone: 604-822-1513 Email: sojgrad@interchange.ubc.ca
URL: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,206,355,495 Homepage→ Faculties, Colleges, and Schools → The School of Journalism → Master of Journalism → Admission	**URL:** http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,206,355,495 Homepage→ Faculties, Colleges, and Schools → The School of Journalism → Master of Journalism → Admission
Proposed Calendar Entry: Admission **Applicants** for admission to the Master of Journalism program must possess a four-year baccalaureate degree in a discipline or interdisciplinary area regarded as appropriate by the Admissions Committee for the program. Only applicants with superior performance at the baccalaureate level and appropriate journalism knowledge and experience will be admitted. Applicants will be required to indicate their intended academic specialty at the time they apply. Because the number of applicants greatly exceeds the number of places available, a record that satisfies basic entrance requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Registration in graduate seminars in the academic specialty will be subject to the approval of the Director. Applicants with journalism experience will submit an extensive sample of their professional work; those without such experience will be selected on the basis of a manuscript of original writing that meets the standards of the peer group selected for entry into the program. The admissions panel will assess the applicant's potential for satisfactory performance in the program and for potential creative and constructive contribution to the profession. All applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. International applicants will require a	**Present Calendar Entry:** Admission ~~Candidates~~ for admission to the Master of Journalism program must possess a four-year ~~honours~~ baccalaureate degree in a discipline or interdisciplinary area regarded as appropriate by the Admissions Committee for the program. Only applicants with superior performance at the baccalaureate level and appropriate journalism knowledge and experience will be admitted. Applicants will be required to indicate their intended academic specialty at the time they apply. Because the number of applicants greatly exceeds the number of places available, a record that satisfies basic entrance requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Registration in graduate seminars in the academic specialty will be subject to the approval of the Director. Applicants with journalism experience will submit an extensive sample of their professional work; those without such experience will be selected on the basis of a manuscript of original writing that meets the standards of the peer group selected for entry into the program. The admissions panel will assess the applicant's potential for satisfactory performance in the program and for potential creative and constructive contribution to the profession. All applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. International applicants will require a

score of 600 or more on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The deadline for submission is January 15 for entry in September of the following academic year.	score of 600 or more on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The deadline for submission is January 15 for entry in September of the following academic year. ~~For students wishing to apply for graduate awards and fellowships, the deadline is December 1 of the previous year.~~ **Type of Action:** Housekeeping **Rationale for Proposed Change:** "Applicants" is more accurate terminology than "candidates". We do not require an honours degree, nor is it any longer the case that students apply for department awards separately from or previously to the regular admission deadline.

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Change to Course or Program

Faculty: Land and Food Systems **Department: Food and Resource Economics** **Faculty Approval Date: Jan. 20, 2011** **Effective Session: Term 2 2010/2011** **Winter Session** **Year for Change: 2011**	**Date: Feb. 1, 2011** **Contact Person: George Kennedy** **Phone: 2-1203** **Email:george.kennedy@ubc.ca**
URL: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,204,828,1110 Homepage →Faculties, Colleges, and Schools→ The Faculty of Graduate Studies →Degree Programs→Agricultural Economics **Proposed Calendar Entry:** *Agricultural Economics* *Degree Offered: M.Sc., M.F.R.E.* … **Master of Food and Resource Economics** **Admission Requirements** Students admitted to the M.F.R.E. degree program will normally possess a bachelor's degree in **economics**, agricultural economics or a related area, and are expected to meet the admission requirements of the *Faculty of Graduate Studies*.	URL: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,204,828,1110 Homepage →Faculties, Colleges, and Schools→ The Faculty of Graduate Studies →Degree Programs→Agricultural Economics **Present Calendar Entry:** *Agricultural Economics* *Degree Offered: M.Sc., M.F.R.E.* … **Master of Food and Resource Economics** **Admission Requirements** Students admitted to the M.F.R.E. degree program will normally possess a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics or a related area, and are expected to meet the admission requirements of the *Faculty of Graduate Studies*. **Type of Action:** Update program requirements for M.F.R.E degree **Rationale:** Applicants may present an undergraduate degree in Economics for admission

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Faculty: Land & Food Systems **Department: Human Nutrition Graduate Program** **Faculty Approval Date: January 20, 2011** **Effective Session: Term 1, 2011 Winter Session** **Year for Change: 2011**	**Date: May 29, 2010** **Contact Person: Gwen Chapman** **Phone: 604-822-6874** **Email: gwen.chapman@ubc.ca**
URL: **http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,204,828,1181** Homepage→ Faculties, Colleges, and Schools→The Faculty of Graduate Studies → Degree Programs →Human Nutrition **Proposed Calendar Entry:** **Master of Science** **Admission Requirements** Students admitted to the M.Sc. program must meet the Faculty of Graduate Studies' master's degree Admission Requirements. In addition, required prerequisite courses include biochemistry, human or vertebrate physiology, and advanced nutrition. A minimum of **3** credits (three hours per week, for one academic term) is required in each of **biochemistry and physiology, and a minimum of 12 credits is required in nutrition. These prerequisite courses must be completed at the third- or fourth- year level. Students without a background in nutrition, or with less than 12 credits of undergraduate courses in nutrition, may apply to the program. However, if admitted they will be required to take the missing credits of third- or fourth-year nutrition courses early in the graduate program, in addition to the usual M.Sc. course requirements.**	**URL:** **http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,204,828,1181** Homepage→ Faculties, Colleges, and Schools→The Faculty of Graduate Studies → Degree Programs →Human Nutrition **Present Calendar Entry:** **Master of Science** **Admission Requirements** Students admitted to the M.Sc. program must meet the Faculty of Graduate Studies' master's degree Admission Requirements. In addition, required prerequisite courses include biochemistry, human or vertebrate physiology, and advanced nutrition. A minimum of ~~6~~ credits (three hours per week, for two academic terms or one academic year) is required in each of ~~these areas, preferably at the third- or fourth- year levels. Students deficient in one of these areas may apply to the program, but if admitted will be required to take the appropriate courses early in the graduate program, in addition to the usual M.Sc. course requirements. Applicants deficient in more than one area will have to complete the required courses as unclassified students before being considered for admission to the graduate program.~~

	Type of Action: • Change in Admission requirements **Rationale:** • We are submitting a concurrent curriculum change request to increase the credit value of the M.Sc. thesis from 12 to 18 credits, and decrease the number of required graduate level courses in nutrition. We do not anticipate that this change will have any adverse consequences for students with an undergraduate degree in nutrition who already have a strong background in nutrition. However, some of our applicants have degrees in other areas (e.g., Life Sciences, biochemistry). To ensure that these students have appropriate strength in nutrition when they graduate, applicants will be now be required to have completed at least 12 credits of nutrition coursework (rather than the current 6 credits) at the undergraduate level. Those who have not completed this prerequisite will be required to do so within the graduate program, in addition to the usual M.Sc. requirements. • The biochemistry and physiology prerequisites are being reduced from 6 to 3 credits because we find that some universities and programs have a different suite of courses from UBC, and many applicants only have 3 credit courses in these areas. With the increase in nutrition coursework required, applicants will have increased background in biochemistry and physiology as they apply to nutrition.