



MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Programs Committee of University Council

Copy: Dr. Andrew Ireson, School of Environment & Sustainability

From: Martha Smith, Associate Dean, CGPS

Date: December 11, 2019

Re: Changes to Admission Requirements – Master of Water Security

As a result of strategic planning processes, as well as a partnership and opportunity to deliver the Master of Water Security (MWS) program at the Beijing Normal University in China, multiple changes to the MWS are being proposed. Curricular changes have been submitted to the December University Course Challenge process, and tuition changes will be considered as part of the Institutional Planning & Assessment tuition consultations early in the new year as they are unrelated to the curricular changes. The CGPS is requesting that APC recommend the proposed changes to admission requirements to University Council for approval.

The proposed changes are noted in red:

- a four-year honours degree, or equivalent, from a recognized college or university in an academic discipline relevant to the proposed field of study
- a cumulative weighted average of at least a 70% (~~U of S~~ USask grade system equivalent) in the last two years of study (e.g. 60 credit units)
- Language Proficiency Requirements: Proof of English proficiency may be required for international applicants and for applicants whose first language is not English. See the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Academic Information and Policies in this Catalogue for more information.
- **For all students, a written statement of why they want to join the program; and an online or other interview may also be required.**
- **Students must have completed a course at the undergraduate level (100-level or equivalent) in both mathematics and statistics with at least 70% (USask grade system equivalent).**

The Graduate Programs Committee approved the changes on December 5, 2019, and they were subsequently approved by the Executive Committee of CGPS on December 9, 2019.

Attached please find documentation specific to the proposed admission changes. The full proposal has also been provided as a supplementary document.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Clement at kelly.clement@usask.ca or 306-966-2229

The School of Environment and Sustainability discussed the following issue and resulting resolutions when making these revisions:

Issue: Type of student the program is attracting

Resolution: Faculty agreed that the original intention of offering an interdisciplinary program for both social science and natural science/engineering students must be maintained.

However, to ensure that students of all backgrounds would be successful in the program, a new admission requirement in mathematics and statistics was added.

The Graduate Programs Committee discussed the proposed language on the admission requirements informally in April 2019, and formally on September 30, 2019, and December 5, 2019. The Executive Committee of CGPS also discussed the language at their meeting on December 9, 2019. With each review, the proposed language was slightly modified to result in the proposed language that has been submitted to APC.

Memorandum

To: Academic Programs Committee (APC)

CC: Heather Heavin, Chair, Graduate Programs Committee, CGPS

From: Trever Crowe, Chair, Executive Committee, CGPS

Date: December 9, 2019

Re: **Master of Water Security Program**

On December 9, 2019, the Executive Committee (EC) of CGPS considered a recommendation from the Graduate Programs Committee (CGPS) to approve the revisions to the Master of Water Security program.

In principle the EC voted in favour of the revisions to the Master of Water Security program (Newton/McIntyre/1 abstention – CARRIED) with a friendly amendment to change the Skype language to *...online conferencing platform or otherwise for a possible interview may be required.*

The attached appendix provides additional background for consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Trever Crowe at trever.crowe@usask.ca or by phone at 966-5759.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of CGPS

Copy: Dr. Andrew Ireson, Master of Water Security Program Coordinator, School of Environment and Sustainability

From: Graduate Programs Committee

Date: December 6, 2019

Re: Master of Water Security program modification

On September 30, 2019, and December 5, 2019, the Graduate Programs Committee considered revisions to the Master of Water Security Program. Some members of the Graduate Programs Committee had initially reviewed the proposal and provided feedback in April 2019.

The revised program removed the concentration options. Students will complete 30 credit units of coursework through a cohort-based modular delivery and wrap up the program with a 6 credit unit capstone project.

The program revisions resulted from the School of Environment and Sustainability's strategic planning process, as well as a partnership and opportunity to deliver this UofS program at Beijing Normal University in China.

The Graduate Programs Committee passed the following motion unanimously.

"To recommend approval of the revisions to the Master of Water Security program."
Mendoza/Smith CARRIED

Based on University governance approval timelines, we request that programmatic changes be implemented effective May 1, 2020, admission changes be implemented for the 2020-2021 admission cycle, and tuition changes be implemented for September 2020.

Attached please find the full program proposal and supporting documents.

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