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Name of Program Being Modified	Degree Designation	Classification of Major Modification	Type of Major Modification	Brief Description of the Major Modification	Date of Internal Approval (MM/DD/YYYY)	Date the Major Modification becomes Effective (MM/DD/YYYY)
Master of Arts in English Language and Literature	MA	Graduate	change course/program requirements	Extending the program length/time-to-completion for the thesis stream from three terms to six, is the result of institutional changes to funding for students pursuing major research paper streams and the department’s subsequent review of its MA program. The intent is to provide adequate time to complete the thesis to ensure a more rewarding and successful experience to a wider range of students. It also will bring the thesis stream in line with most other thesis timelines at Brock, and elsewhere. To support the change there will also be subsequent minor modifications to the number of courses that thesis students take (e.g. addition of a HCE variable course to the thesis pass requirement) that will go through Brock’s internal/institutional approval process. Additionally, it will differentiate the MRP and thesis paths more clearly, proving greater flexibility.	9-18-2024	9-1-2025
Bachelor of Arts in Popular Culture (Honours, with Major, Pass)	BA	Undergraduate	Closure of a program	This modification, to discontinue the program, is the result of institutional program viability processes and follows the recommendation to “evaluate the feasibility of the BA in Popular Culture program” as part of the 2021-22 cyclical program review. The timing of the closure is staggered to accommodate the two currently enrolled students, and the department has facilitated cross-listed courses being re-homed or removed to ensure that other academic units are not negatively impacted by the closure.	1-22-2025	2-1-2025
Master of Arts in Studies in Comparative Literatures and Arts	MA	Graduate	Closure of a program	This modification, to discontinue the program, is the result of low enrolment and funding constraints. Even with declared <i>no intake years</i> (19/20, 24/25 and 25/26) there was a sustained attempt to maintain the program, including an unsuccessful attempt to merge with the PhD program in Interdisciplinary Humanities. Students are not impacted by the closure as there are no currently enrolled students.	3-19-2025	3-19-2025

Master of Arts in History	MA	Graduate	change course/program requirements	Requirements have been revised in response to student feedback and recommendations within the last CPR (19-20). The Department struck a committee to explore new directions for the MA program. The results of their work, that included consultation with students and faculty, were to: 1) make the thesis stream the preferred stream, 2) lengthen the MA thesis stream from 5 to 6 terms, 3) revise elective courses, and 4) reduce the MRP stream course requirements from 1 full course and 6 half courses to 1 full and 5 half courses. The intent is to provide students with greater choice, and training in specialized fields of History through individualized coursework and research experience.	4-16-2025	7-1-2026
BSc Sciences	BSc	Undergraduate	Add specialization, honours, option, concentration, stream	This addition of a new degree option (BSc Sciences With Major (non-honours) is in response to student feedback [preference to be able to complete a 4-year degree With Major (non-honours) instead of earning a Pass degree] and addresses key pedagogical concerns related to academic progression. Retention and alignment with broader educational goals of the (existing) Honours program were also factors in making this modification. All intended to support student success, degree completion and providing academic flexibility.	5-7-2025	9-1-2025
Bachelor of Kinesiology	BKIN	Undergraduate	Add specialization, honours, option, concentration, stream	This addition of a new degree pathway (a double degree) is the result of a newly signed partnership agreement with the University of Portsmouth (UK) and aligns with Brock's strategic priorities. The modification does not change Brock's BKIN degree, rather it provides students with an opportunity to gain international experience and earn a second Bachelor of Science degree in Sport and Exercise Science upon graduation.	5-7-2025	9-1-2026
PhD in Child and Youth Studies	PhD	Graduate	Change admission requirements	Changes in admission requirements are in response to program monitoring of applications and feedback from students and faculty regarding the amount of coursework, time to completion and supervision of students. The modification includes: 1) revising the program description to update the language around 'transdisciplinarity', 2) changing admissions requirement language to reference the coursework required (e.g., quantitative or qualitative methods) instead of specific courses (e.g., CHYS 5F01) and 3) make a change in course requirements to reduce the credit count (removing 1 required course by collapsing CHYS 7N01 and CHYS 7N02 into a single course). The intent is to provide greater clarity to prospective students outside of the Child and Youth Studies program, create more flexible admissions options, and enhance students' ability to meet program-level learning outcomes.	5-7-2025	9-1-2026

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	BSc	Undergraduate	Add specialization, honours, option, concentration, stream	This addition of a new degree pathway (a double degree) is the result of a newly signed partnership agreement with the University of Portsmouth (UK) and aligns with Brock’s strategic priorities. The modification does not change Brock’s BSc in Computer Science degree, rather it provides students with an opportunity to gain international experience and earn two credentials - a BSc in Computer Science degree from Brock and an BSc (Honours) Computer Science from Portsmouth.	5-7-2025	9-1-2026
Bachelor of Business Administration	BBA	Undergraduate	Change admission requirements	This modification, to change admission requirements is the result of program monitoring and consultation with the Office of the Registrar and Enrolment Services, the faculty and students. The change to only require one 4U math (down from 2) will attract a more diverse student body and aligns with Brock’s Strategic Plan. To support the change and ensure students are successful the first-year mathematics course (MATH 1P97) will be redesigned to focus specifically on mathematical techniques and principles important for success in our business undergraduate courses.	5-7-2025	6-1-2025