

## 689<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Senate

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 3 p.m.

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### A G E N D A

| Approx. Timing          | #    | Agenda Item   | Action                 |
|-------------------------|------|---|------------------------|
| 3:00                    | 1.   | Call to Order   |                        |
| 3:01                    | 2.   | Approval of the Agenda (including consent items)                              | Approval               |
| 3:02                    | 3.   | Business Arising from the Minutes   |                        |
| <b>ACTION ITEMS</b>     |      |   |                        |
| 3:05                    | 4.   | Reports of Standing Committees  |                        |
|                         | 4.1  | <u>Research and Scholarship Policy Committee</u>                              | <b><u>DECISION</u></b> |
|                         | 4.2  | <u>Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee</u>                    | <b><u>DECISION</u></b> |
|                         | 4.3  | <u>Planning, Priorities and Budget Advisory Committee</u>                     | <b><u>DECISION</u></b> |
| <b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b> |      |   |                        |
| 3:45                    | 5.   | <u>Report of the Chair</u>  | Information            |
| 3:55                    | 6.   | <u>Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor</u>                            | Information            |
| 4:05                    |      | <b>***Senate Break***</b>   |                        |
| 4:15                    | 7.   | <u>Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic</u>                     | Information            |
| 4:25                    | 8.   | <u>Report of the Vice-President, Research</u>                                 | Information            |
| 4:35                    | 9.   | Two Row Council - oral update   | Information            |
|                         | 10.  | Generative Discussion - N/A   |                        |
| 4:40                    | 11.  | Other Business  |                        |
| 4:45                    | 12.  | <b>IN CAMERA</b> - <u>Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic*</u> | Information            |
| 5:00                    | 13.  | Adjournment   |                        |
| <b>CONSENT ITEMS</b>    |      |   |                        |
|                         | 14.  | Minutes   |                        |
|                         | 14.1 | <u>688<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Senate held on March 24, 2021</u>              | Approval               |
|                         | 15.  | <u>Communications - Letter to Senate</u>                                      | Information            |
|                         | 16.  | <u>Report of the Academic Colleague</u>                                       | Information            |
|                         | 17.  | Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees - N/A                          | Information            |
|                         | 18.  | Reports of Standing Committees  |                        |
|                         | 18.1 | <u>Academic Review Committee*</u>   | <b><u>DECISION</u></b> |
|                         | 18.2 | <u>Undergraduate Program Committee</u>  | <b><u>DECISION</u></b> |
|                         | 18.3 | <u>Graduate Studies Committee</u>   | Information            |
|                         | 18.4 | <u>Teaching and Learning Policy Committee</u>                                 | Information            |
|                         | 18.5 | <u>Governance Committee</u>   | Information            |
|                         | 18.6 | Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee - N/A                                 |                        |



**To:** Chabriol Colebatch, University Secretary &  
General Counsel, Brock University

**From:** Michael Ashton, Chair  
Research and Scholarship Policy Committee

**Date:** April 13, 2021

Report to Senate 689, April 21, 2021

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **1. Amendment to FHB III: C. 2.2.5 – Appointment of REB Members, Vice-Chairs, Chairs, and Appeals Board Members**

**MOVED** (Ashton/ )

**THAT Senate approve the proposed changes to FHB III:C.2.2.5.c Appointment of REB Members, Vice Chairs, Chairs, and Appeal Board Members as indicated** (strikeouts indicate deletion):

2.2.5. Appointment of REB Members, Vice Chairs, Chairs, and Appeal Board members

a) The REB shall follow its own established guidelines and procedures to propose candidate names for REB members, REB Vice-Chairs, and REB Chairs, and for all members of the Appeal Board, to the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee of Senate.

b) The Research and Scholarship Policy Committee shall recommend members, Vice-Chair and Chair of the REBs, and members of the Appeal Board, to Senate.

~~c) The VPR and/or delegates shall be recused from any part of a Research and Scholarship Policy Committee meeting where appointment recommendations are discussed or decided.~~

**Rationale:** Section 2.2.5.c) is not relevant to the current process of the Research Ethics Board (REB) committee appointments. There is no real or perceived conflict of interest for the Vice-President Research as this Office no longer appoints REB members.

## **CONSENT ITEMS – INFORMATION**

2. In keeping with FBH 3:C, Article 2.2.5(a) noted in item #1 above, the REB has drafted some detailed guidelines and procedures for appointing REB members, REB Vice-Chairs, and REB Chairs. When finalized and received by the Committee, the relevant document will be distributed as information to Senate.
3. The Committee received from the Provost and the Vice-President Research a report addressing various concerns raised by the Committee regarding institutional Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). The Provost will later propose some corresponding additions to the Faculty Handbook.
4. The Committee received an update from its working group that will develop the University's research data management strategy. The [Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy](#) has now been released by the federal government, which means that the University will be required to complete its own institutional strategy by March 1, 2023, and to post the strategy and notify the agencies.



## Report to Research & Scholarship Policy Committee

### INFORMATION ITEM

TOPIC: MOUs

April 7, 2021

Lynn Wells, Provost & Vice-President, Academic  
Tim Kenyon, Vice-President, Research

#### PURPOSE

- The purpose of this report is to address a set of concerns raised in the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee with respect to institutional Memoranda of Understanding ('MOUs').

#### BACKGROUND

- At the February 24, 2021 meeting of the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee, the Committee raised some questions regarding the University's processes and practices for institutional MOUs, including:
  - Whether MOUs entered into by the University could be made public;
  - How 'community partnerships' or 'international collaborations' are selected and approved and whether there are any organizations with whom the University would choose not to enter into an MOU;
  - What Senate's purview should be with respect to such agreements; and
  - How to ensure Senate's role does not impede or interfere with the academic freedom of faculty and professional librarians with respect to research and teaching.
- Following the meeting, the Provost engaged with the Vice-President, Research, Government and Community Relations, Brock International and the University Secretariat to explore and confirm ways of responding to the questions raised. A summary of the agreed upon response is set out below.

#### SUMMARY

| Concern      | Response  |
|--------------|---|
| Transparency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All MOUs entered into through Government &amp; Community Relations and Brock International are already listed on their respective webpages.</li> </ul> |



| Concern                        | Response   |
|--------------------------------|--|
|                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where feasible, Brock will make available to the University community the full text of future MOUs. In accordance with FIPPA legislation, components of MOUs that reveal a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information of third parties, which have been supplied in confidence, may be held but would be available to an appropriate Committee of Senate and/or the Board.</li> <li>• Brock’s MOU template will be made available online as well.</li> </ul>  |
| MOU processes & decisions      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative processes and general principles for entering into MOUs shall be formalized and posted online.</li> <li>• A large number of MOUs are established through the action of individual faculty members or Faculties on the basis of academic and/or research imperatives. Administrative processes and general principles established should not aim to unduly impede these initiatives.</li> </ul>   |
| Senate’s role and jurisdiction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOUs will comply with all applicable Senate policies and will not purport to give approval for any matter that requires Senate approval. This is current practice and assures that matters such as approval of new programs or research centres and institutes remain the responsibility of Senate.</li> <li>• The institutional MOU template will include a provision stipulating that any activities to be undertaken pursuant to the MOU are subject to the applicable requirements of the parties’ governing bodies.</li> <li>• Any Senator who has a concern that an institutional MOU has not followed appropriate processes or is ill-advised is encouraged to raise the matter with the University Secretariat, who will direct the inquiry accordingly. If the Senator continues to have a concern, and the matter falls within the purview of a Senate committee or Senate, it may be brought to the attention of the applicable Senate committee or Senate.</li> </ul> |
| Academic freedom               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All University policies and collective agreement provisions, including those concerning academic freedom, will be followed in the negotiation and implementation of MOUs.</li> </ul>  |

**NEXT STEPS**

- The Provost and Vice-President, Academic and the Vice-President, Research, will work on implementing the measures described above, with regular updates provided to Senate.



To: Chabriol Colebatch, University Secretary &  
General Counsel, Brock University

From: Tim Ribaric  
Chair, Information, Technology, and  
Infrastructure Committee

Date: April 13, 2021

Report to Senate 689, April 21, 2021

#### **ACTION ITEM**

##### **1. Hyflex Classrooms**

MOVED (Ribaric/ )

THAT Senate endorse in principle, the introduction of Hyflex Classrooms as outlined in this document.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS - INFORMATION**

2. In March the Committee heard details about the proposed Engineering department and provided a statement of support for its creation and is looking forward to continued work on this initiative.
3. In April the Committee spent time discussing the report circulated from Two Row council, "Lighting the Fire: Experiences of Indigenous Faculty in Ontario University" and has devised some next steps for how the committee can follow up on calls of action outlined in the report.

## HyFlex Classroom – For Information

### Senate IT & I Committee – Meeting March 30<sup>th</sup>

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HyFlex courses are not a new concept in the post-secondary sector. HyFlex courses can be defined as:

“Courses are those where students have the choice to attend learning on campus (in a classroom) or online, typically through real-time broadcast of classes via the internet. Online and on-campus students should be intentionally integrated to the learning environment through online interactions and engagement with synchronous learning opportunities (i.e., lectures, discussions). Where a student, in a hyflex course chooses to attend online, they should not be required to come to a physical location for any aspect of the course.”

HyFlex classrooms have been identified as a way to support teaching and learning in the current environment and will provide a lasting legacy for Brock. At present, Brock does not have rooms that would allow for a HyFlex delivery. Several faculty members have inquired about HyFlex options and would be willing to teach in this model. Therefore, the following project has been designed to develop five classrooms that will support a HyFlex course. Once the technology is procured an extensive process of outreach and training for interested faculty will be designed and implemented to support the HyFlex course model.

- Cost for one room is \$15,000 – Total cost for 5 rooms = \$75,000
- Rooms to be equipped as HyFlex – TH 259, 258, 257, 256, 255
- These are flat classroom with the normal capacity for 60 (Rm 255, 256, 257), 77 (Rm 258) and 59 (Rm 259) students.
- Procurement of equipment will take approximately one month and it is essential to beginning now to ensure supply is available, as many other Canadian universities are also looking to scale up their Hyflex capacities for the Fall.
- Set-up of the rooms will take approximately 2 weeks.

In addition to the needs for HyFlex technology, these specific classrooms have also been previously designated as requiring modernization. Assessments are currently underway to determine the extent of the renovations required. If these can be completed together with the inclusion of the HyFlex technology by August 2021, then they will be completed simultaneously. If the renovations will not be able to be completed by this time, then the HyFlex will be installed in a way that is functional but also removable in the future for the renovations to take place.



TO: Chabriol Colebatch  
University Secretary & General Legal Counsel

FROM: Professor David Hutchison  
Chair, Senate Planning, Priorities &  
Budget Advisory Committee

DATE: April 13, 2021

**Report to Senate 689, April 21, 2021**

**ACTION ITEM**

**1. 2021-22 Budget**

**MOVED** (Hutchison/ )

**THAT PP&BAC recommends to Senate that the 2021-22 Budget is consistent with the academic policy of the University**

2021-22 Budget Presentation (Updated for April 21 Senate Meeting)

**Note:** The following budget summary, which details the main points in budget presentations to PP&BAC, was drafted by Josh Tonnos, Associate Vice-President, Financial Services and reviewed by David Hutchison, Chair of PP&BAC for inclusion in this PP&BAC report.

**Rationale**

- The 2021-22 draft budget plan was developed under the following guiding principles:
  - Address our budget reality and find a balance between new revenue generation and expense reduction.
  - Human resource management including recruiting internally to minimize job loss.
  - Budget must be consistent with the academic policy of the University.
  - Continue advancing and investing in the institution's strategic priorities.
  - Student focus.
  - Target returning to hybrid instruction next Fall, respecting the health and well-being of the community.

- Administration, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, Senate Committees and the University community, developed a 2021-22 budget guidance strategy to achieve a balanced budget plan for 2021-22. This is a marked achievement recognizing Brock's \$51 million revenue loss (15 per cent of total revenue) in 2020-21 and a \$30 million revenue shortfall identified at the commencement of the budget planning phase for 2021-22.

## Key Background

- Initial estimates pegged the 2021-22 fiscal year to have a \$30.3 million funding shortfall.
- A mitigation strategy was developed through a comprehensive consultation process which included unit level guidance expense reductions of 8.8 per cent, central budget mitigation strategies, and in-year mitigation targets.
- Three townhalls were held throughout the year to provide opportunities for community engagement on the budget process.
- On March 23, 2021, the Senior Academic Leadership Team (SALT) passed a motion in support of the draft budget.
- On March 30, 2021, the Planning Priorities and Budget Advisory Committee of Senate (PP&BAC) passed a motion in support of the draft budget.
- A total of seven budget consultation meetings were held with PP&BAC and five with SALT between September 2020 and March 2021.
- Financial Services met with all units of the University in support of unit level budget development.
- The presentation, included in Senate's package, summarizes the 2021-22 budget, strategic investments and key risks.

## Implications

- The proposed 2021-22 budget includes a \$2.48 million in-year mitigation target, representing less than 1 per cent of the budget, as well as an organizational review savings target of \$1.0 million with work currently underway on this initiative.
- This budget plan was a historic challenge to prepare following:
  - the 10 per cent reduction in domestic tuition in 2019-20 and tuition rates held flat at these levels going into 2020-21 and 2021-22,
  - a \$51 million revenue shortfall in 2020-21 due to the impacts of the global pandemic and,
  - another \$30 million estimated mitigation for 2021-22 at the commencement of the budget development phase.
- The combined mitigation target of \$3.48 million compares to a mitigation target of \$2.65 million in the 2020-21 budget, which subsequently grew to \$51 million as reported in Financial Services 2020-21 Trimester Two report due to the global pandemic.
- Salient to the draft 2021-22 budget is the strategic reserve fund of \$1.8 million set aside and unencumbered to fund in-year strategic priorities, and if needed provide added budget flexibility for mitigation. This reserve represents 0.5 per cent of revenue, short of the Fiscal Framework target of 1 per cent; however,

given the significant impacts of the global pandemic on revenues it should be recognized that having this reserve at 50 per cent is a notable achievement.

### **Next Steps**

- The budget plan remains conservative for a reopening of the campus for Fall 2021 with a potential revenue upside should public health measures improve significantly into the fall; however, our operations remain flexible to adapt to the possible continuation of pandemic related public health restrictions.
- The 2021-22 budget includes new investments to support strategic enrolment growth with additional resources for developing and enhancing: Engineering, Continuing Education, campus renewal and deferred maintenance, Indigenization with an additional four faculty positions and capital project allotments, enhanced student awards and financial aid envelopes to minimize financial barriers, no reductions in faculty count overall, continuation of internally funded research grants and funding to support a revised model for research business development and commercialization of intellectual property, and budgets for continued support of all academic, research and support programs at Brock.
- Enrolment remains the greatest concern to long-term sustainability as Brock requires over 1% enrolment growth to cover inflation costs. New programs and new intake channels are needed to address this risk. In support of this, the budget provides for strategic enrolment enhancements.

## **INFORMATION**

### **2. Proposal to establish a Department of Engineering**

The PP&BAC Committee discussed the attached Academic Plan for the Establishment of a New Academic Unit which proposes to establish a Department of Engineering at Brock University. Dr. Greg Finn, Special Advisor to the President, was in attendance to answer questions and communicate the committee's feedback to the Academic Advisory Committee on Engineering which he chairs. The proposal will also be vetted by other Senate committees, including the IT&I Committee.

It was noted that the primary revenue stream for the new department and its associated programs will be tuition fees (both domestic and international). The University is optimistic that the engineering programs the department establishes (through the ARC process) will meet the enrolment targets outlined in Appendix 1 of the proposal. With reference to the proposal (p. 6), Greg Finn noted that "between 2007 and 2016, there was a 98 percent increase in applications for undergraduate engineering programs [across the province]. This compares with a 23 percent overall increase in total applications across all programs to Ontario universities over the same period."

There was a discussion as to how new engineering programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels will complement newly proposed and existing programs in other academic units. Greg emphasized the interdisciplinary nature of the engineering programs that are planned and the potential for intra-university partnerships beyond the Faculty of Math and Sciences where the new department will be housed.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of diversity in existing engineering programs. Greg Finn and Lynn Wells assured the committee that diversity will be a priority both in terms of faculty hires and the student population. For example, plans are underway to work with Robyn Bourgeois, Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement, regarding incentives to attract Indigenous students.

There was a question as to the payback date at which time the new department's costs to the University in the early years will have been recouped. It is anticipated that the department will generate a profit for the university beginning in 2025-26 as noted in Appendix 1. A member suggested clarifying Appendix 1 to indicate that there will be a steady state number of faculty (13) as of 2028-2029.

There was a query re. the ambitious plans for new facilities as detailed in the proposal. Greg Finn noted that there are early long-term plans for a new engineering building to accommodate the facility requirements as the engineering programs grow in size. Lynn Wells indicated that the University hopes to draw on potential government infrastructure funding. Discussions with external stakeholders regarding public and private (in-kind) funding support are ongoing.

PP&BAC expressed general support for the proposal from a budgetary perspective.

### **3. The committee received Trimester 2 Financial Update and Forecast.**



# Brock University

## **2021-22 BUDGET REPORT**

Including key performance metrics



**SENATE COMMITTEE:**

**DRAFT 2021-22 Budget**

*- April 21, 2021 -*

# Motion Senior Academic Leadership Team

***Whereas the 2021-22 Budget was developed through consultation in setting budget guidance with the University community, and resulted in a budget that supports the Institutional Strategic Plan and the academic priorities of the Faculties, balanced with fiscal responsibility:***

***Therefore, the Senior Academic Leadership Team recommends to the Senate Planning, Priorities, and Budget Advisory Committee that the 2021-22 Budget is consistent with the academic policy of the University.***

# PP&BAC Motion

***That the Senate Planning, Priorities, and Budget Advisory Committee recommend to Senate that the 2021-22 Budget is consistent with the academic policy of the University.***

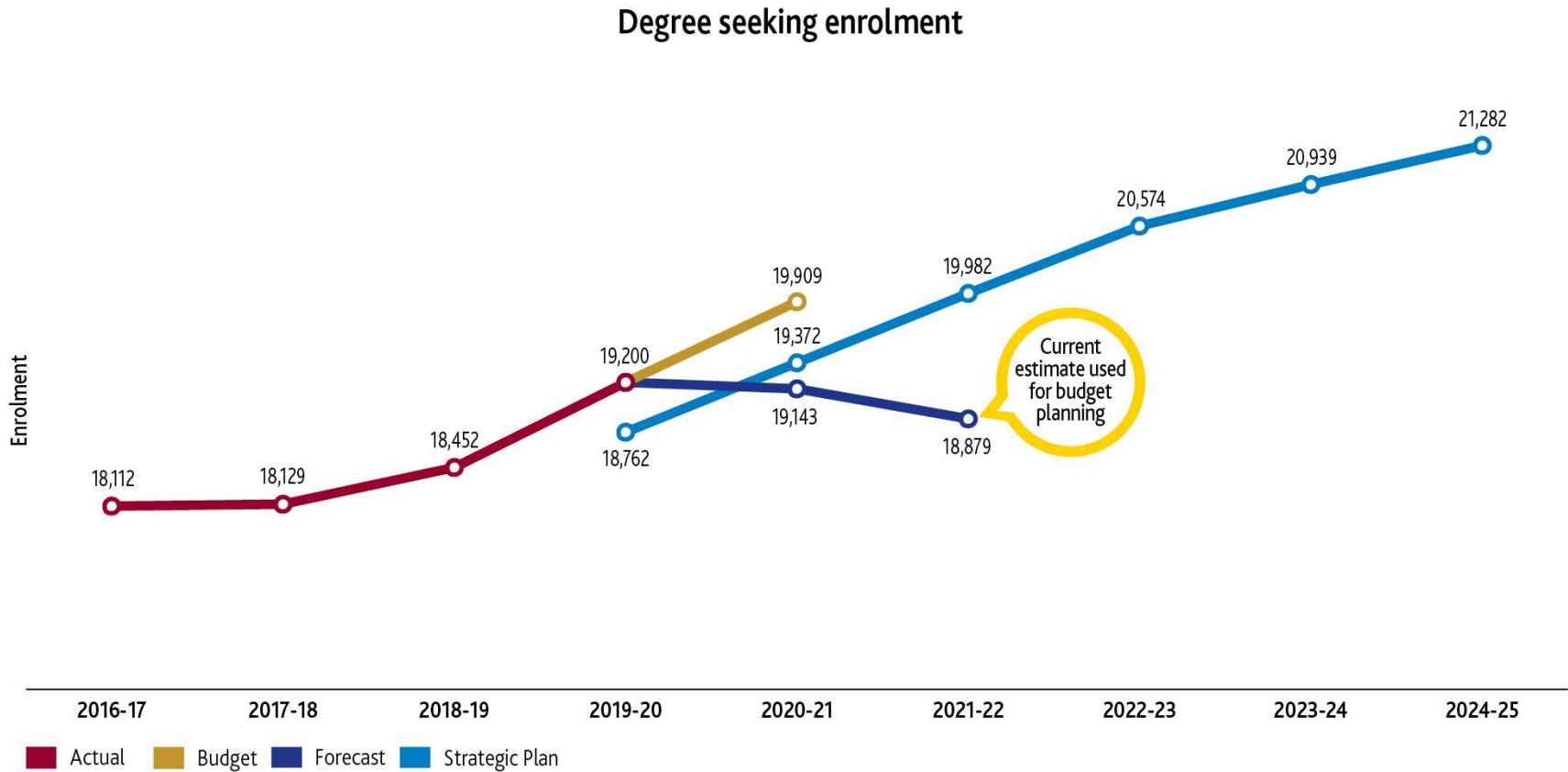
# Motion

***That the Senate recommend to the Board of Trustees that the 2021-22 Budget is consistent with the academic policy of the University.***

# Budget Process

- Budget guidance developed and finalized through consultation
- PPBAC Consultation
  - ✓ September 15, 2020 - Budget development process and timing
  - ✓ October 20, 2020 - Budget guidance, tuition fees and scholarship budget, 2020-21 Trimester 1 Forecast
  - ✓ November 17, 2020 - Capital budget, budget update
  - ✓ January 26, 2021 - Draft submitted budget update
  - ✓ February 23, 2021 - Draft budget update and 2020-21 T2 Forecast update
  - ✓ March 23, 2021 - presentation of draft budget
  - ✓ March 30, 2021 - passed motion in favour of 2021-22 draft budget
- Consultation with Senior Academic Leadership Team (SALT) (5 meetings)
- Townhall held November 6, 2020
- Non-academic budget developers submitted first draft budgets December 14, 2020
- Academic budget developers submitted first draft budgets January 11, 2021
- Townhall held February 5, 2021
- Senior Academic Leadership Team (SALT) motion passed in support of the 2021-22 draft budget March 23, 2021
- Townhall held March 26, 2021

# Degree-seeking enrolment



# 2021-22 Draft Budget Financial Overview

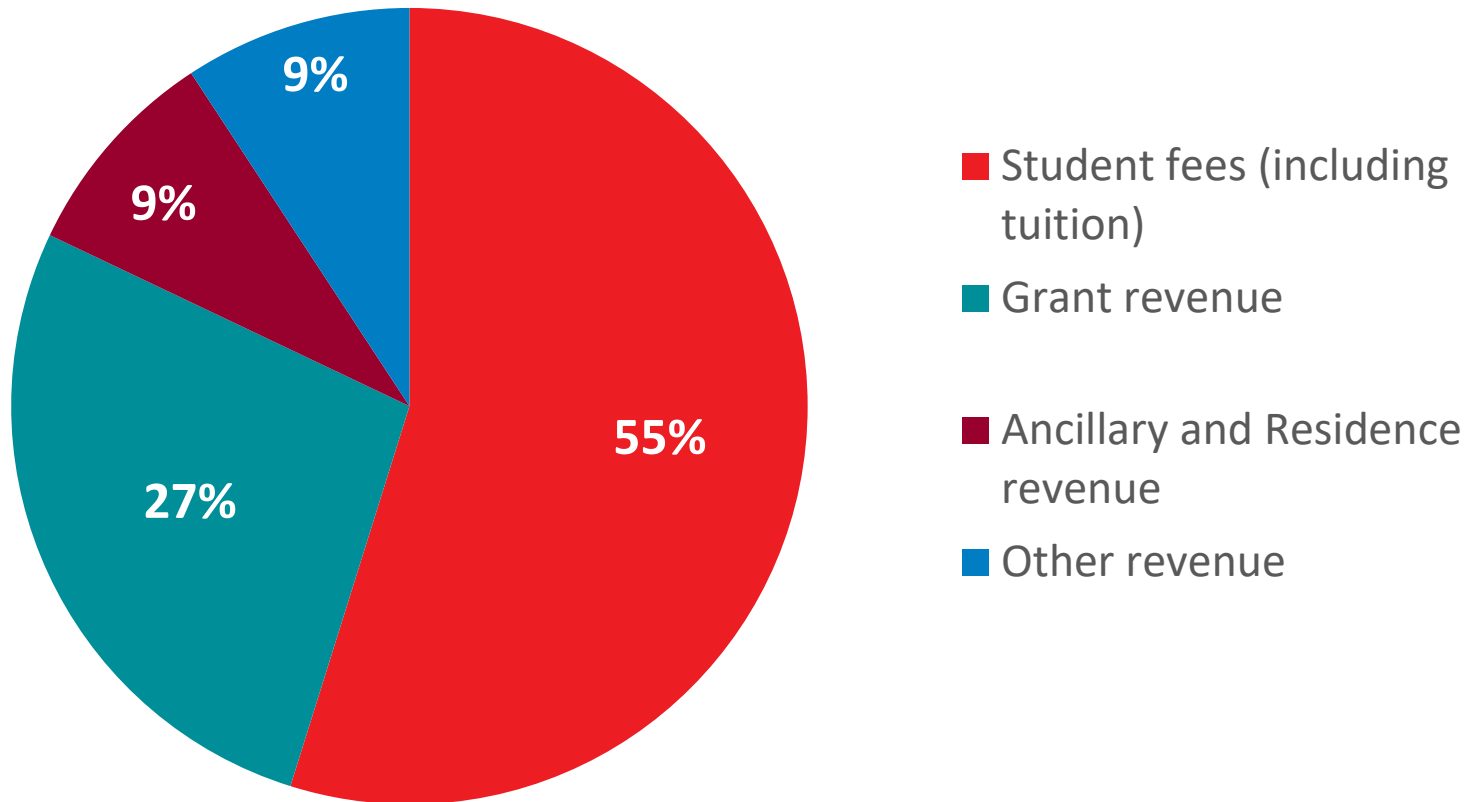
# 2021-22 Budget

| (\$000s)                                  | 2021-22 Budget   | 2020-21 Budget   | 2019-20 Actuals  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                            |                  |                  |                  |
| Student fees                              | 196,563          | 200,202          | 185,078          |
| Grant revenue                             | 97,612           | 97,288           | 96,788           |
| Internal chargebacks                      | 9,044            | 8,621            | 8,484            |
| Inter-fund revenue                        | 6,838            | 7,042            | 4,920            |
| Other revenue                             | 48,410           | 54,899           | 51,707           |
| <b>Total revenue</b>                      | <b>358,467</b>   | <b>368,052</b>   | <b>346,977</b>   |
| <b>Operating expenses</b>                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Personnel costs                           | (233,001)        | (238,613)        | (220,419)        |
| Inter-fund revenue                        | (26,610)         | (25,773)         | (25,900)         |
| Other operating costs                     | (102,335)        | (106,313)        | (93,000)         |
| <b>Total operating costs</b>              | <b>(361,946)</b> | <b>(370,699)</b> | <b>(339,319)</b> |
| Organizational review savings<br>(Lane 3) | 1,000            |                  |                  |
| Remaining in-year Mitigation              | 2,479            | 2,647            |                  |
| <b>Funding surplus</b>                    | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>7,658</b>     |



# 2021-22 Budget - Revenue

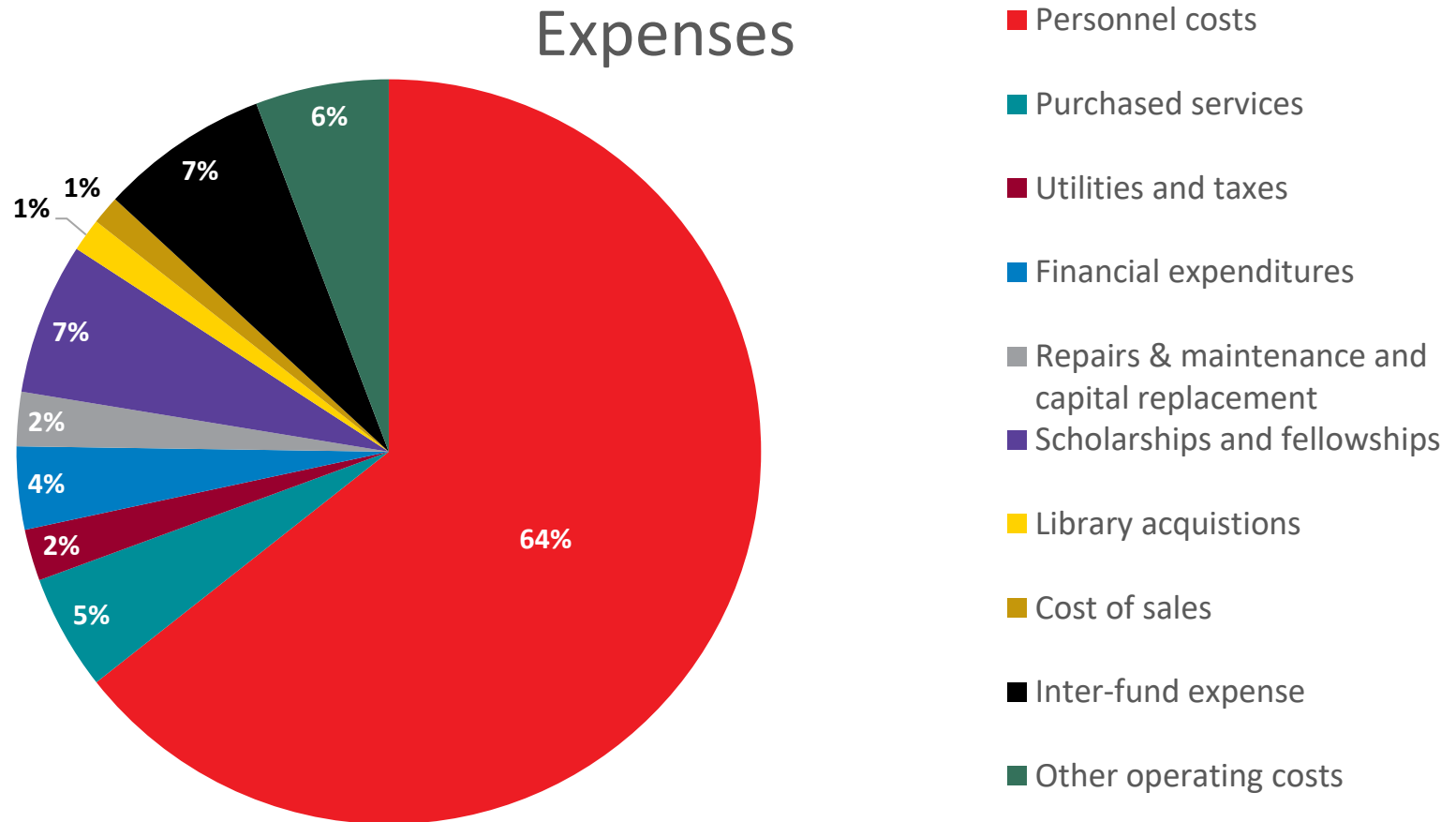
## Revenue



# Revenue

| (\$000's)                             | 2021-22<br>Budget | 2020-21<br>Budget | 2020-21<br>T2 Forecast | Variance 2021-22<br>Budget vs 2020-21<br>Budget |              | Variance 2021-22<br>Budget vs 2020-21<br>T2 Forecast |              |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---|--------------|--|--------------|
|                                       |                   |                   |                        | \$  | %            | \$   | %            |
|                                       |                   |                   |                        | Tuition   | 186,039      | 189,383  | 178,751      |
| Fee revenue                           | 10,524            | 10,819            | 7,760                  | (295)   | -2.7%        | 2,764  | 35.6%        |
| MCU operating grants                  | 89,014            | 90,126            | 90,322                 | (1,112)   | -1.2%        | (1,308)  | -1.4%        |
| Other MCU and specific purpose grants | 8,598             | 7,162             | 8,830                  | 1,436   | 20.1%        | (232)  | -2.6%        |
| Ancillary and residence revenue       | 31,178            | 37,368            | 8,672                  | (6,190)   | -16.6%       | 22,506   | 259.5%       |
| Investment income                     | 1,866             | 1,849             | 2,599                  | 17  | 0.9%         | (733)  | -28.2%       |
| Sales and services                    | 12,720            | 15,682            | 9,157                  | (2,962)   | -18.9%       | 3,563  | 38.9%        |
| Internal chargebacks                  | 9,044             | 8,621             | 3,006                  | 423   | 4.9%         | 6,038  | 200.9%       |
| Inter-fund revenue                    | 6,838             | 7,042             | 7,532                  | (204)   | -2.9%        | (694)  | -9.2%        |
| Asset sale revenue                    | 2,646             | -                 | -                      | 2,646   |              | 2,646  |              |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                  | <b>358,467</b>    | <b>368,052</b>    | <b>316,629</b>         | <b>(9,585)</b>                                  | <b>-2.6%</b> | <b>41,838</b>  | <b>13.2%</b> |

# 2021-22 Budget - Expenses



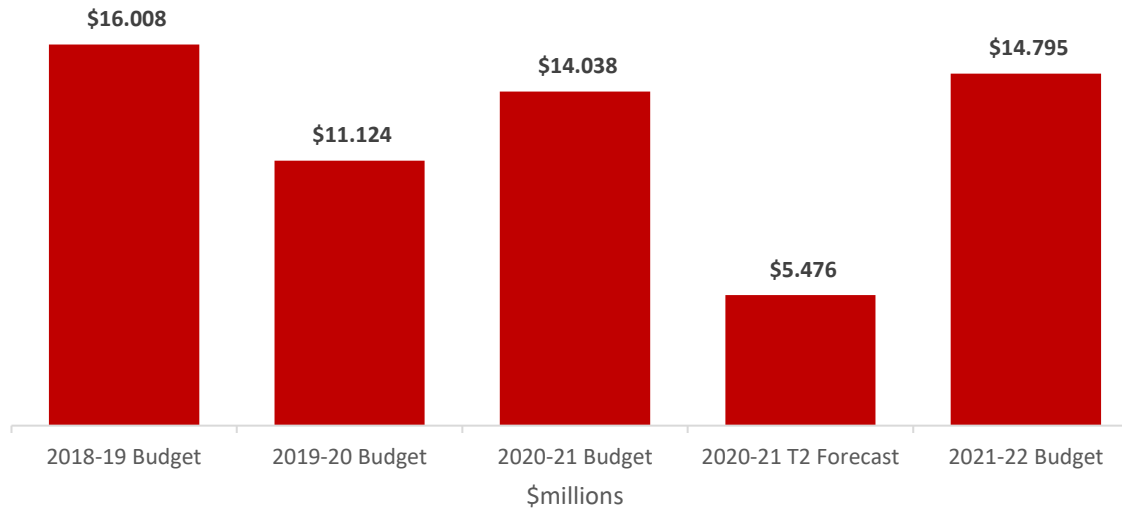
# Expenses

| (\$000's)   | 2021-22<br>Budget | 2020-21<br>Budget | 2020-21<br>T2 Forecast | Variance 2021-22<br>Budget vs 2020-<br>21 Budget |                | Variance 2021-<br>22 Budget vs<br>2020-21 T2<br>Forecast |                |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|----------------|--|----------------|
|   |                   |                   |                        | \$   | %              | \$   | %              |
|   |                   |                   |                        | <b>Personnel costs</b>                           | <b>233,001</b> | <b>238,613</b>   | <b>219,004</b> |
| Purchased services  | 18,172            | 20,355            | 16,297                 | (2,183)  | -10.7%         | 1,875  | 11.5%          |
| Utilities and taxes   | 8,107             | 8,403             | 5,843                  | (296)  | -3.5%          | 2,264  | 38.7%          |
| Financial expenditures  | 13,019            | 11,378            | 11,213                 | 1,641  | 14.4%          | 1,806  | 16.1%          |
| Repairs & maintenance and capital replacement                                 | 8,500             | 9,424             | 7,515                  | (924)  | -9.8%          | 985  | 13.1%          |
| Scholarships and fellowships  | 23,845            | 20,304            | 21,068                 | 3,541  | 17.4%          | 2,777  | 13.2%          |
| Library acquisitions  | 5,222             | 5,121             | 5,125                  | 101  | 2.0%           | 97   | 1.9%           |
| Cost of sales   | 4,513             | 5,476             | 3,818                  | (963)  | -17.6%         | 695  | 18.2%          |
| Inter-fund expense (transfers to internally & externally restricted reserves) | 26,610            | 25,773            | 15,759                 | 837  | 3.2%           | 10,851   | 68.9%          |
| Other operating costs   | 20,957            | 25,852            | 10,124                 | (4,895)  | -18.9%         | 10,833   | 107.0%         |
| <b>Total operating costs</b>  | <b>361,946</b>    | <b>370,699</b>    | <b>315,766</b>         | <b>(8,753)</b>                                   | <b>-2.4%</b>   | <b>46,180</b>  | <b>14.6%</b>   |

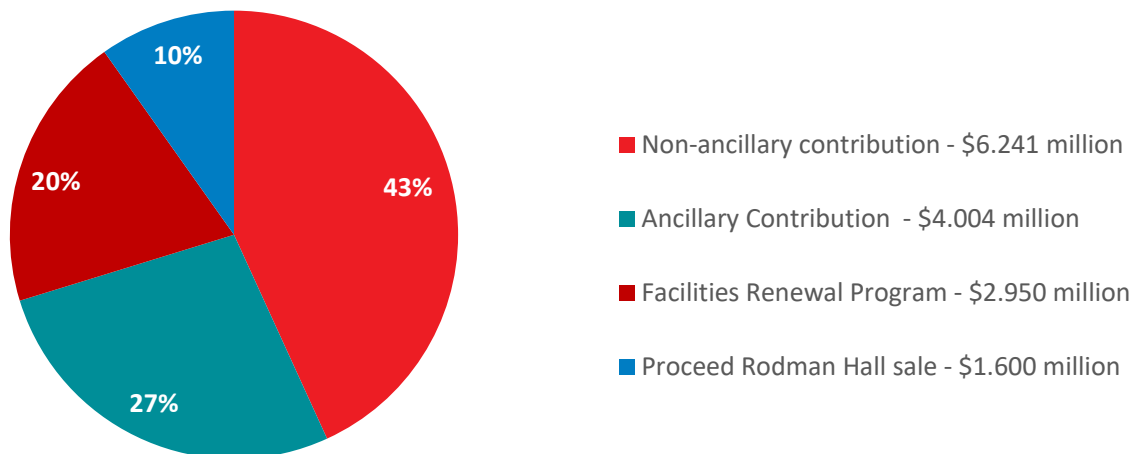
# Scholarships, bursaries and student awards

| (\$000s)                                       | 2021-22 Budget | 2020-21 Budget | \$           | %          |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Undergraduate</b>                           |                |                |              |            |
| Budgeted centrally                             | 12,634         | 10,214         | 2,420        | 24%        |
| Less: Grant-funded portion                     | (182)          | (182)          | -            | 0%         |
| Budgeted in other units                        | 111            | 103            | 8            | 8%         |
| Tuition waivers                                | 1,283          | 1,283          | -            | 0%         |
| <b>Total Undergraduate (before endowments)</b> | <b>13,846</b>  | <b>11,418</b>  | <b>2,428</b> | <b>21%</b> |
| Endowments                                     | 1,955          | 1,890          | 65           | 3%         |
| <b>Total Undergraduate (after endowments)</b>  | <b>15,801</b>  | <b>13,308</b>  | <b>2,493</b> | <b>19%</b> |
| <b>Graduate</b>                                |                |                |              |            |
| Budgeted centrally                             | 9,387          | 8,301          | 1,086        | 13%        |
| Less: Grant-funded portion                     | (686)          | (700)          | 14           | 2%         |
| Budgeted in other units                        | 236            | 209            | 27           | 13%        |
| Tuition waivers                                | 194            | 194            | -            | 0%         |
| <b>Total Graduate (before endowments)</b>      | <b>9,131</b>   | <b>8,004</b>   | <b>1,127</b> | <b>14%</b> |
| Endowments                                     | 565            | 542            | 23           | 4%         |
| <b>Total Graduate (after endowments)</b>       | <b>9,696</b>   | <b>8,546</b>   | <b>1,150</b> | <b>13%</b> |

# Capital and related projects budget



Capital Budget funding source (%)



# Budgeted FTEs - year over year

| Employee Group                      | Draft<br>2021-22<br>Budget | 2020-21<br>Budget | Variance      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Admin/Professional                  | 690.8                      | 721.1             | (30.3)        |
| BUFA Faculty/Librarians             | 551.9                      | 549.7             | 2.2           |
| BUFA LTA                            | 55.1                       | 57.3              | (2.2)         |
| CUPE 1295 FT                        | 126.3                      | 127.0             | (0.7)         |
| CUPE 2220                           | -                          | 1.8               | (1.8)         |
| CUPE 4207 Unit 2                    | 3.0                        | 4.0               | (1.0)         |
| CUPE 4207 Unit 3                    | 3.0                        | 22.7              | (19.7)        |
| IATSE                               | 3.8                        | 3.8               | -             |
| OSSTF                               | 147.1                      | 155.4             | (8.3)         |
| Senior Administrative Council (SAC) | 28.0                       | 29.8              | (1.8)         |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>1,608.9</b>             | <b>1,672.5</b>    | <b>(63.5)</b> |

# Faculty & Librarian FTE positions in Budget

The following shows the 2020-21 budgeted faculty & librarian FTEs vs the 2021-22 budgeted faculty & librarian FTEs

FTE represents 12 months full-time. Example, if individual is planned to retire mid-year they count for 0.5 FTE.

|                                     | Applied Health<br>Science | Goodman      | Education   | Humanities  | Math & Science | Social Science | Library      | Total*       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>2020-21 Budget</b>               |                           |              |             |             |                |                |              |              |
| FTE - Faculty                       | 92.4                      | 84.2         | 42.3        | 89.4        | 69.3           | 152.5          | 17.6         | 549.7        |
| FTE - LTA/ILTA Faculty              | 7.3                       | 14.0         | 12.8        | 5.0         | 4.0            | 12.2           | 2.0          | 57.3         |
| <b>Total 2020-21 Budgeted FTE's</b> | <b>99.7</b>               | <b>98.2</b>  | <b>55.1</b> | <b>94.4</b> | <b>73.3</b>    | <b>164.7</b>   | <b>19.6</b>  | <b>607.0</b> |
| <b>2021-22 Budgeted FTE's</b>       |                           |              |             |             |                |                |              |              |
| FTE - Faculty                       | 90.0                      | 80.0         | 44.4        | 93.3        | 71.4           | 153.3          | 18.5         | 551.9        |
| FTE - LTA/ILTA Faculty              | 9.3                       | 14.0         | 12.5        | 3.5         | 4.0            | 10.8           | 1.0          | 55.1         |
| <b>Total 2021-22 Budgeted FTE's</b> | <b>99.3</b>               | <b>94.0</b>  | <b>56.9</b> | <b>96.8</b> | <b>75.4</b>    | <b>164.1</b>   | <b>19.5</b>  | <b>607.0</b> |
| <b>Variance</b>                     |                           |              |             |             |                |                |              |              |
| FTE - Faculty                       | (2.4)                     | (4.2)        | 2.1         | 3.9         | 2.1            | 0.8            | 0.9          | 2.2          |
| FTE - LTA/ILTA Faculty              | 2.0                       | 0.0          | (0.3)       | (1.5)       | 0.0            | (1.4)          | (1.0)        | (2.2)        |
| <b>Total Variance</b>               | <b>(0.4)</b>              | <b>(4.2)</b> | <b>1.8</b>  | <b>2.4</b>  | <b>2.1</b>     | <b>(0.6)</b>   | <b>(0.1)</b> | <b>0.0</b>   |

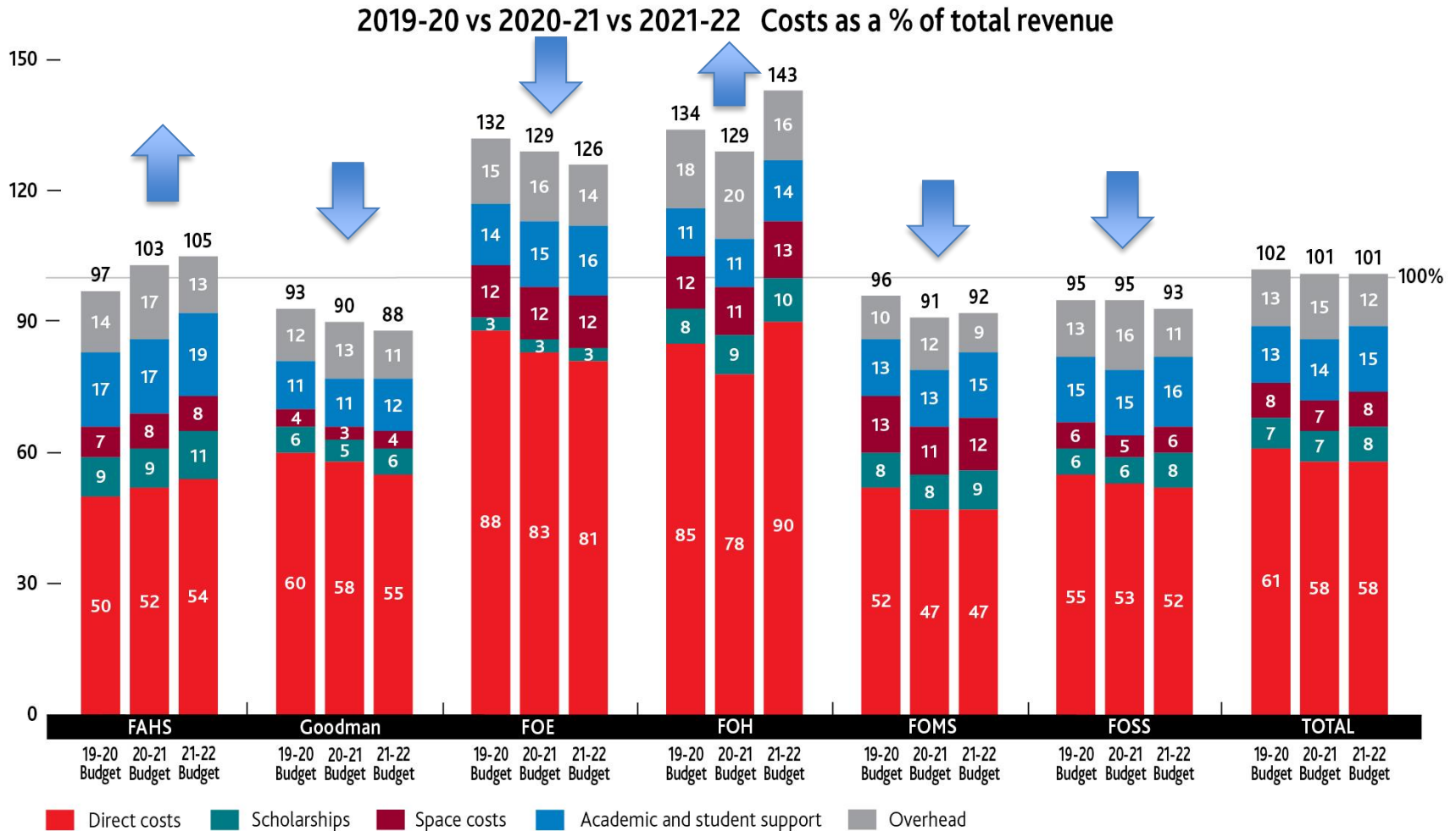
\*The 2020-21 Budget includes 2 positions that are not within a Faculty/Library (Engineering and Graduate Studies). The 2021-22 Budget includes 1 positions that is not within a Faculty/Library (Graduate Studies).



# Revenue and Expense Allocation Model

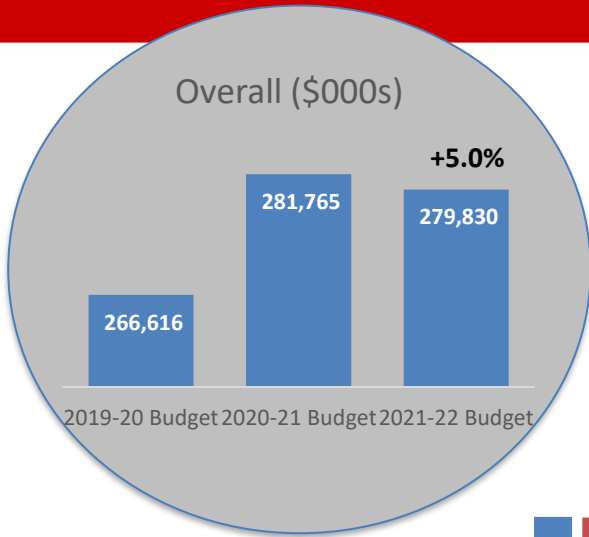
# Revenue and expense allocation model

## Costs as a % of Revenue - year over year

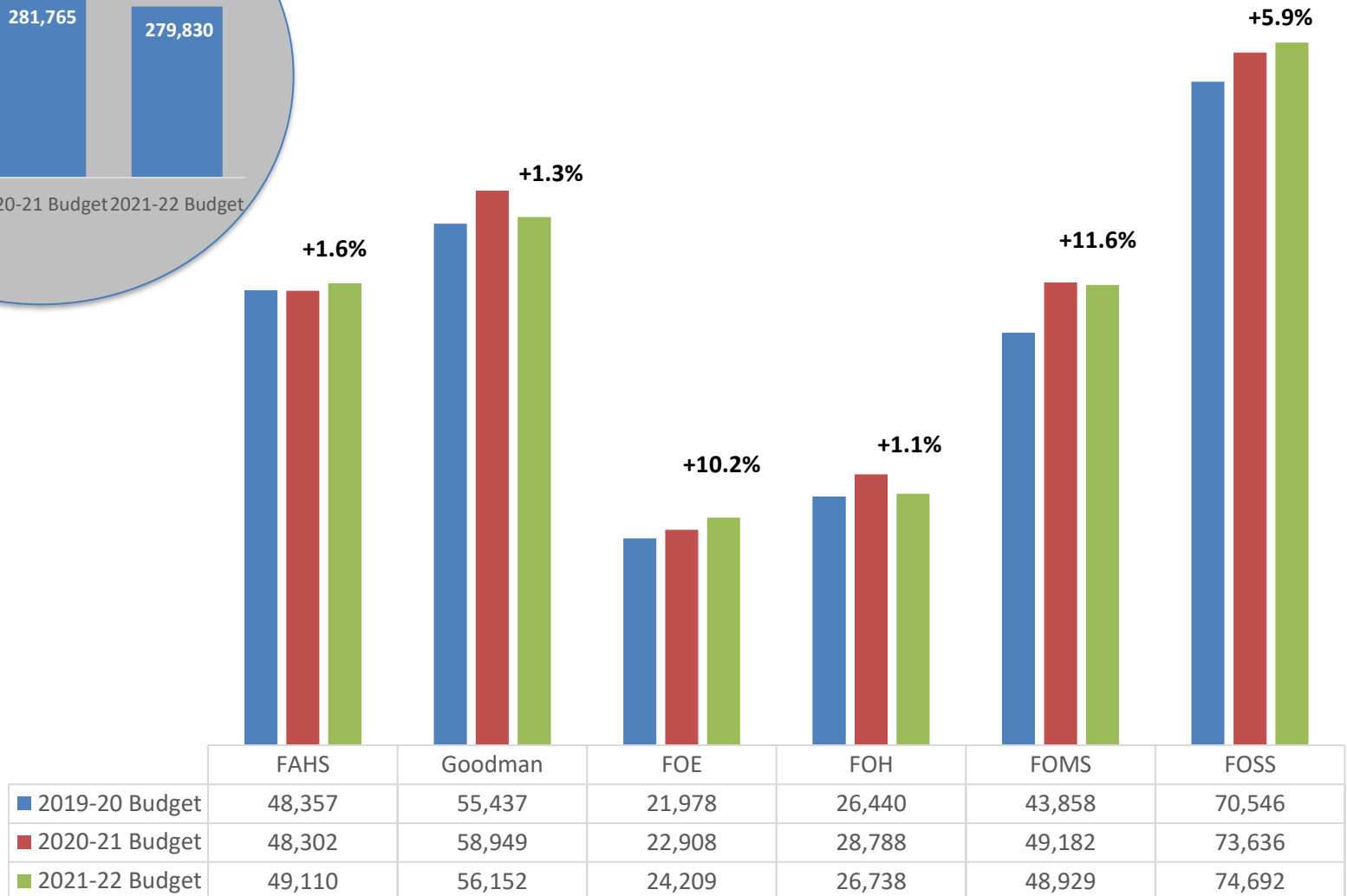


# Total revenue allocation

Overall (\$000s)

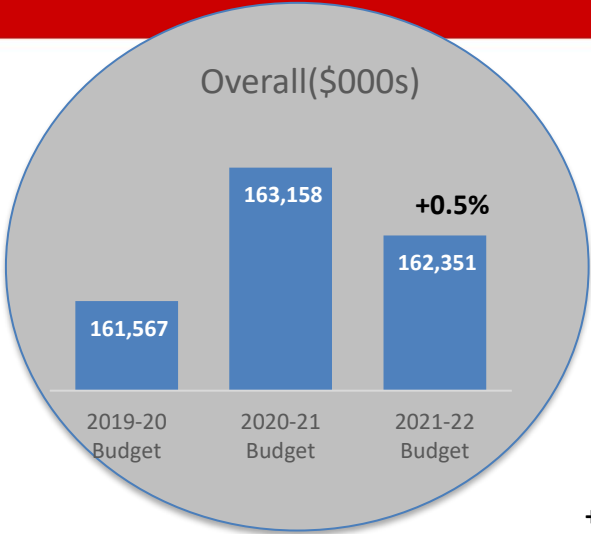


Total Revenue by Faculty (\$000s)

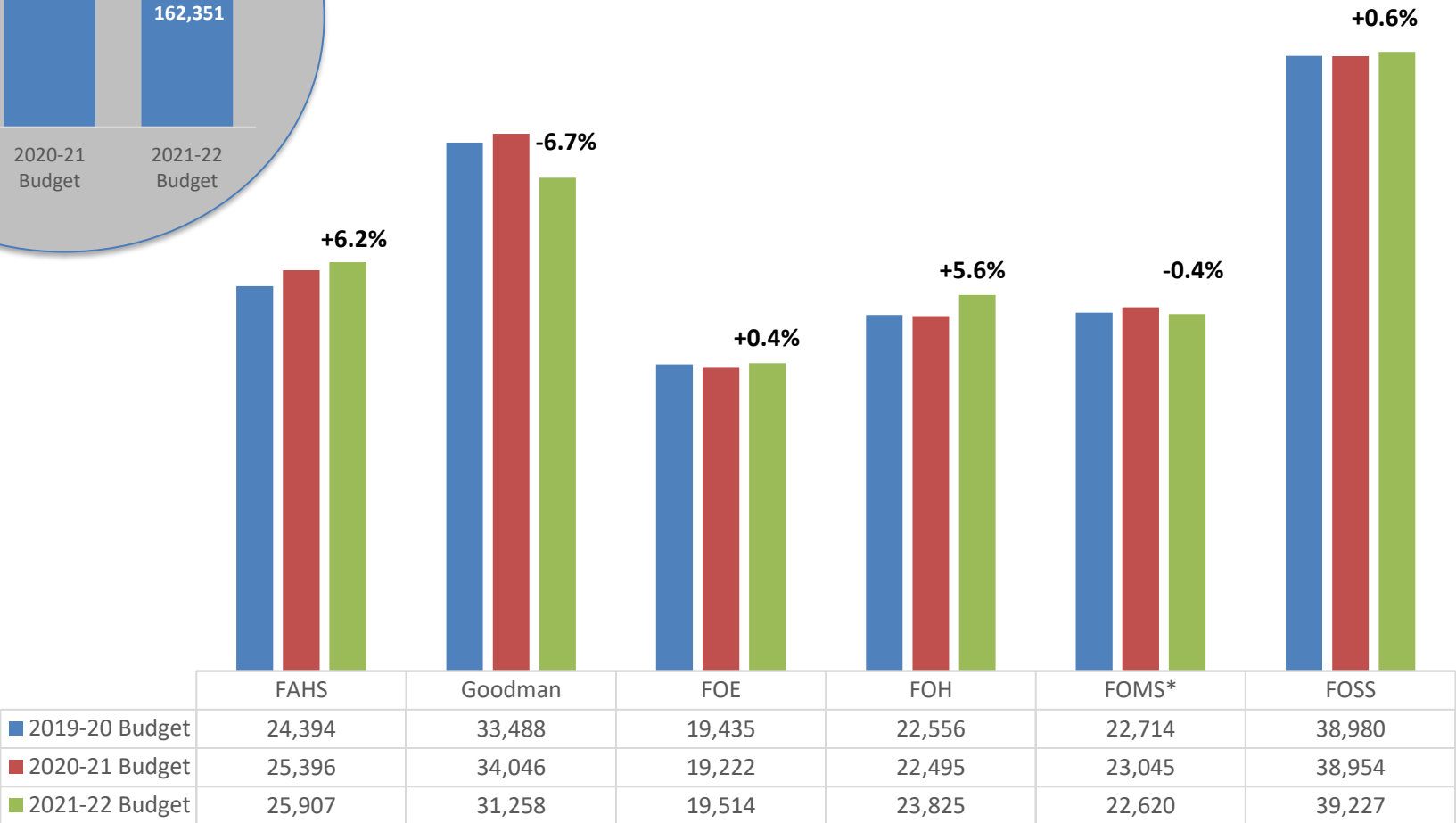


# Direct Costs

Overall(\$000s)



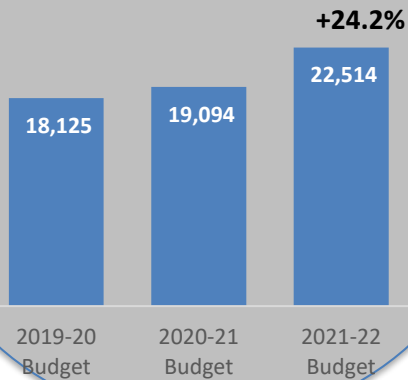
Direct Costs by Faculty (\$000s)



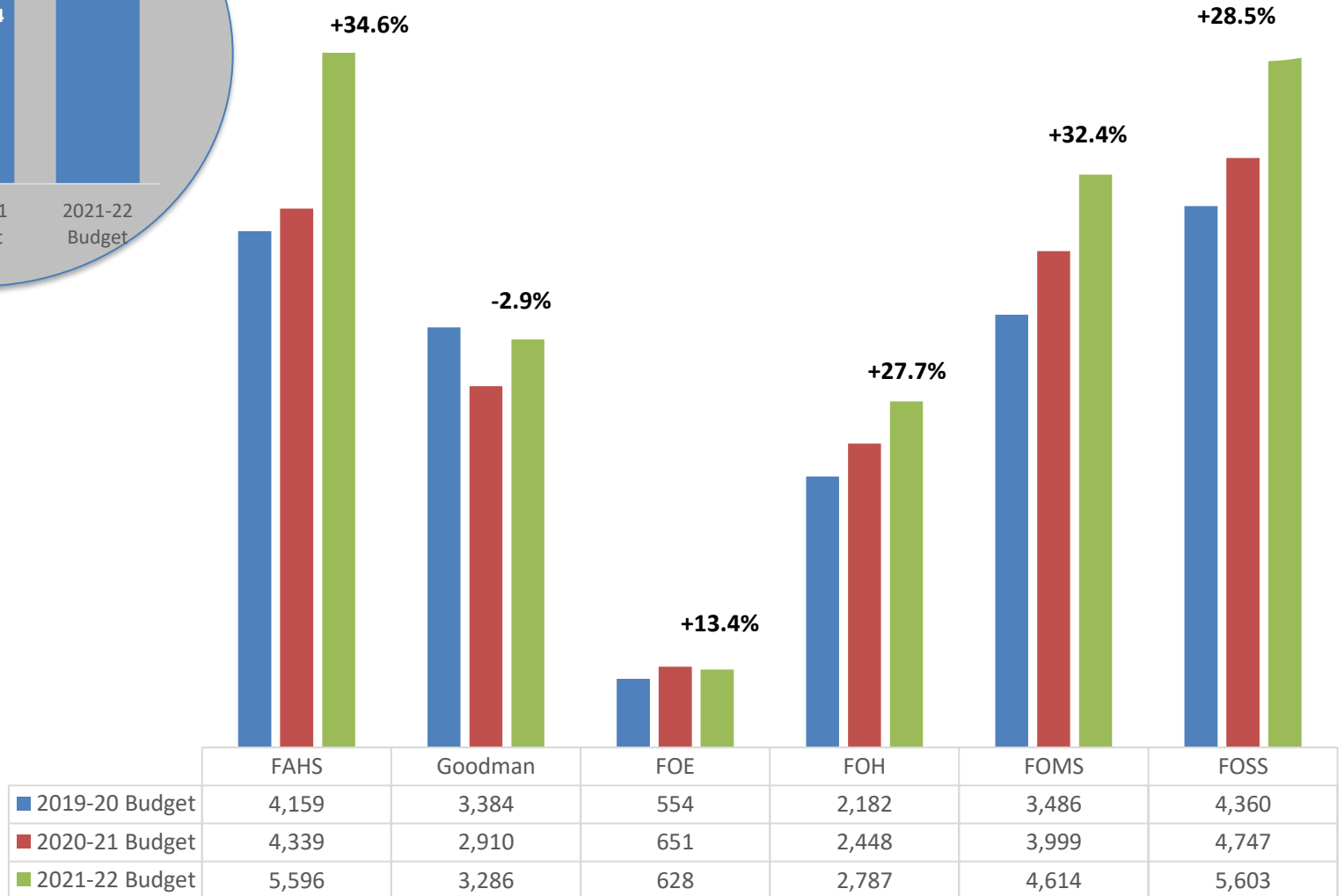
\*In 2021-22 Budget Science Store and Technical Services are not included in this total

# Scholarships

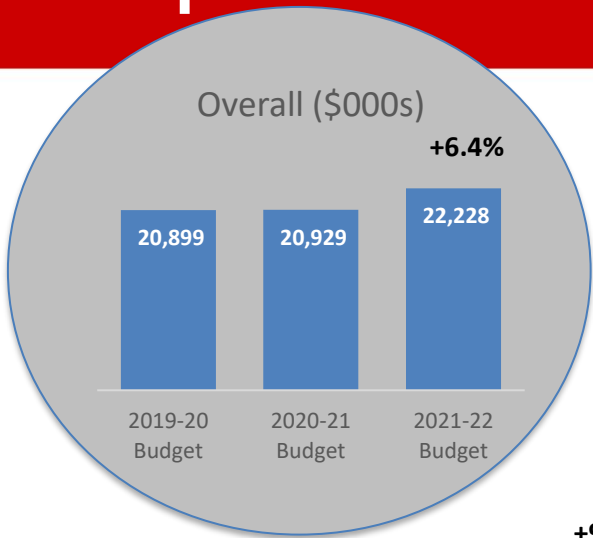
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Scholarships by Faculty (\$000s)



# Space Costs

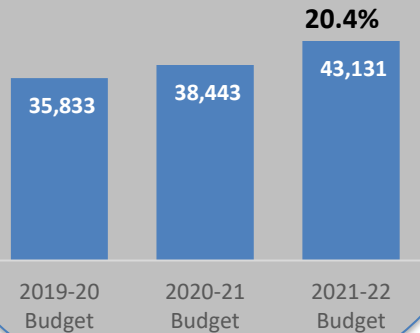


Space Costs by Faculty (\$000s)

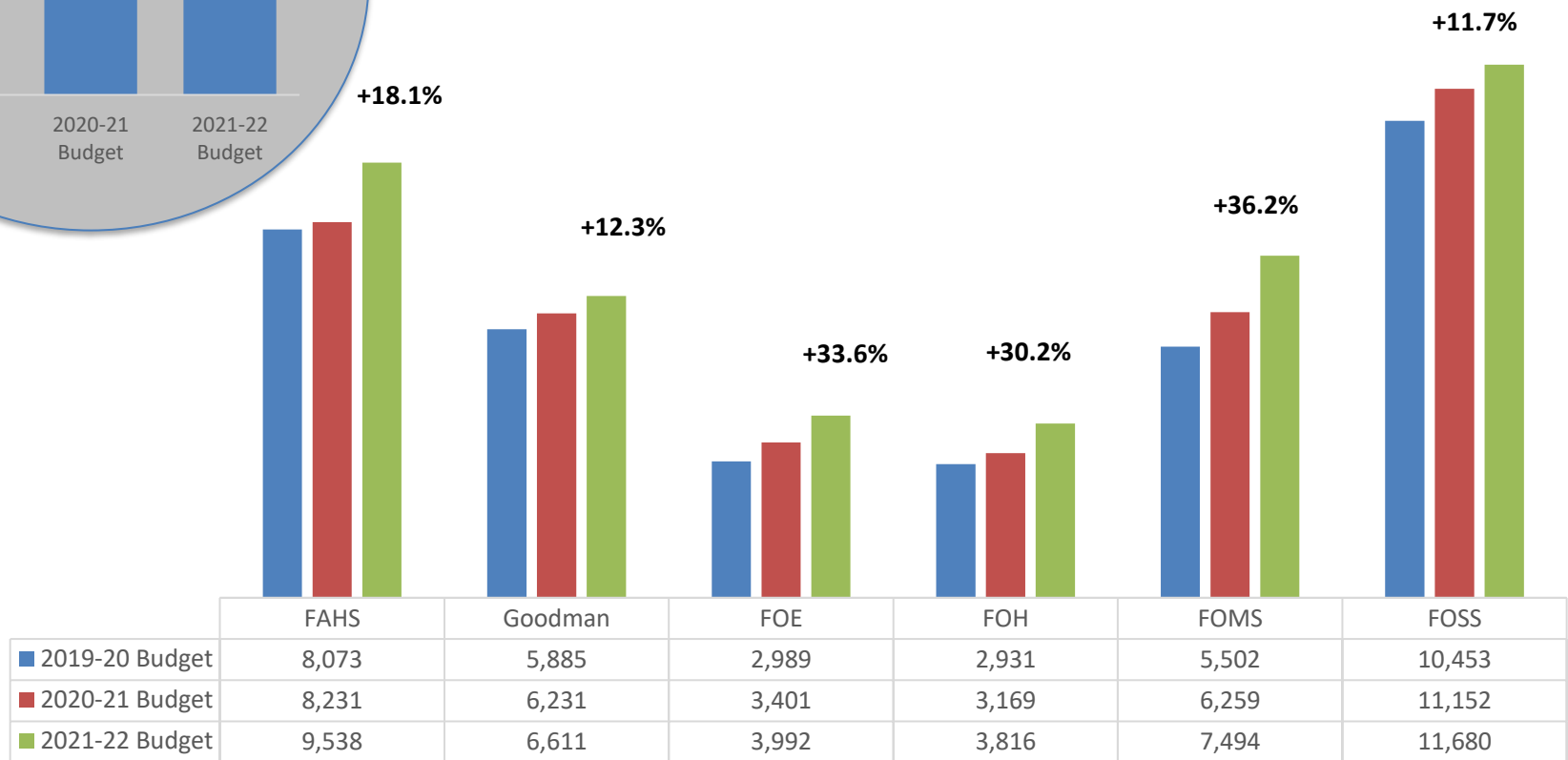


# Academic & Student Support

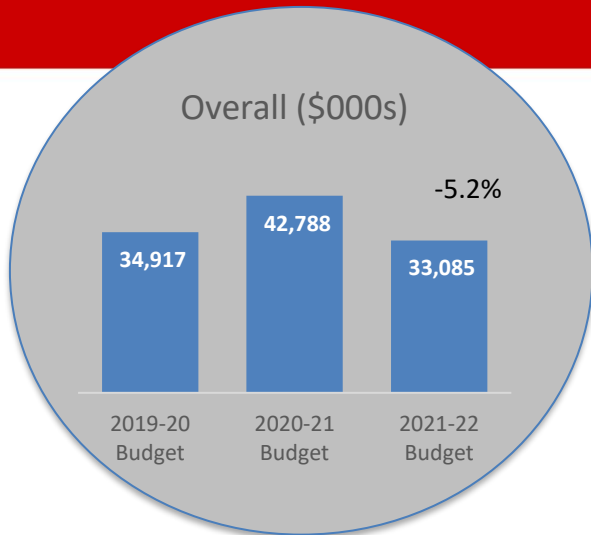
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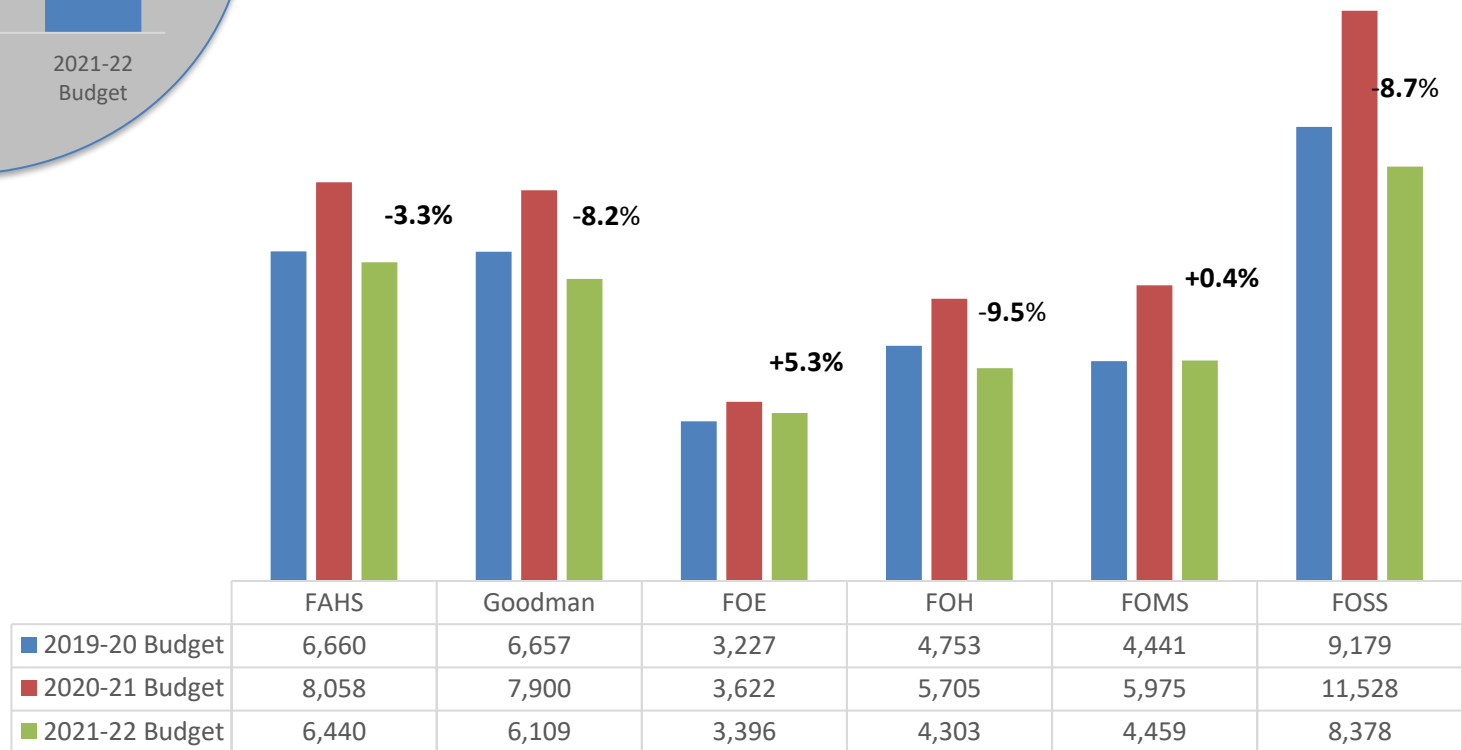
Academic and Student Support by Faculty (\$000s)



# Overhead



Overhead by Faculty (\$000s)





# Motion

***That the Senate recommend to the Board of Trustees that the 2021-22 Budget is consistent with the academic policy of the University.***

# Questions/Comments



# Appendix

# 2021-22 Academic Budget Presentations

# Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

## Budgetary support for programs, research, students and strategic plan (highlights & changes):

- Total 2021/2022 FAHS budget similar to 2020/2021 budget
- 3 ILTA renewals, 3 LTA replacements for faculty on LTD (support program delivery & growth)
- 1 Tenure Track replacement for internal Tier 2 CRC appointment & 1 New Tier 1 CRC candidate appointment (support for research & graduate/undergraduate students)
- 1 New ILTA appointment to support growth of MPH & MPH/MBA programs
- Maintaining support for FAHS experiential education, laboratory, clinical and tutorial experiences for students
- Maintaining range and total undergraduate and graduate courses for sufficient student selection, course/program completion and enrollment enhancement (Fall, Winter & Spring/Summer)
- Maintain appropriate TA support for course delivery, instructor support and graduate student financial support requirements
- Maintain faculty research support including; funding for grant applications, research equipment maintenance/renewal, BUFA contractual research & unscheduled teaching course releases and continuation of FAHS Senior Research Fellowships
- Maintain initiatives related to Brock and FAHS strategic plan priorities including; student health, academic guidance, new program development, indigenization initiatives, student recruitment and others

# Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

## Budgetary reductions/deferrals & consequences:

- Strategic reductions to travel, departmental/decanal expenses, professional development and equipment purchases
- Pro-rating salaries of new appointments/hires to July 1
- Delay in replacing a retired staff-laboratory demonstrator position (retired Dec. 31, 2020- replacement Sept. 1, 2021)
- Two retirement/resignation faculty replacement (SPMA & NURS) positions deferred to 2022/2023 -will impact program delivery (SPMA) and new program initiation (BN/MN)
- Three new growth TT faculty positions and one staff position to support newly started programs (MAG & MPK) and transformation of BPH coop to a three-term cycle deferred to 2022/2023 -will impact program delivery, program transformation and student recruitment
- FAHS continues to have (by far) the highest student/faculty ratios at Brock-impacts course sizes and student experience

# Faculty of Education

The Faculty of Education's (FOE) budget for FY 2021-22 includes measures to increase revenues to offset instructional costs associated with increased numbers of concurrent education students entering the final 2 years of teacher education as well as growth in other programs. The FOE budget addressed areas that need strategic investments to retain students during the 2020-21 academic year.

The project FOE budget for FY 2021-22 is ~\$272k under guidance.

Amongst the mitigation measures are:

- Change in MPCE and M.Ed. (ISP) tuition from Department to Global
  - Impact \$2,418k in loss revenue to FOE
- Increased course fees introduced in 20-21 and continued to 21-22(Practicum for Teacher Candidates)
  - ~\$400k (Offsets Associate Teacher and Faculty Advisor travel costs)
  - Increases support for practicum/experiential education placements (directly related to SMA3 and Strategic Plan)
- Teacher Education: additional 81 students for 2021-22
  - Flow through in concurrent teacher education (2017 intake)
  - Addresses market demand
  - Retains consecutive teacher education enrollments at traditional levels
  - Net revenues (excluding grant): \$64k
- Adult education: additional 593 course enrolments
  - Increased class size
  - Additional 6 sections for Open Access course
  - Net revenues (excluding grant) to FOE: \$312k
- Continuing Teacher Education: additional 415 course enrolments
  - Addresses strong market demand (new courses supported by Ministry of Education - Math, Autism, etc.)
  - Net revenues (excluding grant) to FOE: \$324k

# Faculty of Education

## Strategic investments

### Students:

- Introduced new (FOE) scholarships for selected international students who successfully complete online courses -- Total costs: \$15k (Retention initiative)
- Additional scholarships for ISPs and PHD students for extra financial support. Total costs: \$11k
- Total student support (includes scholarships) investment \$89k

### Academic:

- Open Access: additional 6 course sections with teaching costs of \$59k
- Micro-credentials: new initiatives: online symposium, Future ready skills, Classroom Conversations \$21k
- Additional faculty hire: Indigenous Educational Studies program director, or equivalent, \$101k (10 months)

### Research:

- Strategic initiatives \$15k
- Conference support for faculty \$15k
- Research and Development awards \$20k
- Research workshops and writing institutes \$22k

## Budget mitigation

### Students/Academic/Research:

- Reduction of Marketing and Advertising which supports student recruitment activities \$16k vs 19-20 actual
- Reduction of Travel \$62k vs 19-20 actual
- Reduction of staff positions/vacancies \$44k
- Reduction of revenue and costs for Continuing Teacher Education China and International Summer Schools due to the pandemic.  
Net <\$55k>



# Faculty of Education

- Risks
  - International student recruitment (impact of COVID 19)
    - Greater uncertainties due to visa/travel delays and vaccination requirements
    - Negative impact on attraction and retention
    - Requirement to offer course sections for different entry points (increased PT teaching)
  - Increased course fees in FY2020-21 (continued in FY2021-22)
    - Impact on accessibility and affordability
    - Negative reactions by students, parents
    - Inconsistencies across programs and courses
  - Decreased marketing and advertising budget
    - Negatively affects FOE ability to target student recruitment (e.g., Open Access & Micro-credentials)

# Faculty of Humanities

## PPBAC 2021

### **Travel**

Many Humanities disciplines rely on travel – for excavations, archives and museum research, exhibitions and performances. Current and anticipated restrictions on travel, both COVID-related and budgetary, are hampering the research of faculty members and graduate students.

Because of restrictions on travel, some faculty members are postponing sabbaticals until travel is possible. The resultant reduction in part-time teaching does not balance against the increase in salary and benefits paid out.

# Faculty of Humanities

## Equipment

Equipment for both teaching and research requires regular upkeep and replacement, and budgetary pressures will slow down the process.

-The Interactive Arts & Science (IASC) and GAME programmes require specialized computer stations to allow students to do their work and prepare for future work in the field, and keeping up-to-date is crucial for their progress.

-digital media equipment is used in research, teaching, and individual student projects in both IASC and the Visual Arts programmes. Digital media is a fast growing area of teaching that we should strive to support as well as possible.

- the teaching and research equipment originally purchased for the MIWSFPA is reaching the end of its useful life, since the opening of the facility is more than 5 years past. Attention to maintenance and replacement is necessary.

An additional pressure point for equipment has been added by COVID-19 restrictions: some instructors, TAs, and staff have difficulties getting access to technology, or even wifi capability, to do their work remotely. We've been scrambling for many months to keep these members going.

# Faculty of Humanities

## **Temporary Teaching Budget**

Reductions to teaching supports have been necessary. The guiding principles have been

- equity across the Faculty in the provision of teaching supports
- as little impact as possible on course delivery

Making sure the situation is known well in advance allows instructors to plan their courses for 2021-22 accordingly.

# Faculty of Humanities

## **Humanities Research Institute**

COVID-19 restrictions on travel and gatherings have had a significant impact on activities usually funded by the Humanities Research Institute (HRI). Often funds are awarded for research travel, conferences and colloquia, or graduate student conference travel. All of these are off the table at this time, so much less money has been awarded in 2020-21.

The assumption that we will have something approaching the previous normal has driven our budget planning for 2021-22: we hope to be able to fund gatherings, research travel, and student conference participation.

The HRI, as the engine to support and promote Humanities research and creative activity, is crucial to the success of our scholars, and we are committed to maintaining it.

## **Dean's Discretionary Fund**

The money available in the Dean's Discretionary Fund was originally allocated to competitive funding to support 1) Research projects and equipment; 2) special events, especially conferences and speakers; and 3) hiring students, especially as research assistants.

In 2020, as a response to the Covid-19 shift to remote teaching, a portion of the DDF was used to hire technical assistance within the units of the FoH, as well as to create the SAKAI Squad: a team of students trained to assist instructors in creating and using SAKAI tools for teaching.

# Faculty of Humanities

## New Initiatives

### Working Remotely

Remote teaching, research, and other work has been very difficult for many people in FoH. What we do is so often directly tied to human contact and interaction. And yet, members of the Faculty – faculty, part-time instructors, staff, TAs, and students, have risen admirably to the challenges.

- our members are using the digital tools available to teach as well as possible during this remote experience, while maintaining the human touch that means so much
- instructors gave a great deal of thought to re-arranging their pedagogy, considering what and how to teach, and what and how to assess
- for example: the work of the Music and Dramatic Arts departments has been very impressive. Music runs concerts electronically, and DART has been doing productions with all players in different spaces – some in different countries.

# Faculty of Humanities

## Certificates and Microcredentials

Humanities units have responded enthusiastically to the call to create certificates and other microcredentials, and we are keen to work with MarComm and Recruitment to promote these.

- waiting to see how certificate students and enrolments are calculated in the budget model
- certificates and microcredentials will indeed increase enrolments and thus help with budgets, but there's a greater value: they open up the University and the possibilities of further education to people who may not have considered it as an option for them.

# Faculty of Math and Sciences

## Budget Highlight

- Diversify our student population through international recruitment efforts such as going to international universities to promote FMS offerings
- Continue to provide FMS students with experiential learning opportunities in the classroom, lab and field -\$120,000 budgeted to fund departments' equipment for teaching and student research
- Strengthen our outreach through community partnerships and generate interest in the Faculty of Math and Science by sharing key messages and information through various forms of communication (social media, newsletter, etc.)
- Strategic use of resources to maintain relatively lean part-time teaching budget, despite continuing increases in course enrollment
- Hiring delays in 20-21 which resulted in budget saving of \$1.3 M by 20-21 forecast are impacting to 21-22 budget
- Hiring of 3 Faculty replacements (2 Computer Sciences delayed hiring and 1 Biology for retirement placement)
- Hiring of 4 Faculty for growth (3 Engineering, 1 Physics/Engineering)



# Faculty of Math and Sciences

## Aspirational Points

- Technical Services and Science Store were each given a separate budget guidance, that are higher than last year's budget, to support University wide academic and research needs.

## Pain Points

- Dean's Strategic Fund which was planned to support both academic teaching and research of **\$1.66M** are frozen for 20-21, although committed amount are secured for 20-21. Many longer-term plans couldn't proceed, such as international student recruitment and retention, Computer Science department hardware upgrade, etc.
- TA hours are further reduced to 59K hours for 21/22 from 66K hours in 20/21 due to budget mitigation. However, there are demands in TA hours due to pandemic (large volume of e-mails and small lab sizes, etc.)
- # of Sabbatical and faculty member on leave increases, which result in Sessional Instructor cost increased by \$82K.

# Goodman School of Business

## 2021/22 Operating Budget Impacts to Academic Activities - Expenses:

### Deferral of unfilled full-time positions (\$1.1M reduction)

- Faculty positions \$891K; staff positions \$255K
- Impacts:
  - Deferred faculty will generate workload strain on remaining faculty, affecting research output and classroom experience for students and faculty. We will not satisfy accreditation requirements with the diminished faculty complement.

### Marketing budget reduced to 2019/20 level (\$162K reduction)

- Impact:
  - GSB presence will be affected leading to diminished awareness of our programs and brand both locally and abroad, affecting registrations, and ranking.

# Goodman School of Business

## 2021/22 Operating Budget Impacts to Academic Activities - Expenses:

Travel budget reduced to 50% of 2019/20 actual spend (\$70K reduction)

- Impact:
  - Reductions focused on staff travel

Deferral of Courtyard tables and chairs (\$90K reduction)

- Impact:
  - GSB new Courtyard outdoor furnishings on loan during Walker Family Complex expansion project (now complete) temporary furniture on loan from other parts of the university is being explored.

Deferral of Interior Branding of renovated spaces- final phase (\$50K reduction)

- Impact:
  - Building brand incomplete.

# Goodman School of Business

## 2021/22 Operating Budget Impacts to Academic Activities - Administration:

**Initiative:** movement of International Student Pathway tuition to the Global operating budget, allowing for automation of a high volume of tuition assessments

**Outcome:** more timely financial information and improved focus on core tasks and services that support academic activities within GSB Graduate Programs

# Faculty of Social Sciences

## Strategic Initiatives /New Program Development

- \* Ph.D. in Sustainability - Approved for 2021 start.
- \*BA Honours Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice- Approved for 2021 start. First year intake 40 students. Budget increase of **\$174k** including 0.83 additional staff support
- \*Development of micro certificates and micro credentials - in the pipeline
- \*Student Fellowships (Graduate and Undergraduate) maintained at **\$100K**
- \*Council for Research in Social Science awards maintained to actuals at **\$70K**
- \*Strategic course offerings in Spring/Summer to assist students progress to graduation, fulfill context requirements, attract non-traditional learners and support continuing education **\$684 K**

# Faculty of Social Sciences

- Tenure-track and Limited Term positions and renewals focusing on priority and growth areas.
  - TT CHYS
  - TT Indigenous
  - LTA renewals in Applied Disability Studies
  - LTA Critical Criminology
  - \* LTA Labour Studies
- Risk is securing additional resources required for costs that will be incurred next year for new programs coming into play

# Faculty of Social Sciences

## A. BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- \*Initial Fall 2020 meetings with thirteen units to share guidance for reductions and revenue increases
- \*Part-time Budgets and Proposed Course offerings of units submitted to Dean's Office Nov 2020
- \*Dean's office assesses submissions, drawing on data such as course enrolments over past three years, proposed FTE changes, proposed Spring/Summer offerings, and prepares recommendations for reductions.
- \*Second round of meetings with units (Chair/Director and admin staff involved in budget development) to further assess part-time budget submission and discuss proposed reductions.
- \*Third round - units respond by making the recommended reductions, providing rationales for why reductions cannot be made (e.g., course required for student progression, new program development) or proposing alternative reductions.

# Faculty of Social Sciences

## **OUTCOME PART-TIME BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

Submitted to Finance/Provost Jan 13, 2021

\*Reduction of 15 % in PT budget compared to original submission - Savings of \$ 810,732

\*Varied reductions across all units totaling 10% of PT budget from 2020/2021 to 2021/2022 for year-over-year reductions of \$ 566,128.

## **B. NON-SALARY OPERATING BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

\*Initial Reduction of 8.2 % overall in Non-Salary lines from 2020/2021 to 2021/2022 for year over year savings of \$ 107,251



# Faculty of Social Sciences

## C. FURTHER REDUCTIONS

Submitted to Finance/Provost - Feb 11, 2021

### \*SALARY SAVINGS

Redeployment 1.0 FTE and Hiring Rate Differential \$80,811

### \*PART-TIME TEACHING SAVINGS

Additional review of part-time teaching budget resulting in savings of \$9,537

### \*Operating Expenses

Further reduced by an additional \$8,900

Travel and Marketing/Communication Budget reduced \$84,746

# Faculty of Social Sciences

## COMMENTS /IMPACT

\*Budgeting 'conservatively' based on expected course enrolment, while ensuring that we do not want to cap course enrolments and are able to provide required added resources (open up additional seminars for eg) if enrolment demands warrant it. Be flexible to add/subtract resources as required.

\*Travel reductions - risk of faculty travel costs exceeding BUFA obligations to provide 750 for travel assistance per year.

\*Reduction in marketing/communication - risk of not providing adequate support to market new programs.

\*Costs for new programs are minimal for 2021/2022 budget year but will require additional faculty lines the following year.

- One BUFA retirement this year, compared to 17 last year, so unable to generate savings based on salary differentials for faculty renewal.

# Faculty of Graduate Studies: Highlights

## Operating:

- Professional Development Coordinator
  - support academic & career development via workshops and partnering with other service units
  - Signature PD events
- Digital Recruitment Co-Ordinator
  - work on virtual opportunities, such as social media platforms, virtual fairs, program showcases, etc.
- Increased communications
  - Newsletters: students, GPDs and GPAs; Website; Town Halls
- Student travel funding used for fees associated with virtual conferences.

## Fellowship:

- Fellowship funding-levels maintained at previous year's levels.
  - Slight increase in average required for Dean's Excellence Scholarships (87%).
- Overall budget increase to support extra term funding for research-based students whose progress has been disrupted due to Covid-19.
- First Horizon Scholarships awarded
  - 20 students from under-represented groups
  - Over 100 applications

# Faculty of Graduate Studies: Risks

- Staff changeovers
- Concerns continue around admissions for upcoming year --- particularly, international
- Delays in progress
  - Numbers continue to increase in terms of Leaves, Final Stage Status, Inactive Terms
  - Extra Term Funding
- Bursaries
  - Increased demand

# Faculty of Graduate Studies: Mitigation

- Creating efficiencies
  - Cross-training staff for various roles
  - Shift to Virtual Supports
  - Automating Tasks
    - Offer Letters
  - Training opportunities for Grad Program Admins
  - Creative recruitment and marketing opportunities
- Working with stakeholders to set enrolment targets and create new pathways for students.
- Examining the use of accommodations to evaluate uptake and potential extension/adaptation/of supports for students.

# Brock University Library

## Library Acquisitions & Information Infrastructure

- The Acquisitions budget increases annually by 2% to cover inflation. We also rec'd an additional transfer of funds (\$80K) from Goodman to administer the Bloomberg subscription. This brings the 2021/22 Acquisitions budget to \$5.22M.
- Brock Library joined HathiTrust Digital Library, a platform with 17+ million digitized items. This service also provides us with digital access to approx. 1/3 of Brock's print collection during COVID-19. The collection also opens up possibilities for text mining. (=\$8K)
- In 2021, we are upgrading the Brock Digital Repository to a cloud-based platform. The upgrade will improve stability and provide additional features. (=\$20K)

# Brock University Library

## Library Operations

- Maintaining librarian complement (20 FTE). Vacancies to be filled:
  - GIS/Data Librarian (search in progress)
  - Head, Collection Services Dept
  - Head, Research Lifecycle Dept (as of Sept 2021)
- Impacts of Mitigation
  - Staff reduced from 37 -> 32 (5 unfilled positions due to retirements, resignations, promotions)
  - Shorter opening hours in 2021/21 in Map Data & GIS Library, Makerspace, and Digital Scholarship Lab
  - Reduced travel & prof development budget
  - Reduced budget for technology refresh, furniture, equipment

# Budget for Research Enterprise (\$000s)

## Grant funding in the 2021-22 submitted draft budget (\$000s)

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| VPR Research Excellence – Research Initiative Award    | 255        |
| VPR Research Excellence – Canada Games                 | 50         |
| VPR Research Excellence – Application Support          | 40         |
| VPR Research Excellence – Equipment Support            | 150        |
| VPR Research Excellence – Indigenous Research          | 30         |
| VPR Research Excellence – Matching Funds               | 125        |
| Chancellors Chair                                      | 40         |
| Match of Minds Grants                                  | 250        |
| Student Industrial Internship Program (In Development) | 30         |
| Distinguished / Early Career Research Awards*          | 8*         |
| <b>Total Grant Funding</b>                             | <b>978</b> |

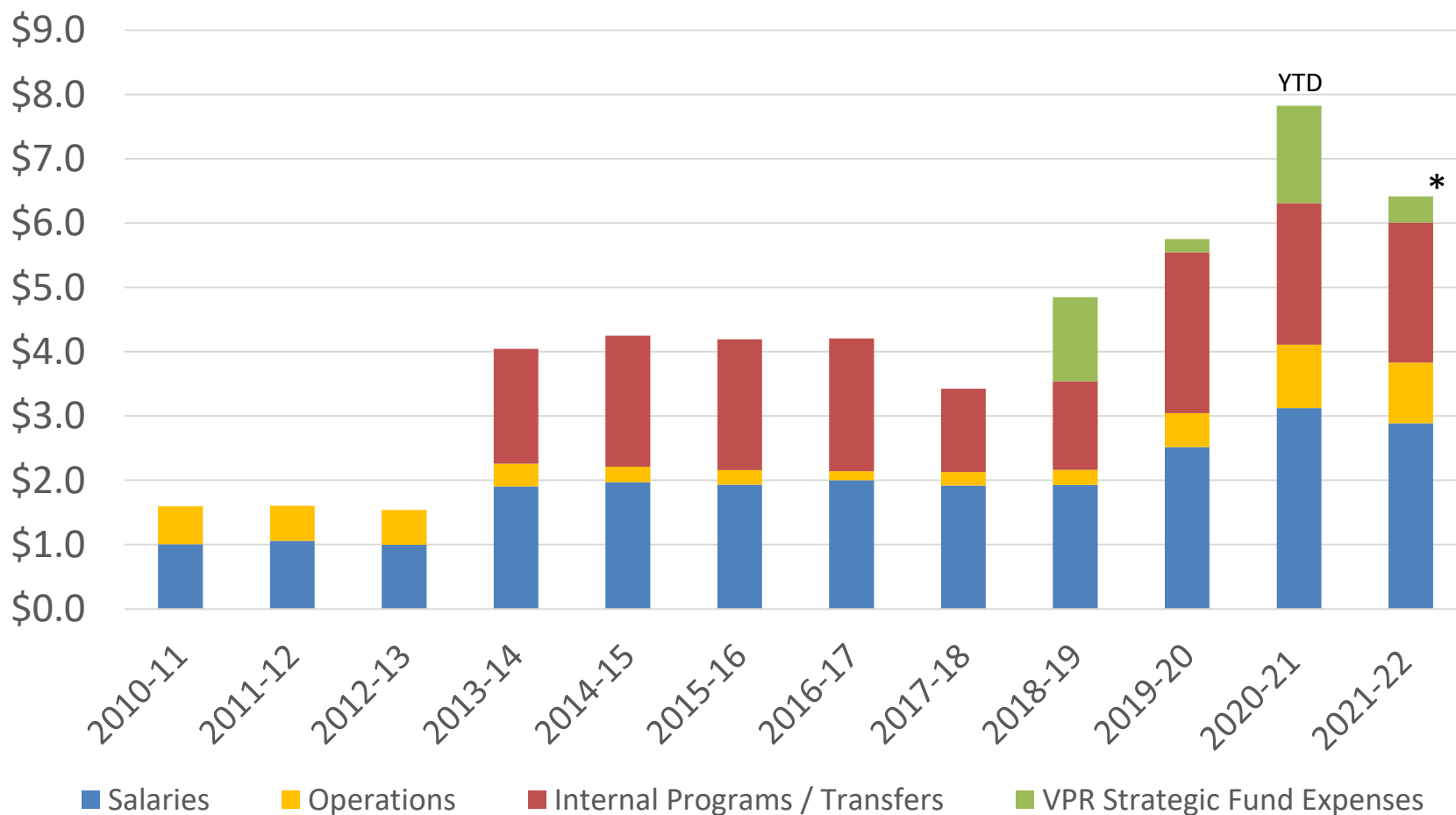
\*Does not include matching contributions to the program from BUFA

Operating Cost Budget for Research Enterprise (2021-22) 3,121

Personnel Budget for Research Enterprise (2021-22) 2,888



# Annual Budget Allocation and Strategic Fund Expenses Vice-President Research - 2010 to 2022 (in \$M)



\* VPR Strategic Fund values in 2021-22 are estimated planned expenditures

# Key Budget Highlights - Research Enterprise

- Upward trend in revenue from Research Support Fund and overhead on contract research enables greater investment in operations and granting programs
- Additional investment in internal granting programs such as the RIA, VPR Equipment Support, and the Indigenous Research Grant
- Investments to add staff capacity to research enterprise units while eliminating vacant positions that are no longer necessary
- Resources to support a revised model for research business development and commercialization of IP

# 2021-22 Other Budget Investments

In \$000's

- Indigenous support in the budget
  - Budget for Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement \$357
  - Aboriginal Student Services \$369
  - Tecumseh Centre Budget \$90
  - Undergraduate Aboriginal Studies & B.Ed \$245
  - 4 new Faculty Indigenous positions
  - Scholarships for Indigenous student \$83
- Continuing investment in engineering including 4 Faculty positions \$672
- Increase in Library acquisitions \$181

# 2021-22 Other Budget Investments cont.

In \$000's

- Increase in Undergraduate Scholarships \$2,370 (Note: \$1,215 per Fiscal Framework - incremental \$1,155 due to renewals as a result of Senate decision for pass with no grade)
- Increase in Graduate Fellowships \$1,134 (Note: \$999 per Fiscal Framework - incremental \$135 due to additional fellowship renewals due to COVID)
- Investment in Continuing Education \$200
- Investment in Academic Integrity supports \$128
- Strategic/discretionary funds \$1,792

# Revenue and Expense Allocation Model 2021-22 Draft Budget

| Full Revenue & Expense Allocation model - 2021-22 Budget         |                         |                            |               |                |                       |                 |                |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| In \$000s  | Applied Health Sciences | Goodman School of Business | Education     | Humanities     | Mathematics & Science | Social Sciences | Total          |
| <b>Revenue</b>   |                         |                            |               |                |                       |                 |                |
| Global tuition by service teaching (undergraduate)               | 19,564                  | 26,745                     | 10,269        | 17,192         | 34,433                | 46,294          | 154,497        |
| Global tuition by service teaching (graduate)                    | 2,576                   | 3,570                      | 1,343         | 509            | 1,931                 | 3,382           | 13,311         |
| ISP Tuition  | -                       | 12,676                     | 2,419         | -              | 231                   | -               | 15,326         |
| Direct revenue   | 140                     | 936                        | 1,858         | 587            | 331                   | 320             | 4,172          |
| Grant  | 26,340                  | 12,194                     | 8,245         | 8,325          | 11,254                | 24,073          | 90,431         |
| Research Support Fund grant revenue                              | 490                     | 31                         | 75            | 125            | 749                   | 623             | 2,093          |
| <b>Total revenue</b>   | <b>49,110</b>           | <b>56,152</b>              | <b>24,209</b> | <b>26,738</b>  | <b>48,929</b>         | <b>74,692</b>   | <b>279,830</b> |
| <b>Contribution Margins</b>                                      |                         |                            |               |                |                       |                 |                |
| Direct on-going personnel costs                                  | 21,022                  | 24,046                     | 13,327        | 19,801         | 18,804                | 32,607          | 129,607        |
| Direct temporary personnel costs                                 | 3,992                   | 3,805                      | 5,234         | 3,255          | 2,965                 | 5,522           | 24,773         |
| Direct operating costs   | 893                     | 3,407                      | 953           | 769            | 851                   | 1,098           | 7,971          |
| <b>Contribution Margin (before scholarships &amp; bursaries)</b> | <b>23,203</b>           | <b>24,894</b>              | <b>4,695</b>  | <b>2,913</b>   | <b>26,309</b>         | <b>35,465</b>   | <b>117,479</b> |
| Scholarships, bursaries and fellowships                          | 5,596                   | 3,286                      | 628           | 2,787          | 4,614                 | 5,603           | 22,514         |
| <b>Contribution Margin (after scholarships &amp; bursaries)</b>  | <b>17,607</b>           | <b>21,608</b>              | <b>4,067</b>  | <b>126</b>     | <b>21,695</b>         | <b>29,862</b>   | <b>94,965</b>  |
| <b>Space Costs</b>   |                         |                            |               |                |                       |                 |                |
| Space Costs  | 3,939                   | 2,150                      | 2,915         | 3,380          | 5,633                 | 4,211           | 22,228         |
| <b>Net Contribution (after space costs)</b>                      | <b>13,668</b>           | <b>19,458</b>              | <b>1,152</b>  | <b>(3,254)</b> | <b>16,062</b>         | <b>25,651</b>   | <b>72,737</b>  |

# Revenue and Expense Allocation Model 2021-22 Draft Budget

## Full Revenue & Expense Allocation model - 2021-22 Budget

| In \$000s  | Applied Health Sciences | Goodman School of Business | Education      | Humanities      | Mathematics & Science | Social Sciences | Total          |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Net Contribution (after space costs)</b>                | <b>13,668</b>           | <b>19,458</b>              | <b>1,152</b>   | <b>(3,254)</b>  | <b>16,062</b>         | <b>25,651</b>   | <b>72,737</b>  |
| <b>Academic &amp; Student Specific Support Units</b>       |                         |                            |                |                 |                       |                 |                |
| Research Services; Technical Services & Science Stores (1) | 1,684                   | 108                        | 210            | 360             | 3,069                 | 1,815           | 7,246          |
| Faculty of Graduate Studies                                | 195                     | 437                        | 207            | 46              | 116                   | 306             | 1,307          |
| Library  | 3,012                   | 2,392                      | 1,410          | 1,363           | 1,703                 | 3,776           | 13,656         |
| Centre for Pedagogical Innovation                          | 226                     | 180                        | 107            | 103             | 128                   | 283             | 1,027          |
| Student Specific (2)                                       | 4,421                   | 3,494                      | 2,058          | 1,944           | 2,478                 | 5,500           | 19,895         |
| <b>Net contribution (before overhead allocations)</b>      | <b>4,130</b>            | <b>12,847</b>              | <b>(2,840)</b> | <b>(7,070)</b>  | <b>8,568</b>          | <b>13,971</b>   | <b>29,606</b>  |
| <b>Overhead Allocations</b>                                |                         |                            |                |                 |                       |                 |                |
| Shared Services (3)  | 5,665                   | 5,464                      | 2,997          | 3,661           | 3,689                 | 7,401           | 28,877         |
| Ancillary operations and Residence contribution            | (505)                   | (400)                      | (236)          | (222)           | (283)                 | (628)           | (2,274)        |
| Capital  | 1,371                   | 1,093                      | 649            | 625             | 785                   | 1,718           | 6,241          |
| University Global  | (91)                    | (48)                       | (14)           | 239             | 268                   | (113)           | 241            |
| <b>Net contribution</b>                                    | <b>(2,310)</b>          | <b>6,738</b>               | <b>(6,236)</b> | <b>(11,373)</b> | <b>4,109</b>          | <b>5,593</b>    | <b>(3,479)</b> |

(1) Excludes Research Support Fund grant revenue

(2) Student Specific' includes the Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Student Services, Student Wellness and Accessibility, Student Life and Success, Brock International, Co-op, Career and Experiential Education, Brock Sports and Recreation and Residence Life.

(3) Shared Services includes Senior Academic and Administrative Team, Information Technology Services, Financial Services, Human Resources, Marketing and Communications, Development and Alumni Relations, Human Rights and Equity Services, University Secretariat, Office of Government Relations, Institutional Analysis and Planning, and Internal Audit and University Risk Management.

# Trending - actual student headcount to budgeted Faculty FTE (by Faculty)

|  | Applied Health Science | Goodman School of Business | Faculty of Education | Faculty of Humanities | Faculty of Math & Science | Faculty of Social Science | Total     |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| <b>2021-22</b>   |                        |                            |                      |                       |                           |                           |           |
| Budget Student headcount (Faculty of Major)                  | 4,293                  | 3,394                      | 2,000                | 1,890                 | 2,408                     | 5,343                     | 19,328    |
| Budgeted Faculty FTE   | 99.3                   | 94.0                       | 56.9                 | 96.8                  | 75.4                      | 164.1                     | 586.5     |
| <b>Budget Student Headcount by Budgeted Faculty FTE</b>      | <b>43</b>              | <b>36</b>                  | <b>35</b>            | <b>20</b>             | <b>32</b>                 | <b>33</b>                 | <b>33</b> |
| <b>2020-21</b>   |                        |                            |                      |                       |                           |                           |           |
| T2 Forecast Student headcount (Faculty of Major)             | 4,412                  | 3,436                      | 1,850                | 1,885                 | 2,443                     | 5,543                     | 19,569    |
| Budgeted Faculty FTE   | 99.7                   | 98.2                       | 55.1                 | 94.4                  | 73.3                      | 164.7                     | 585.4     |
| <b>T2 Forecast Student Headcount by Budgeted Faculty FTE</b> | <b>44</b>              | <b>35</b>                  | <b>34</b>            | <b>20</b>             | <b>33</b>                 | <b>34</b>                 | <b>33</b> |
| <b>2019-20</b>   |                        |                            |                      |                       |                           |                           |           |
| Actual Student headcount (Faculty of Major)                  | 4,168                  | 3,597                      | 1,769                | 1,879                 | 2,474                     | 5,827                     | 19,714    |
| Budgeted Faculty FTE   | 97.1                   | 101                        | 58.7                 | 94.5                  | 71.7                      | 163.5                     | 586.5     |
| <b>Actual Student Headcount by Budgeted Faculty FTE</b>      | <b>43</b>              | <b>36</b>                  | <b>30</b>            | <b>20</b>             | <b>35</b>                 | <b>36</b>                 | <b>34</b> |
| <b>2018-19</b>   |                        |                            |                      |                       |                           |                           |           |
| Actual Student headcount (Faculty of Major)                  | 4,121                  | 3,576                      | 1,728                | 1,724                 | 2,230                     | 5,625                     | 19,004    |
| Budgeted Faculty FTE   | 90.7                   | 98.9                       | 57.5                 | 94.9                  | 74.8                      | 157.7                     | 574.5     |
| <b>Actual Student Headcount by Budgeted Faculty FTE</b>      | <b>45</b>              | <b>36</b>                  | <b>30</b>            | <b>18</b>             | <b>30</b>                 | <b>36</b>                 | <b>33</b> |
| <b>2017-18</b>   |                        |                            |                      |                       |                           |                           |           |
| Actual Student headcount (Faculty of Major)                  | 3,836                  | 3,501                      | 1,699                | 1,809                 | 2,115                     | 5,765                     | 18,725    |
| Budgeted Faculty FTE   | 88.2                   | 96.4                       | 56.6                 | 92.4                  | 73.3                      | 156.2                     | 563.1     |
| <b>Actual Student Headcount by Budgeted Faculty FTE</b>      | <b>43</b>              | <b>36</b>                  | <b>30</b>            | <b>20</b>             | <b>29</b>                 | <b>37</b>                 | <b>33</b> |

# All In Student Headcount by Faculty

| Faculty                            | 2021-22 Budget |               |               | 2020-21 T2 Forecast |               |               | 2021-22 Budget vs 2020-21 Budget |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
|                                    | Domestic       | International | Total         | Domestic            | International | Total         |                                  |
| Faculty of Applied Health Science  | 4,125          | 168           | 4,293         | 4,237               | 175           | 4,412         | (119)                            |
| Goodman School of Business         | 2,302          | 1,092         | 3,394         | 2,368               | 1,068         | 3,436         | (42)                             |
| Faculty of Education               | 1,874          | 126           | 2,000         | 1,778               | 72            | 1,850         | 150                              |
| Faculty of Humanities              | 1,796          | 94            | 1,890         | 1,798               | 87            | 1,885         | 5                                |
| Faculty of Mathematics and Science | 1,878          | 530           | 2,408         | 1,969               | 474           | 2,443         | (35)                             |
| Faculty of Social Science          | 4,695          | 648           | 5,343         | 4,906               | 637           | 5,543         | (200)                            |
| No Faculty                         | 100            | 0             | 100           | 97                  | 2             | 99            | 1                                |
| <b>Total headcount</b>             | <b>16,770</b>  | <b>2,658</b>  | <b>19,428</b> | <b>17,153</b>       | <b>2,515</b>  | <b>19,668</b> | <b>(240)</b>                     |



# Degree-seeking Student Headcount by Faculty

| Faculty                            | 2021-22 Budget |               |               | 2020-21 T2 Forecast |               |               | 2021-22 Budget vs 2020-21 Budget | 2021-22 Strategic Plan | 2021-22 Budget vs Strategic Plan |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                    | Domestic       | International | Total         | Domestic            | International | Total         |                                  |                        |                                  |
| Faculty of Applied Health Science  | 4,125          | 168           | 4,293         | 4,237               | 175           | 4,412         | (119)                            | 4,596                  | (303)                            |
| Goodman School of Business         | 2,301          | 1,052         | 3,353         | 2,368               | 1,038         | 3,406         | (53)                             | 3,607                  | (254)                            |
| Faculty of Education               | 1,558          | 91            | 1,649         | 1,459               | 52            | 1,511         | 138                              | 1,444                  | 205                              |
| Faculty of Humanities              | 1,796          | 94            | 1,890         | 1,797               | 87            | 1,884         | 6                                | 1,888                  | 2                                |
| Faculty of Mathematics and Science | 1,869          | 530           | 2,399         | 1,965               | 473           | 2,438         | (39)                             | 2,458                  | (59)                             |
| Faculty of Social Science          | 4,668          | 627           | 5,295         | 4,876               | 616           | 5,492         | (197)                            | 5,989                  | (694)                            |
| <b>Total headcount</b>             | <b>16,317</b>  | <b>2,562</b>  | <b>18,879</b> | <b>16,702</b>       | <b>2,441</b>  | <b>19,143</b> | <b>(264)</b>                     | <b>19,982</b>          | <b>(1,103)</b>                   |

# Brock

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## 2020-21 TRIMESTER 2 FORECAST

September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020





# Executive summary

At the completion of the second trimester of 2020-21 Brock is projecting a fiscal year-end with a funding surplus of \$0.9 million. This is an extraordinary outcome given the impacts of the global pandemic which resulted in revenues decreasing by more than \$50 million compared to the budget that was prepared prior to the pandemic. More than half of the revenue loss is attributed to Ancillary Services following public health guidelines restricting access to campus. To put this impact into perspective, total Ancillary Services revenue is forecast at less than one quarter of their pre-pandemic budget. The second largest variance in revenue is attributed to lower enrolment offset by above average student retention rates. Student fees are forecast \$13.7 million below the pre-pandemic budget or a 7 per cent shortfall.

Our all-in headcount enrolment is forecast at 96 per cent of our pre-pandemic budget or 19,668 students. Compared to the Institutional Strategic Plan our degree-seeking enrolment is forecasted to fall short by 229 students. Offsetting this shortfall was the position of strength in which Brock began the year. Brock recorded enrolment in 2019-20 exceeding our Institutional Strategic Enrolment Plan by 2.3 per cent or 438 students.

At Trimester one a plan to mitigate the significant revenue shortfall was developed. Strict hiring controls with a savings target of \$19.2 million, or an 8 per cent reduction in personnel costs was identified. As of this forecast, the target has been exceeded with \$19.6 million savings anticipated. In addition, \$25.3 million in non-personnel operating expenditures have been mitigated with the balance of mitigation being a deferral and re-prioritization of capital expenditures of \$9.3 million. Also included in the trimester one mitigation plan was the use of our strategic reserves. With the success to date of mitigating costs and improving student retention, the updated trimester two forecast does not require the use of these reserves to fund operations. This is a significant achievement as our prior year savings for strategic purposes will flow into the upcoming 2021-22 fiscal year unencumbered and be available to support our strategic priorities and recovery from the global pandemic.

Salient to the significant expense reductions to mitigate our considerable and immediate revenue reductions are our courageous faculty and staff who quickly pivoted to online learning and student services to continue to support our students. While we experienced strong cost containment in response to the global pandemic, we recognize that Brock maintained its commitment to students with \$21.1 million in student scholarships and fellowships being spent which exceeds the pre-pandemic budget by \$0.8 million. Other key areas where spending will exceed or meet the pre-pandemic budget plans in support of Brock's strategic priorities include: Human Rights and Equity Services, Student Life and Success, and Research Services.

While we celebrate in the successes to date, there is a recognition that our future fiscal environment remains challenging. With 60 per cent of university revenue subject to no rate inflation, balancing our operations requires investments in new programs with new net positive contributions to maintain our existing operations. The next few years will be challenging, that said, with the strategic plan as our lighthouse, our budget plans will endeavor to chart a sustainable pandemic recovery while remaining flexible to invest in areas of growth. Input and recommendations for future budget decisions are encouraged and may be emailed to [budgetreport@brocku.ca](mailto:budgetreport@brocku.ca)

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This report contains certain forward-looking information. In preparing the Trimester 2 Report, certain assumptions and estimates were necessary. They are based on information available to management at the time of preparing the forecast. Users are cautioned that actual results may vary.

Throughout the text in this report, financial values have been rounded to the nearest thousand unless otherwise stated.

### On the cover

From left, Katrina Carbonara, Robert Crozier and Sophie Hamstra all met the rigorous requirements to fast-track into Brock's PhD in Applied Health Sciences.

### Photo collage on page 3

**STUDENTS:** Brock University has retained its No. 1 ranking for student mental health support.  
**COMMUNITY:** Future Vineland winery to support Brock students and community. In photo: Spouses Liz (BA '12) and Robert Harold (OEVC '20), along with Tracey Schenck (MA '16) and her husband Joe Schenck are endeavoring to add a boutique winery to their Hanck Vineyards property in Vineland.  
**PATHWAYS:** A new specialization in Leadership, Diversity, Community and Culture allows incoming students in Applied Disability Studies to meet personal goals in a welcoming environment. Stock photo courtesy Disability:IN.  
**PARTNERSHIPS:** Brock University made its long-time collaboration with the Niagara Workforce Planning Board (NWPB) official by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Tuesday, Sept. 22.

# Financial results

The following table illustrates the Trimester 2 forecast for the University compared to budget. The information is presented on a funding basis, which represents committed cash, and based on the audited financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting standards for not for-profit organizations (NFPS). A reconciliation of the two presentations, for the 2020-21 forecast, can be found starting on **page 22 – 23**. Please note that certain reclassifications were made to the 2020-21 budget as compared to the figures presented in the 2020-21 Budget Report, noting the changes did not impact the net budget. All reclassifications will be fully reconciled in the future 2021-22 Budget Report.

Figure 1: Funding and NFPS budget and forecast

| (\$000s)                     | 2020-21 Forecast | Funding 2020-21 Budget | Difference better/(worse) | 2020-21 Forecast | NFPS 2020-21 Budget | Difference better/(worse) |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>               |                  |                        |                           |                  |                     |                           |
| Student fees                 | 186,511          | 200,202                | (13,691)                  | 187,016          | 200,642             | (13,626)                  |
| Grant revenue                | 99,152           | 97,288                 | 1,864                     | 96,199           | 95,823              | 376                       |
| Internal chargebacks         | 3,006            | 8,621                  | (5,615)                   |                  |                     | -                         |
| Inter-fund revenue           | 7,532            | 7,042                  | 490                       |                  |                     | -                         |
| Research revenue             |                  |                        | -                         | 13,034           | 13,253              | (219)                     |
| Other revenue                | 20,428           | 54,899                 | (34,471)                  | 34,750           | 66,330              | (31,580)                  |
| <b>Total revenue</b>         | <b>316,629</b>   | <b>368,052</b>         | <b>(51,423)</b>           | <b>330,999</b>   | <b>376,048</b>      | <b>(45,049)</b>           |
| <b>Operating costs</b>       |                  |                        |                           |                  |                     |                           |
| Personnel costs              | (219,004)        | (238,613)              | 19,609                    | (221,796)        | (241,611)           | 19,815                    |
| Inter-fund expenses          | (15,759)         | (25,773)               | 10,014                    |                  |                     | -                         |
| Other operating costs        | (81,003)         | (106,313)              | 25,310                    | (112,042)        | (131,106)           | 19,064                    |
| <b>Total operating costs</b> | <b>(315,766)</b> | <b>(370,699)</b>       | <b>54,933</b>             | <b>(333,838)</b> | <b>(372,717)</b>    | <b>38,879</b>             |
| Mitigation target            |                  | 2,647                  | (2,647)                   |                  |                     | -                         |
| <b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>     | <b>863</b>       | <b>-</b>               | <b>863</b>                | <b>(2,839)</b>   | <b>3,331</b>        | <b>(6,170)</b>            |





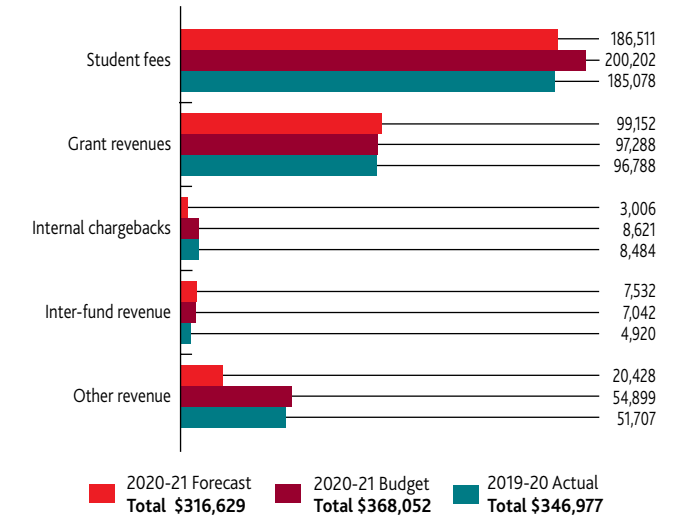
SEPT. 01, 2020: The Faculty of Education and the Landscape of Nations 360° Indigenous Education Initiative (LON 360°) have committed to collaborate on initiatives to advance Indigenous subject matter across the Niagara region.

## Taking a closer look at some of the numbers

### Overview

The 2020-21 Trimester 2 forecast shows a funding surplus of \$0.9 million versus the balanced 2020-21 budget, which was after the \$2.6 million mitigation target to be found in-year. This is an amazing outcome given the impacts of the global pandemic on the University resulting in a reduction in revenue by more than \$50 million compared to budget. This surplus is driven by mitigation strategies that resulted in personnel saving forecasted to be \$19.6 million under budget as well as operating costs and inter-fund expenses being forecasted below budget by \$25.3 million and \$10.0 million respectively. These savings are offset by a revenue forecast showing a shortfall of \$51.4 million below budget. These variances are more fully described in the following sections of this report.

Figure 2: Revenue (\$ millions)



### Review of overall revenue

More than half of the revenue loss as compared to the budget is attributed to Ancillary Services in the amount of \$28.7 million following public health guidelines restricting access to campus. The second largest variance in revenue is attributed to lower than anticipated enrolment offset by above average student retention rates resulting in student fees forecast to be \$13.7 million below the pre-pandemic budget plan, or a 7 per cent shortfall. Grant revenue is forecasted to increase from budget by \$1.9 million, internal chargebacks are forecasting lower than budget by \$5.6 million, inter-fund revenue is forecast higher than budget by \$0.5 million and other revenue (excluding ancillary) is forecast lower by \$5.8 million. Student fee revenues and grant revenues are discussed in the tuition and enrolment section and the operating grant section on the following pages. As mentioned above, the lower than budgeted other revenue was driven by Ancillary Services. The largest driver of this variance related to Residence revenues which is forecasting a revenue shortfall of \$17.7 million. The other units in Ancillary Services are forecasting revenue shortfalls as follows, Campus Store \$2.4 million, Conference Services \$1.0 million, Dining/Hospitality Services \$3.6 million, and Parking Services of \$3.9 million. Investment income, which is forecasted to be \$0.75 million higher than budget, is more fully described in the Treasury section of this report. Sales and service revenue is forecast to be lower than budget by \$6.0 million, driven by lower than budgeted revenue of \$3.6 million in Brock Sports and Recreation mainly due to the cancellation of summer camps, instructional and after school programs.

Also contributing to the sales and services shortfall is consulting/service revenue forecasted to be lower than budget by \$0.4 million, Ontario University Application fee revenue forecast to be \$0.3 million lower than budget and various other revenue sources that were not able to be met because of the pandemic. Inter-fund revenue is forecasted at \$7.5 million, \$0.5 million higher than budget. It should be noted that the trimester one mitigation plan included the use \$10.1 million of our limited reserves to mitigate our projected deficit. With the success to date on mitigating costs and improving student retention, the updated trimester two forecast does not require the use of strategic reserves to fund operations.

SEPT. 2, 2020: As part of its plan to achieve more modern facilities in the Hamilton-Burlington-Oakville corridor, Brock University has now sold the site that has been its Hamilton campus for the past 20 years.





## Tuition and enrolment

As detailed in Figure 3, students fees are forecast \$13.7 million below the pre-pandemic budget.

Figure 3: Tuition by reporting unit

| (\$000s)   | 2020-21 Forecast | 2020-21 Budget | Difference better/(worse) | Listed below |
|--|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total tuition revenue in University Global</b>                | <b>164,148</b>   | <b>165,935</b> | <b>(1,787)</b>            | (1)          |
| <b>Tuition revenue budgeted in respective departments</b>        |                  |                |                           |              |
| Professional Masters Preparation Certificate (Business) (PMPC)   | 562              | 563            | (1)                       | (2)          |
| International Masters Business Administration (IMBA)             | 9,376            | 12,318         | (2,942)                   | (2)          |
| International Master of Professional Accounting (IMPAcc)         | 1,113            | 1,826          | (713)                     | (2)          |
| Masters Preparation Certificate in Education (MPCE)              | 145              | 485            | (340)                     | (3)          |
| International Masters of Education (MEd)                         | 435              | 1,802          | (1,367)                   | (3)          |
| International Master of Science in Materials Physics (MSc)       | 231              | 317            | (86)                      | (4)          |
| <b>Total international student programs (ISP)s</b>               | <b>11,862</b>    | <b>17,311</b>  | <b>(5,449)</b>            |              |
| Continuing Teacher Education – Additional Qualifications (AQ)    | 1,018            | 711            | 307                       | (3)          |
| Adult Education  | 650              | 974            | (324)                     | (3)          |
| Indigenous Education Programs                                    |                  | 37             | (37)                      | (3)          |
| Intensive and short term English Language Programs (IELP & SELP) | 1,073            | 4,415          | (3,342)                   | (5)          |
| <b>Total other self-funded programs</b>                          | <b>2,741</b>     | <b>6,137</b>   | <b>(3,396)</b>            |              |
| <b>Tuition revenue in respective departments</b>                 | <b>14,603</b>    | <b>23,448</b>  | <b>(8,845)</b>            |              |
| <b>Total tuition revenue</b>                                     | <b>178,751</b>   | <b>189,383</b> | <b>(10,632)</b>           |              |
| Fee revenue  | 7,760            | 10,819         | (3,059)                   |              |
| <b>Total student fees</b>  | <b>186,511</b>   | <b>200,202</b> | <b>(13,691)</b>           |              |

Departments the tuition revenue is reported in: (1) University Global; (2) Goodman School of Business; (3) Faculty of Education; (4) Faculty of Mathematics and Science; (5) Brock International.



SEPT. 3, 2020: An experiential learning opportunity and Ability Online, helped Tasia Walsh (centre) acquire the competencies she needed to become the first certified Recreation Therapist in the Northwest Territories.

Non-tuition fee revenue, mainly representing student ancillary fees, are forecast \$3.1 million lower than budget as a result of lower enrolment as well as certain fees not being fully charged to students during the year due to reduced access to campus. International student program (ISP) tuition is forecast to be \$5.4 million below budget, driven by lower enrolment in most of the ISP programs with the majority of the losses in the Goodman School of Business International Master Business Administration (IMBA) and International Masters of Professional Accounting (IMPAcc) programs, and the Faculty of Education International Master of Education (MEd) program. Other self-funded program revenue is forecasted lower than budget by \$3.4 million, driven by lower English as a second language program revenue.

Despite the pandemic causing the majority of the universities' programs having to be taught online this year, global tuition is forecasted to be lower than budget by only \$1.8 million or 1.1 per cent (see Figure 5). This forecast is significantly better than was projected as part of the trimester one forecast which forecasted global tuition to

be lower than budget by 7.6 per cent. Although overall enrolment was lower than set out in the pre-pandemic budget, our spring/summer session realized strong growth over 2019-20, with a gain of almost \$3.0 million. In addition, above average retention rates also assisted in offsetting the lower intake figures experienced. As evidence of the success of our online teaching platform, as detailed in Figure 5, global international tuition is forecast to exceed budget by \$1.0 million. This increase is offset by lower than budgeted domestic tuition of \$2.4 million, mainly as a result of lower first-year intake figures. Overall, enrolment is forecasted to come in at 96 per cent of the pre-pandemic budget at 19,668 students as shown in Figure 6.

Note: Although Figure 5 details global tuition by Faculty of major, the revenue and expense allocation model reports tuition based on where students take their courses (i.e. teaching Faculty). The revenue and expense allocation model is presented for year-end results within the Annual Report.

Figure 4: Global tuition billings by session (\$ millions)

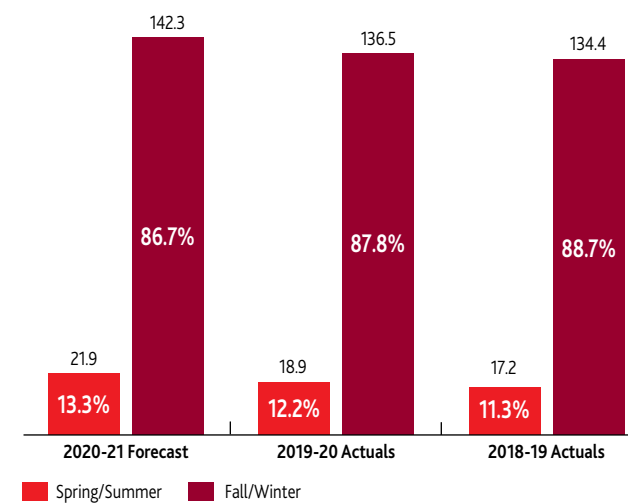


Figure 4 above, details global tuition by session – spring/summer and fall/winter for the forecast and the past two years.

Figure 5: Tuition revenue budgeted in University Global<sup>(1)</sup>

| (\$000s)  | 2020-21 Actuals as of Jan. 13, 2021 | 2020-21 Budget | Difference better/(worse) |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Undergraduate – domestic</b>                   |                                     |                |                           |
| Faculty of Applied Health Sciences                | 23,954                              | 23,526         | 428                       |
| Goodman School of Business                        | 18,323                              | 20,029         | (1,706)                   |
| Faculty of Education                              | 7,574                               | 7,367          | 207                       |
| Faculty of Humanities                             | 10,312                              | 10,234         | 78                        |
| Faculty of Mathematics and Science                | 12,526                              | 13,281         | (755)                     |
| Faculty of Social Sciences                        | 27,279                              | 27,518         | (239)                     |
| Other <sup>(2)</sup>                              | 229                                 | 199            | 30                        |
| <b>Total undergraduate – domestic</b>             | <b>100,197</b>                      | <b>102,154</b> | <b>(1,957)</b>            |
| <b>Graduate – domestic</b>                        |                                     |                |                           |
| Faculty of Applied Health Sciences                | 2,226                               | 2,076          | 150                       |
| Goodman School of Business                        | 1,491                               | 1,747          | (256)                     |
| Faculty of Education                              | 1,026                               | 1,317          | (291)                     |
| Faculty of Humanities                             | 361                                 | 443            | (82)                      |
| Faculty of Mathematics and Science                | 680                                 | 650            | 30                        |
| Faculty of Social Sciences                        | 2,709                               | 2,677          | 32                        |
| <b>Total graduate – domestic</b>                  | <b>8,493</b>                        | <b>8,910</b>   | <b>(417)</b>              |
| <b>Total domestic</b>                             | <b>108,690</b>                      | <b>111,064</b> | <b>(2,374)</b>            |
| <b>Undergraduate – international</b>              |                                     |                |                           |
| Faculty of Applied Health Sciences                | 4,483                               | 4,149          | 334                       |
| Goodman School of Business                        | 16,065                              | 14,423         | 1,642                     |
| Faculty of Education                              | 178                                 | 121            | 57                        |
| Faculty of Humanities                             | 2,081                               | 2,048          | 33                        |
| Faculty of Mathematics and Science                | 11,393                              | 11,435         | (42)                      |
| Faculty of Social Sciences                        | 16,597                              | 17,537         | (940)                     |
| Other <sup>(2)</sup>                              | 51                                  | 13             | 38                        |
| <b>Total undergraduate – international</b>        | <b>50,848</b>                       | <b>49,726</b>  | <b>1,122</b>              |
| <b>Graduate – international</b>                   |                                     |                |                           |
| Faculty of Applied Health Sciences                | 300                                 | 198            | 102                       |
| Goodman School of Business                        | 2,171                               | 1,767          | 404                       |
| Faculty of Education                              | 376                                 | 215            | 161                       |
| Faculty of Humanities                             | 142                                 | 225            | (83)                      |
| Faculty of Mathematics and Science                | 1,242                               | 1,537          | (295)                     |
| Faculty of Social Sciences                        | 745                                 | 1,203          | (458)                     |
| <b>Total graduate – international</b>             | <b>4,976</b>                        | <b>5,145</b>   | <b>(169)</b>              |
| <b>Total international</b>                        | <b>55,824</b>                       | <b>54,871</b>  | <b>953</b>                |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                   | <b>164,514</b>                      | <b>165,935</b> | <b>(1,421)</b>            |
| Forecasted change to April 30, 2021               | (366)                               |                | (366)                     |
| <b>Total tuition revenue in University Global</b> | <b>164,148</b>                      | <b>165,935</b> | <b>(1,787)</b>            |

(1) Figures based on Faculty of major.

(2) Includes letters of permission, non-degree students and auditors.





SEPT. 14, 2020: Left: Didi Mukendi (BKin '14) and Eric Mukendi (BBA '07) are paying it forward by generously donating \$30,000 to the Brock-Niagara Centre for Health and Well-Being on behalf of their company, C6 Medical, after receiving support from the Centre for years.

SEPT. 16, 2020: Right: The Canada Games Council and the 2021 Canada Games Host Society announced that they have decided to postpone the 2021 Canada Summer Games until the summer of 2022 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



Figures 6 and 7 detail all-in headcount enrolment. All-in enrolment represents degree-seeking students, non-degree students, auditors, and those pursuing additional qualifications and certificates, including ISP programs, not budgeted in Global. Brock's enrolment forecast of 19,668 represents a 0.6 per cent decrease as compared to prior year 2019-20 enrolment and a 4.2 per cent decrease compared to the 2020-21 pre-pandemic budget.

Figure 6: All in student headcount by type<sup>(1)</sup>

| Type                          | 2020-21 Forecast | 2020-21 Budget | Difference – better/(worse) |               | 2019-20 Actual | Difference – better/(worse) |               |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                               |                  |                | #                           | %             |                | #                           | %             |
| Undergraduate – domestic      | 15,845           | 16,337         | (492)                       | (3.0%)        | 15,970         | (125)                       | (0.8%)        |
| Undergraduate – international | 1,857            | 1,990          | (133)                       | (6.7%)        | 1,819          | 38                          | 2.1%          |
| Graduate – domestic           | 1,308            | 1,347          | (39)                        | (2.9%)        | 1,235          | 73                          | 5.9%          |
| Graduate – international      | 658              | 848            | (190)                       | (22.4%)       | 772            | (114)                       | (14.8%)       |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>19,668</b>    | <b>20,522</b>  | <b>(854)</b>                | <b>(4.2%)</b> | <b>19,796</b>  | <b>(128)</b>                | <b>(0.6%)</b> |

Figure 7: All in student headcount by Faculty<sup>(1)</sup>

| Faculty                            | 2020-21 Forecast |               |               | 2020-21 Budget |               |               | Difference – better/(worse) |               |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                                    | Domestic         | International | Total         | Domestic       | International | Total         | #                           | %             |
| Faculty of Applied Health Sciences | 4,237            | 175           | 4,412         | 4,073          | 163           | 4,236         | 176                         | 4.2%          |
| Goodman School of Business         | 2,368            | 1,068         | 3,436         | 2,574          | 1,133         | 3,707         | (271)                       | (7.3%)        |
| Faculty of Education               | 1,778            | 72            | 1,850         | 1,852          | 96            | 1,948         | (98)                        | (5.0%)        |
| Faculty of Humanities              | 1,798            | 87            | 1,885         | 1,812          | 90            | 1,902         | (17)                        | (0.9%)        |
| Faculty of Mathematics and Science | 1,969            | 474           | 2,443         | 2,153          | 532           | 2,685         | (242)                       | (9.0%)        |
| Faculty of Social Science          | 4,906            | 637           | 5,543         | 5,121          | 823           | 5,944         | (401)                       | (6.7%)        |
| No Faculty                         | 97               | 2             | 99            | 100            |               | 100           | (1)                         | (1.0%)        |
| <b>Total headcount</b>             | <b>17,153</b>    | <b>2,515</b>  | <b>19,668</b> | <b>17,685</b>  | <b>2,837</b>  | <b>20,522</b> | <b>(854)</b>                | <b>(4.2%)</b> |

<sup>(1)</sup>Note: the enrolment forecast used for the 2020-21 budget and forecast is 'all-in' and includes letter of permissions, non-degree students, auditors, additional qualifications, and certificates. These are excluded in the 'degree-seeking only' enrolment as presented by the Office of the Registrar.

## Operating grants

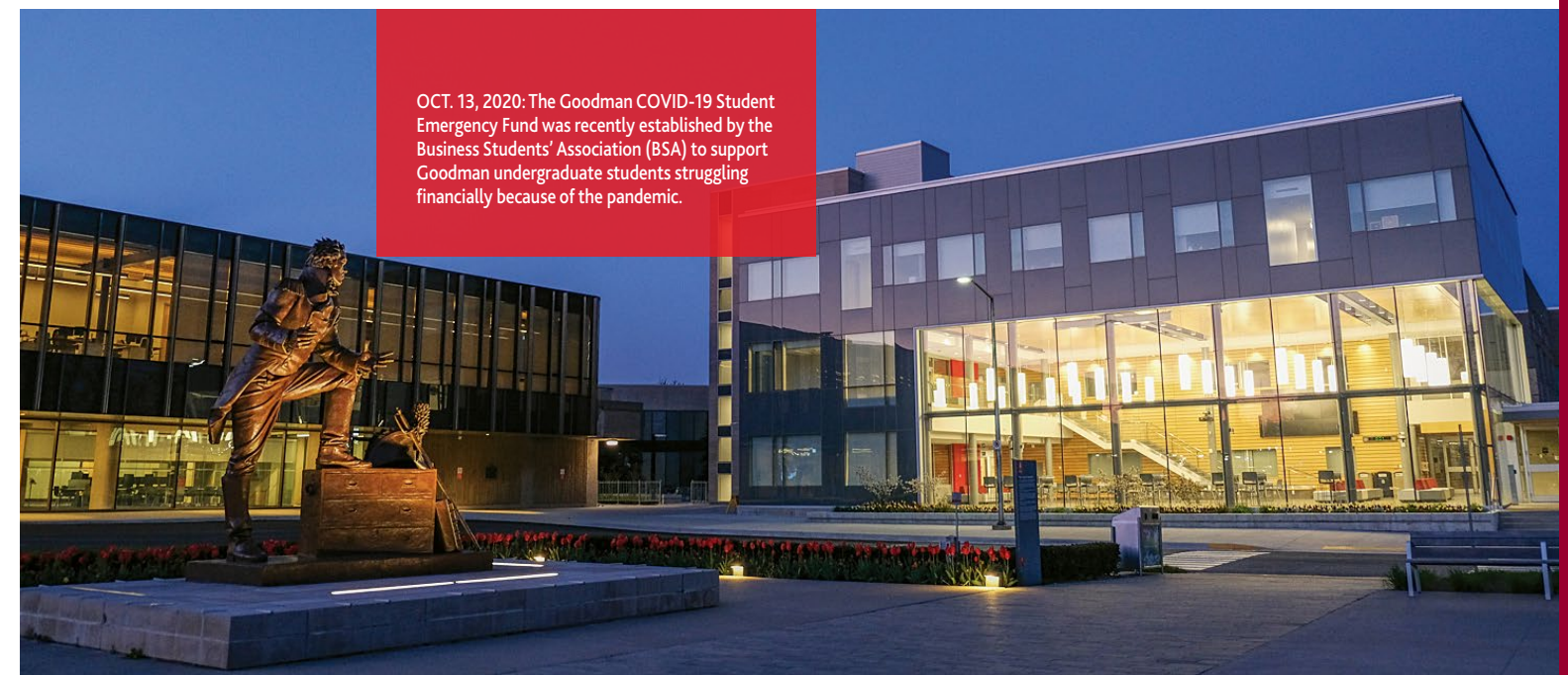
Figure 8: General operating grants

| (\$000s)                       | 2020-21 Forecast | 2020-21 Budget | 2019-20 Actual |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Operating Grants</b>        |                  |                |                |
| Core Operating Grant           | 70,076           | 70,076         | 81,743         |
| Differentiation Grant Envelope | 18,925           | 18,925         | 6,045          |
| International Student Recovery | (1,844)          | (1,844)        | (1,705)        |
| Nursing Grant                  | 2,648            | 2,969          | 2,679          |
| <b>Total operating grants</b>  | <b>89,806</b>    | <b>90,126</b>  | <b>88,762</b>  |
| <b>Specific purpose grants</b> | <b>9,347</b>     | <b>7,162</b>   | <b>8,026</b>   |
| <b>Total grant revenue</b>     | <b>99,152</b>    | <b>97,288</b>  | <b>96,788</b>  |

Figure 8 above details grant revenue. Most of the Ministry of Colleges & Universities (MCU) operating grants are forecasted to be consistent with budget, with the exception of the nursing grant which is expected to be below budget by \$0.3 million. The MCU has confirmed that the Strategic Mandate Agreement 2020-25 (SMA3) metrics for performance-based funding will be delayed until 2021-22. Therefore, there is no anticipated change in the larger Differentiation Envelope. The increase in the specific purpose grants is mainly due to the Facilities Renewal Program Funds (FRP) grant which is forecast to be \$1.5 million higher than budget, based on an announcement from the MCU in 2020-21 and it is anticipated this funding will remain for 2021-22.



SEPT. 29, 2020: More than 3,100 students, including more than 2,000 first-year students, have taken part in the new BU101 academic skills program led by A-Z Learning Services in the fall. In photo: A-Z Learning Services Manager Maggie Whitfield working remotely.



OCT. 13, 2020: The Goodman COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund was recently established by the Business Students' Association (BSA) to support Goodman undergraduate students struggling financially because of the pandemic.



## Review of overall costs

### Personnel costs

Our people are what make everything possible at our University. Figure 9 below illustrates personnel costs in aggregate by personnel group. Overall personnel costs are expected to be under budget by \$19.6 million, \$0.4 million better than the mitigation plan that was developed with strict hiring controls with a savings target of \$19.2 million. Savings were realized in both ongoing and temporary personnel groups. Ongoing personnel is forecasted to realize savings of \$13.2 million. Temporary personnel savings are forecast at \$6.4 million.

Figure 9: Personnel costs by group

| Personnel Group <sup>(1)</sup> (\$000s) | 2020-21 Forecast |               |                       | 2020-21 Budget | Difference better/worse | 2019-20 Actual |
|---|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
|   | Salary/Wage      | Benefits      | Total personnel costs |                |                         |                |
| Faculty and Professional Librarians     | 88,808           | 20,162        | 108,970               | 113,011        | 4,041                   | 106,836        |
| Admin/Professional                      | 43,489           | 12,052        | 55,541                | 61,881         | 6,340                   | 54,310         |
| OSSTF                                   | 7,484            | 2,380         | 9,864                 | 10,637         | 773                     | 9,790          |
| CUPE 1295 FT                            | 6,418            | 2,378         | 8,796                 | 9,399          | 603                     | 9,550          |
| SAC                                     | 5,972            | 1,114         | 7,086                 | 7,444          | 358                     | 6,631          |
| Other ongoing personnel                 | 1,080            | 330           | 1,410                 | 2,516          | 1,106                   | 2,277          |
| <b>Total ongoing personnel</b>          | <b>153,251</b>   | <b>38,416</b> | <b>191,667</b>        | <b>204,888</b> | <b>13,221</b>           | <b>189,394</b> |
| CUPE 4207 - Unit 1                      | 15,014           | 1,645         | 16,659                | 17,691         | 1,032                   | 16,141         |
| Other temporary personnel               | 10,001           | 677           | 10,678                | 16,034         | 5,356                   | 14,884         |
| <b>Total temporary personnel</b>        | <b>25,015</b>    | <b>2,322</b>  | <b>27,337</b>         | <b>33,725</b>  | <b>6,388</b>            | <b>31,025</b>  |
| <b>Total personnel</b>                  | <b>178,266</b>   | <b>40,738</b> | <b>219,004</b>        | <b>238,613</b> | <b>19,609</b>           | <b>220,419</b> |

(1) **Faculty and Professional Librarians** – BUFA members, Associate Deans, Associate Vice-Presidents of Research and Associate Librarian; **Admin/Professional** – ongoing administrative/professional and exempt staff; **OSSTF** – support and technical staff; **CUPE 1295 FT** – full-time maintenance, trades and custodial staff; **SAC** – Senior Administrative Council; **Other ongoing** – CUPE 4207-2, CUPE 4207-3, CUPE 2220 & IATSE; **CUPE 4207 - Unit 1** – instructors, teaching assistants, lab demonstrators, course co-ordinators and marker/graders; **Other temporary** – all other part-time teaching and non-teaching positions and stipend transfers.



OCT. 16, 2020: Hilary Pearson was installed as Brock University's ninth Chancellor during Virtual Fall Convocation.



OCT. 21, 2020: Robyn Bourgeois, an Associate Professor from the Faculty of Social Sciences, has accepted the role of Acting Vice-Provost, Indigenous Engagement.

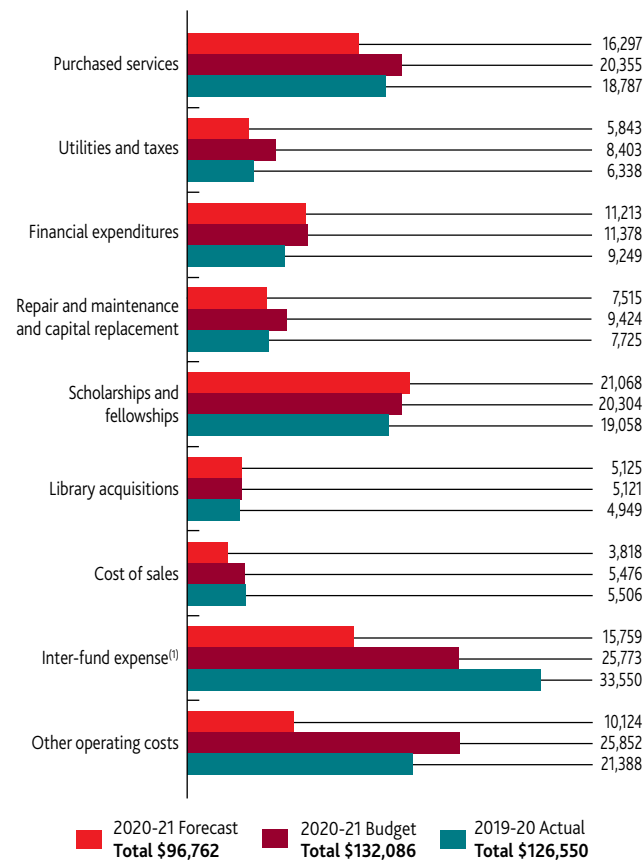
## Operating costs

Operating costs are forecasted to be \$96.8 million as compared to a budget of \$132.1 million. This \$35.3 million positive variance is due to a comprehensive plan to mitigate the large revenue losses as a result of the global pandemic. Figure 10 shows a comparison of forecasted operating expenses to the 2020-21 budget and 2019-20 actuals.

Inter-fund expenses are forecasted to be \$10.0 million lower than budget. The majority of this decline is due to the pandemic mitigation plan related to the deferral and re-prioritizations of capital expenditure of \$9.3 million.

Operating costs other than inter-fund expenses are forecast \$25.3 million lower than budget. Savings were realized throughout the operating expenses with significant savings in travel, purchased services, utilities, repair and maintenance and capital replacement costs and cost of sales related to the Campus Store. While we experienced strong cost containment in response to the global pandemic, we recognize that Brock maintained its commitment to students with \$21.1 million in student scholarships and fellowships being spent which exceeds the pre-pandemic budget by \$0.8 million.

Figure 10: Operating costs (\$millions)



\*2019-20 Actual inter-fund expenses include discretionary appropriations in the amount of \$7,650.

## Unit and budget forecasts

Figure 11 on the following pages detail the funding by responsibility centre for the forecast and budget, grouped into one of the following categories: Teaching Faculties, Academic Support, Student Specific, Ancillary, Shared Services, Space and Global. Please note that Figure 11 includes certain reclassifications to the 2020-21 budget as compared to the figures presented in the 2020-21 Budget Report. All reclassifications will be fully reconciled in the future 2021-22 Budget Report, noting the changes did not impact the net reported budget.

Although most units experienced significant cost restraints, some key areas where spending will exceed or meet the pre-pandemic budget plans in support of Brock's strategic priorities include areas such as: Human Rights and Equity Services, Student Life and Success, and Research Services.

## Funding budget by responsibility centre

Figure 11 details the funding budget by responsibility centre, where all personnel costs, operating costs and revenue have been grouped by their responsibility centre, which in turn are grouped into one of the following categories: Teaching Faculties, Academic Support, Student Specific, Ancillary, Shared Services, Space and Global.

Figure 11: Funding budget by responsibility centre

| (\$000s)                                 | 2020-21 Forecast |                  |                     | 2020-21 Budget   |               |                  | Difference of "Net" amounts |                     |                 |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|  | Revenue          | Personnel costs  | Non-personnel costs | Net              | Revenue       | Personnel costs  |                             | Non-personnel costs | Net             |
| <b>Teaching Faculties</b>                |                  |                  |                     |                  |               |                  |                             |                     |                 |
| Faculty of Applied Health Sciences       | 168              | (23,023)         | (694)               | (23,549)         | 325           | (24,858)         | (994)                       | (25,527)            | 1,978           |
| Goodman School of Business               | 11,729           | (27,903)         | (2,571)             | (18,745)         | 15,865        | (29,356)         | (5,081)                     | (18,572)            | (173)           |
| Faculty of Education                     | 2,468            | (17,228)         | (665)               | (15,425)         | 4,295         | (18,310)         | (1,209)                     | (15,224)            | (201)           |
| Faculty of Humanities                    | 547              | (22,274)         | (654)               | (22,381)         | 625           | (22,117)         | (843)                       | (22,335)            | (46)            |
| Faculty of Mathematics and Science       | 628              | (21,160)         | (860)               | (21,392)         | 719           | (22,455)         | (963)                       | (22,699)            | 1,307           |
| Faculty of Social Sciences               | 370              | (37,727)         | (898)               | (38,255)         | 384           | (38,394)         | (1,310)                     | (39,320)            | 1,065           |
| <b>Total Teaching Faculties</b>          | <b>15,910</b>    | <b>(149,315)</b> | <b>(6,342)</b>      | <b>(139,747)</b> | <b>22,213</b> | <b>(155,490)</b> | <b>(10,400)</b>             | <b>(143,677)</b>    | <b>3,930</b>    |
| <b>Academic Support</b>                  |                  |                  |                     |                  |               |                  |                             |                     |                 |
| Faculty of Graduate Studies              | 512              | (1,358)          | (133)               | (979)            | 462           | (1,350)          | (173)                       | (1,061)             | 82              |
| Library                                  | 304              | (4,925)          | (5,597)             | (10,218)         | 172           | (5,622)          | (5,656)                     | (11,106)            | 888             |
| Research Services                        | 2,677            | (1,864)          | (3,889)             | (3,076)          | 2,628         | (2,320)          | (3,020)                     | (2,712)             | (364)           |
| Centre for Pedagogical Innovation        | 262              | (929)            | (285)               | (952)            | 283           | (1,071)          | (193)                       | (981)               | 29              |
| <b>Total Academic Support</b>            | <b>3,755</b>     | <b>(9,076)</b>   | <b>(9,904)</b>      | <b>(15,225)</b>  | <b>3,545</b>  | <b>(10,363)</b>  | <b>(9,042)</b>              | <b>(15,860)</b>     | <b>635</b>      |
| <b>Student Specific</b>                  |                  |                  |                     |                  |               |                  |                             |                     |                 |
| The Office of the Registrar              | 2,292            | (4,511)          | (1,044)             | (3,263)          | 2,417         | (5,168)          | (1,233)                     | (3,984)             | 721             |
| Aboriginal Student Services              | 358              | (287)            | (88)                | (17)             | 359           | (294)            | (68)                        | (3)                 | (14)            |
| Student Life and Success                 | 368              | (1,710)          | (148)               | (1,490)          | 587           | (1,715)          | (294)                       | (1,422)             | (68)            |
| Student Wellness and Accessibility       | 2,851            | (3,225)          | (1,298)             | (1,672)          | 3,022         | (3,400)          | (1,375)                     | (1,753)             | 81              |
| Brock International                      | 1,253            | (3,255)          | (1,647)             | (3,649)          | 5,742         | (5,029)          | (2,941)                     | (2,228)             | (1,421)         |
| Co-op, Career and Experiential Education | 2,518            | (3,714)          | (380)               | (1,576)          | 2,704         | (3,674)          | (602)                       | (1,572)             | (4)             |
| Residence Life                           |                  | (742)            | (85)                | (827)            | 5             | (1,523)          | (234)                       | (1,752)             | 925             |
| Brock Sports and Recreation              | 3,152            | (3,397)          | (535)               | (780)            | 8,099         | (5,557)          | (3,940)                     | (1,398)             | 618             |
| <b>Total Student Specific</b>            | <b>12,792</b>    | <b>(20,841)</b>  | <b>(5,225)</b>      | <b>(13,274)</b>  | <b>22,935</b> | <b>(26,360)</b>  | <b>(10,687)</b>             | <b>(14,112)</b>     | <b>838</b>      |
| <b>Ancillary</b>                         |                  |                  |                     |                  |               |                  |                             |                     |                 |
| Ancillary Operations                     | 5,356            | (2,469)          | (5,432)             | (2,545)          | 16,742        | (3,287)          | (9,684)                     | 3,771               | (6,316)         |
| Department of Residence Operations       | 3,467            | (1,784)          | (10,633)            | (8,950)          | 21,471        | (2,144)          | (14,799)                    | 4,528               | (13,478)        |
| <b>Total Ancillary</b>                   | <b>8,823</b>     | <b>(4,253)</b>   | <b>(16,065)</b>     | <b>(11,495)</b>  | <b>38,213</b> | <b>(5,431)</b>   | <b>(24,483)</b>             | <b>8,299</b>        | <b>(19,794)</b> |

Figure 11 continued

| (\$000s)   | 2020-21 Forecast |                  |                     | 2020-21 Budget  |                |                  | Difference of "Net" amounts |                     |               |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|  | Revenue          | Personnel costs  | Non-personnel costs | Net             | Revenue        | Personnel costs  |                             | Non-personnel costs | Net           |
| <b>Shared Services</b>                                 |                  |                  |                     |                 |                |                  |                             |                     |               |
| Senior Academic and Administration Team <sup>(1)</sup> | 47               | (3,722)          | (401)               | (4,076)         | 193            | (4,867)          | (974)                       | (5,648)             | 1,572         |
| Information Technology Services                        | 413              | (5,573)          | (2,004)             | (7,164)         | 459            | (6,328)          | (2,213)                     | (8,082)             | 918           |
| Financial Services                                     | 388              | (2,994)          | (742)               | (3,348)         | 494            | (3,332)          | (742)                       | (3,580)             | 232           |
| Human Resources  | 207              | (3,448)          | (647)               | (3,888)         | 207            | (3,727)          | (769)                       | (4,289)             | 401           |
| Marketing and Communications                           | 511              | (1,597)          | (1,387)             | (2,473)         | 1,448          | (1,670)          | (1,851)                     | (2,073)             | (400)         |
| Development and Alumni Relations                       | 592              | (1,112)          | (487)               | (1,007)         | 611            | (1,692)          | (476)                       | (1,557)             | 550           |
| Human Rights and Equity Services                       | 657              | (974)            | (1,049)             | (1,366)         | 474            | (950)            | (873)                       | (1,349)             | (17)          |
| University Secretariat                                 |                  | (814)            | (30)                | (844)           | 5              | (843)            | (95)                        | (933)               | 89            |
| Office of Government Relations                         |                  | (452)            | (124)               | (576)           | 77             | (560)            | (120)                       | (603)               | 27            |
| Institutional Analysis                                 | 3                | (289)            | (23)                | (309)           |                | (378)            | (23)                        | (401)               | 92            |
| Internal Audit and University Risk Management          |                  | (380)            | (24)                | (404)           |                | (382)            | (34)                        | (416)               | 12            |
| <b>Total Shared Services</b>                           | <b>2,818</b>     | <b>(21,355)</b>  | <b>(6,918)</b>      | <b>(25,455)</b> | <b>3,968</b>   | <b>(24,729)</b>  | <b>(8,170)</b>              | <b>(28,931)</b>     | <b>3,476</b>  |
| <b>Space</b>   |                  |                  |                     |                 |                |                  |                             |                     |               |
| Facilities Management                                  | 462              | (11,700)         | (3,327)             | (14,565)        | 815            | (12,549)         | (3,794)                     | (15,528)            | 963           |
| Campus Security Services                               | 120              | (1,522)          | (1,064)             | (2,466)         | 154            | (1,548)          | (1,208)                     | (2,602)             | 136           |
| Campus Development and Community Agreements            | 371              | (50)             | (1,316)             | (995)           | 447            | (260)            | (1,645)                     | (1,458)             | 463           |
| Utilities, Taxes and Insurance                         | 1,972            |                  | (8,326)             | (6,354)         | 2,425          | (10,348)         | (10,348)                    | (7,923)             | 1,569         |
| Financing  | 2,365            |                  | (7,955)             | (5,590)         | 3,706          | (9,296)          | (9,296)                     | (5,590)             | -             |
| <b>Total Space</b>                                     | <b>5,290</b>     | <b>(13,272)</b>  | <b>(21,988)</b>     | <b>(29,970)</b> | <b>7,547</b>   | <b>(14,357)</b>  | <b>(26,291)</b>             | <b>(33,101)</b>     | <b>3,131</b>  |
| <b>Global</b>  |                  |                  |                     |                 |                |                  |                             |                     |               |
| Scholarships, Bursaries and Fellowships                | 3,405            |                  | (23,012)            | (19,607)        | 3,330          |                  | (22,425)                    | (19,095)            | (512)         |
| Capital  | 3,253            |                  | (5,475)             | (2,222)         | 4,711          |                  | (14,038)                    | (9,327)             | 7,105         |
| University Global                                      | 260,583          | (892)            | (1,833)             | 257,858         | 261,590        | (1,883)          | (6,550)                     | 253,157             | 4,701         |
| <b>Total Global</b>                                    | <b>267,241</b>   | <b>(892)</b>     | <b>(30,320)</b>     | <b>236,029</b>  | <b>269,631</b> | <b>(1,883)</b>   | <b>(43,013)</b>             | <b>224,735</b>      | <b>11,294</b> |
| <b>Total University</b>                                | <b>316,629</b>   | <b>(219,004)</b> | <b>(96,762)</b>     | <b>863</b>      | <b>368,052</b> | <b>(238,613)</b> | <b>(132,086)</b>            | <b>(2,647)</b>      | <b>3,510</b>  |

(1) Includes the following: the offices of the President, Administration; the Provost and Vice-President, Academic; the Vice-President, Research; the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice President, Academic; Vice-Provost, Students; the Vice-Provost, Strategic Partnerships and International; the Vice-Provost, Indigenous; the Associate Vice-President Advancement and External Relations as well as the operating costs of the Board of Trustees and Senate.



## Treasury

### Operating fund investment scorecard

The Government of Canada ten-year bond yield was 0.7 per cent at Dec. 31, 2020 (1.7 per cent at Dec. 31, 2019). This compares to the yield on the operating investment portfolio of 1.22 per cent with an average duration of 8 months (2.46 per cent yield and 8-month average duration at the same time last year). Scotiabank prime rate was 2.45 per cent on Dec. 31, 2020 (3.95 per cent at the same time last year). Yield on cash balances and short-term investments is linked to the prime rate, prime minus 165 basis points on cash, and prime minus 150 basis points on the 30 day hold investment account. Yields have dropped significantly on guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) where the rate on a 10-year GIC now compares to the rates we are receiving on the 30 day hold investment account; therefore, proceeds of matured GICs are currently being held in the 30 day hold account until rates improve. A summary of investment holdings as of Dec. 31, 2020 is

shown in Figure 15. Figure 13 outlines monthly investment income performance compared to 2019-20. As detailed in Figure 12, operating investments have achieved 87 per cent of budget as we reach 67 per cent of the way through the fiscal year. The current forecast has operating investment income, not including the sinking fund, exceeding budget.

The sinking fund outperformed during the first eight months of fiscal 2020-21 generating an annualized 18.73 per cent gain (8.28 per cent loss at the same time last year). Short-term volatility is common and expected with this fund. We continue to support this fund as a long-term investment strategy to fund the 2045 payout of the University's \$93 million debenture and the employee future benefits reserve. The fund requires a 5 per cent annual rate of return to achieve its goal and this rate of return is aligned with the asset mix and skill of the fund manager. A new sinking fund will be established as planned in 2021-22 to provide repayment proceeds for the \$125 million series B debenture issued in 2020.

Figure 12: Summary investment income – Operating Funds

| (\$000s)<br>Unless otherwise stated | 2020-21 Actuals to Dec. 31 | 2020-21 Budget | 2019-20 Actuals | % of Budget achieved |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Operating investment income         | 1,303                      | 1,500          | 2,571           | 87%                  |
| Sinking fund                        | 1,068                      | 349            | 237             | 306%                 |
| Employee future benefits reserve    | 795                        |                | 176             | NA                   |
| <b>Investment income</b>            | <b>3,166</b>               | <b>1,849</b>   | <b>2,984</b>    | <b>171%</b>          |

OCT. 28, 2020: CCOVI to co-lead \$6.2-million national research program supporting clean plant program for grapevines. In photo: Brock University Senior Scientist Sudarsana Poojari is leading the academic team.



Figure 13: Cumulative monthly investment income performance 2019-20 vs. 2020-21 (\$000s)

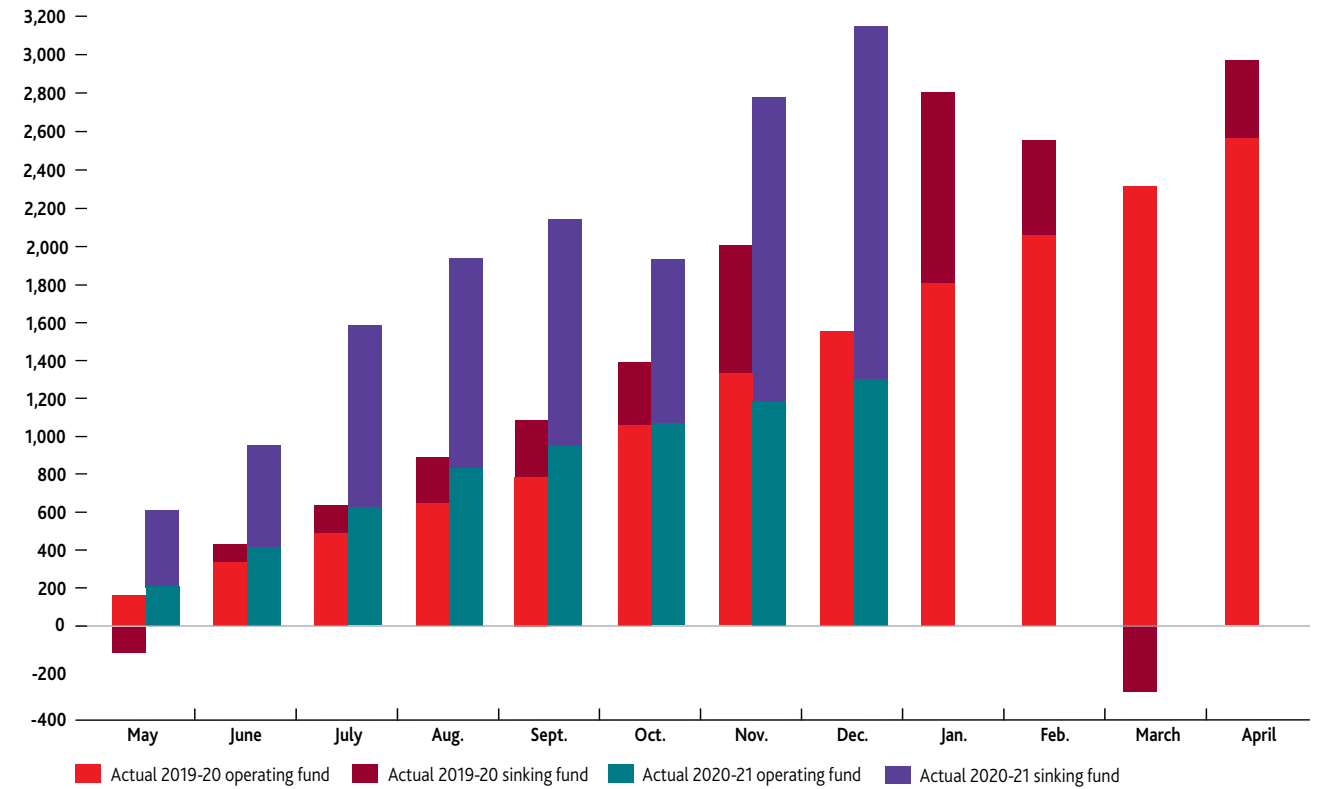
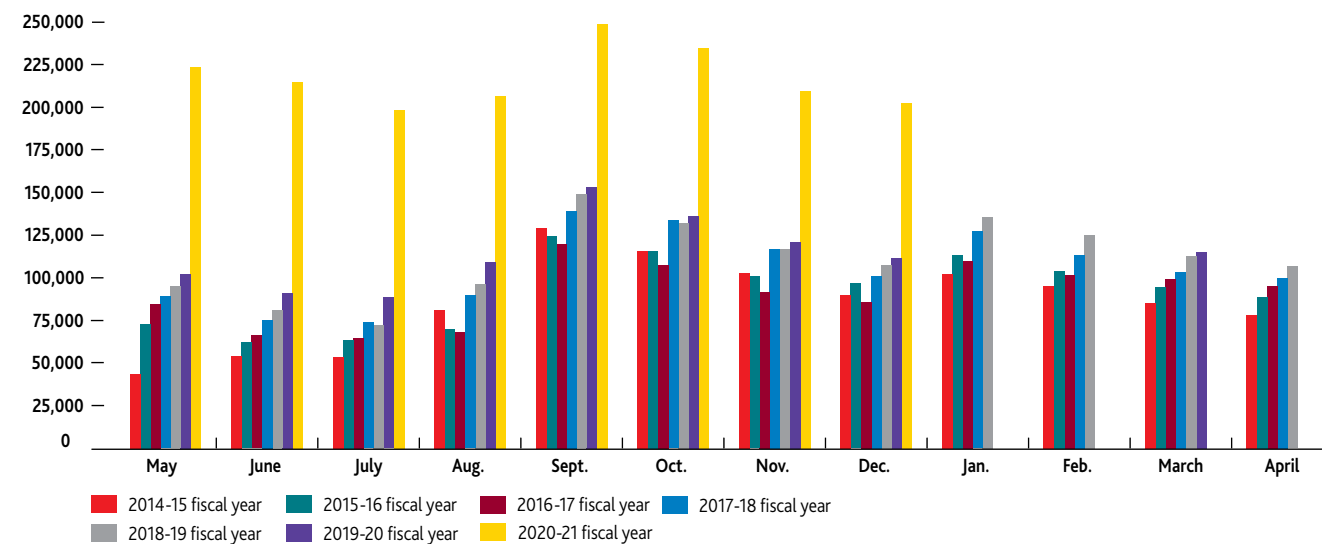


Figure 14: Monthly cash flow – historical trend month-end balances (\$000s)



NOV. 9, 2020: Associate Professor of Health Sciences Adam MacNeil and Professor of Biology Fiona Hunter were awarded \$200,000 in funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to purchase equipment that will enable their team to research how humans react to coronavirus and a possible therapy to treat infection.



Figure 15: Summary of investment holdings

| (\$000s)<br>Unless otherwise stated                       | Market Value as at<br>Dec. 31, 2020 | Annualized rate<br>of return | Fees         | Net annualized rate<br>of return |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Scotiabank</b>   |                                     |                              |              |                                  |
| General account<br>(\$20 million average minimum balance) | 47,750                              | 0.80%                        | 0.00%        | 0.80%                            |
| 30 day GIC  | 60,000                              | 0.95%                        | 0.00%        | 0.95%                            |
| 8 Month GIC   | 6,300                               | 1.20%                        | 0.00%        | 1.20%                            |
| 9 Month GIC   | 6,300                               | 1.25%                        | 0.00%        | 1.25%                            |
| 10 Month GIC  | 6,000                               | 1.30%                        | 0.00%        | 1.30%                            |
| 11 Month GIC  | 3,500                               | 1.35%                        | 0.00%        | 1.35%                            |
| 12 Month GIC  | 10,500                              | 1.40%                        | 0.00%        | 1.40%                            |
| 14 Month GIC  | 8,300                               | 1.56%                        | 0.00%        | 1.56%                            |
| 2 Year GIC  | 7,200                               | 1.95%                        | 0.00%        | 1.95%                            |
| 2 Year GIC  | 17,300                              | 1.50%                        | 0.00%        | 1.50%                            |
| 3 Year GIC  | 5,000                               | 3.08%                        | 0.00%        | 3.08%                            |
| 3 Year GIC  | 2,500                               | 2.65%                        | 0.00%        | 2.65%                            |
| <b>Total for account</b>                                  | <b>180,650</b>                      | <b>1.18%</b>                 | <b>0.00%</b> | <b>1.18%</b>                     |
| <b>BMO Nesbitt Burns</b>                                  |                                     |                              |              |                                  |
| Savings Account   | 30                                  | 0.75%                        | 0.05%        | 0.70%                            |
| 2 Year GIC  | 1,000                               | 2.60%                        | 0.05%        | 2.55%                            |
| <b>Total for Account</b>                                  | <b>1,030</b>                        | <b>2.55%</b>                 | <b>0.05%</b> | <b>2.50%</b>                     |
| <b>TD Waterhouse</b>                                      |                                     |                              |              |                                  |
| 2 Year GIC  | 5,712                               | 2.47%                        | 0.00%        | 2.47%                            |
| <b>Total for account</b>                                  | <b>5,712</b>                        | <b>2.47%</b>                 | <b>0.00%</b> | <b>2.47%</b>                     |
| <b>Mawer – balanced fund</b>                              |                                     |                              |              |                                  |
| Sinking fund  | 8,675                               |                              |              |                                  |
| Employee future benefits reserve                          | 6,457                               |                              |              |                                  |
| <b>Total for account</b>                                  | <b>15,132</b>                       | <b>18.73%</b>                | <b>0.25%</b> | <b>18.48%</b>                    |
| <b>Portfolio consolidated total</b>                       | <b>202,524</b>                      | <b>2.53%</b>                 | <b>0.02%</b> | <b>2.52%</b>                     |

## Our debt

Figure 16 details the current and projected external debt of the University.

Figure 16: Outstanding debt

| (\$000s)<br>(unless otherwise noted)                              | Actual            |                   |                   |                   | Budget<br>April 30,<br>2021 | Forecast          |                   |                   |                   |  |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
|   | April 30,<br>2017 | April 30,<br>2018 | April 30,<br>2019 | April 30,<br>2020 |                             | April 30,<br>2022 | April 30,<br>2023 | April 30,<br>2024 | April 30,<br>2025 |  |
| Bond  | 93,000            | 93,000            | 93,000            | 93,000            | <b>93,000</b>               | 93,000            | 93,000            | 93,000            | 93,000            |  |
| Cairns building   | 24,863            | 24,109            | 23,319            | 22,491            | <b>21,623</b>               | 20,714            |                   |                   |                   |  |
| Residence   | 15,215            | 14,333            | 13,385            | 12,366            | <b>11,271</b>               | 10,095            | 8,831             | 7,473             | 6,014             |  |
| Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and<br>Performing Arts (MIWSFPA) | 15,960            | 15,240            | 14,520            |                   |                             |                   |                   |                   |                   |  |
| Ancillary/Residence student<br>experience projects                |                   |                   |                   | 14,400            | <b>139,400</b>              | 139,400           | 139,400           | 139,400           | 125,000           |  |
| <b>Total debt</b>   | <b>149,038</b>    | <b>146,682</b>    | <b>144,224</b>    | <b>142,257</b>    | <b>265,294</b>              | <b>263,209</b>    | <b>241,231</b>    | <b>239,873</b>    | <b>224,014</b>    |  |
| <b>Total student FFTE<sup>(1) (2)</sup></b>                       | <b>20,086</b>     | <b>20,303</b>     | <b>20,548</b>     | <b>21,597</b>     | <b>21,435</b>               | <b>21,435</b>     | <b>21,435</b>     | <b>21,435</b>     | <b>21,435</b>     |  |
| <b>Total debt/FFTE (in dollars)<sup>(1)</sup></b>                 | <b>\$7,420</b>    | <b>\$7,225</b>    | <b>\$7,019</b>    | <b>\$6,587</b>    | <b>\$12,377</b>             | <b>\$12,279</b>   | <b>\$11,254</b>   | <b>\$11,191</b>   | <b>\$10,451</b>   |  |
| <b>Debt reduction strategy</b>                                    |                   |                   |                   |                   |                             |                   |                   |                   |                   |  |
| Sinking fund  | 6,413             | 6,696             | 7,370             | 7,607             | <b>7,319</b>                | 7,685             | 8,069             | 8,473             | 9,301             |  |
| Sinking fund – Ancillary/Residence                                |                   |                   |                   |                   | <b>1,903</b>                | 3,848             | 5,833             | 7,846             | 11,260            |  |
| Debt repayment reserve  | 2,895             | 4,457             | 6,753             | 384               | <b>1,884</b>                | 3,384             |                   | 1,500             | 3,000             |  |
| M. Walker donation – MIWSFPA                                      | 5,326             | 5,470             | 5,617             |                   |                             |                   |                   |                   |                   |  |
| Other donations – MIWSFPA   | 717               | 851               | 932               |                   |                             |                   |                   |                   |                   |  |
| <b>Total assets for debt reduction</b>                            | <b>15,351</b>     | <b>17,474</b>     | <b>20,672</b>     | <b>7,991</b>      | <b>11,106</b>               | <b>14,917</b>     | <b>13,902</b>     | <b>17,819</b>     | <b>23,561</b>     |  |
| <b>Net debt</b>   | <b>133,687</b>    | <b>129,208</b>    | <b>123,552</b>    | <b>134,266</b>    | <b>254,188</b>              | <b>248,292</b>    | <b>227,329</b>    | <b>222,054</b>    | <b>200,453</b>    |  |
| <b>Net debt/FFTE (in dollars)<sup>(1)</sup></b>                   | <b>\$6,656</b>    | <b>\$6,364</b>    | <b>\$6,013</b>    | <b>\$6,217</b>    | <b>\$11,859</b>             | <b>\$11,583</b>   | <b>\$10,606</b>   | <b>\$10,359</b>   | <b>\$9,352</b>    |  |

(1) Fiscal full-time enrolment (FFTE). For a definition, refer to page 88 of the 2020-21 Budget Report.

(2) Given the impact of the pandemic, the enrolment forecast is being revised. The forecast highlighted above is shown as flat to approximate calculation for debt per FFTE; however, results will change once forecast is completed.

At the beginning of this fiscal year Brock secured a series B debenture of \$125 million 3.03 per cent interest 40-year bullet, with the proceeds covering capital needs and refinancing of upcoming debt maturities. This series B debenture is in addition to the 2005 series A debenture offering with proceeds of \$93 million. This debenture strategy has been implemented to take advantage of historically low interest rates.

In 2020 as part of the University issuing its Series B \$125 million debenture, DBRS Morningstar reconfirmed Brock's current credit rating of "A (high)", with Stable trends. On Feb. 1, 2021, the university presented its financial results, strategic plan updates and financial forecast to DBRS Morningstar as part of its annual review of Brock's performance. At the time of writing this report, the results of DBRS Morningstar's credit rating update are not known; however, representatives of DBRS Morningstar advised that a material change in the University's enrolment forecast following the impacts of the global pandemic will weight negatively on the rating review. Included in the \$125 million bond proceeds is the capital

costs for the Zone Fitness Expansion. This capital project is funded from the proceeds of this bond, and the student fees estimated at \$7.4 million will be invested into a sinking fund. The investment income earned on the sinking fund would be expected to exceed the estimated borrowing costs over the 40-year term; thus, further contribute to the repayment of the bond principal. Salient to this strategy is that the estimated \$7.4 million in student fees collected over the upcoming five years could grow to \$23.3 million or \$45.2 million by 2060 with annualized rates of return of 3.5 per cent or 5.2 per cent respectively. The sinking fund repayment strategy for this bond includes operating budget contributions from Ancillary Operations beginning 2021-22 in addition to the Zone Fitness expansion fee. The existing sinking fund for the Series A Debenture issued in 2005 continues to grow ahead of schedule due to strong investment returns. The existing sinking fund requires operating budget contributions to begin 2024-25 and accelerating in 2028-29 with the debt cost for the Sunlife Residence Loan being repurposed into the sinking fund when it is fully repaid.



Figure 17: Long-term debt

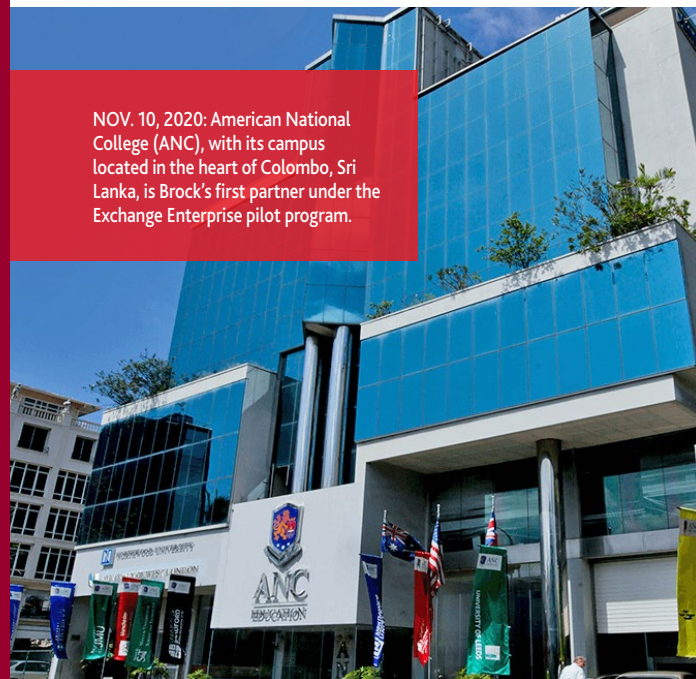
|  | Interest rate                        | Payment terms  | Date to be paid in full | Annual payment (\$000s) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Earp/Lowenberger – Residence                 | 7.200%                               | Monthly blended payments of principal and interest of \$162,443.70.  | October 2028            | 1,949                   |
| Cairns Building                              | 4.690%                               | Monthly blended payments of principal and interest of \$158,668.10. Interest rate swap on \$28 million. Payment based on 25 year amortization. | July 2037               | 1,904                   |
| Student experience projects                  | 2.490%                               | Interest only payments until June 2024.  | June 2024               | 359                     |
| Student experience projects – line of credit | Bankers Acceptance + 45 basis points | Due on demand  | NA                      | NA                      |
| Debenture payable (bullet)                   | 4.967%                               | Interest payable semi-annually \$2,309,655.  | December 2045           | 4,619                   |
| Debenture payable (bullet)                   | 3.033%                               | Interest payable semi-annually \$1,895,625.  | May 2060                | 3,791                   |

Debt retirement assets

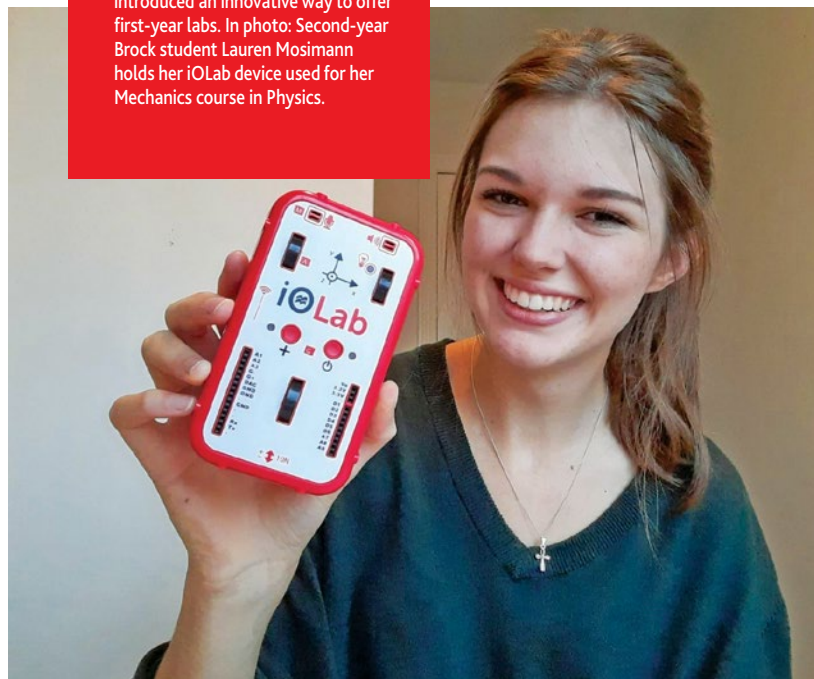
|                         | Required rate of return | Payment terms  | Date to be paid in full | Annual payment (\$000s) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sinking fund investment | 5.000%                  | Policy requires Brock to annually review sinking fund investment performance and required contributions.   | December 2045           | As per Fiscal Framework |
| Sinking fund investment | 5.200%                  | Policy requires Brock to annually review sinking fund investment performance and required contributions.   | May 2060                | As per Fiscal Framework |
| Debt reduction reserve  | N/A                     | Annual contribution (\$1,022 in 2017-18 as per fiscal framework) to an internally restricted reserve for debt repayment initially approved by the Board of Trustees on March 12, 2015. | N/A                     | As per Fiscal Framework |

Figure 18: Debt metrics

|                                    | Published range current credit rating | 2019-20 Fiscal year | 2018-19 Fiscal year |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Fiscal full-time equivalent (FFTE) |                                       | 21,441              | 20,548              |
| Total long-term debt/FFTE (\$)     | 10.000 – 15.000                       | 6,635               | 7,019               |
| Interest coverage ratio            | 1.3 times to 2.5 times                | 4.64 times          | 4.97 times          |
| Surplus-to-revenue                 | 0% to 1% (5 year average)             | 3.3%                | 4.5%                |



NOV. 10, 2020: American National College (ANC), with its campus located in the heart of Colombo, Sri Lanka, is Brock's first partner under the Exchange Enterprise pilot program.



NOV. 11, 2020: Brock University's Department of Physics has introduced an innovative way to offer first-year labs. In photo: Second-year Brock student Lauren Mosimann holds her iOLab device used for her Mechanics course in Physics.

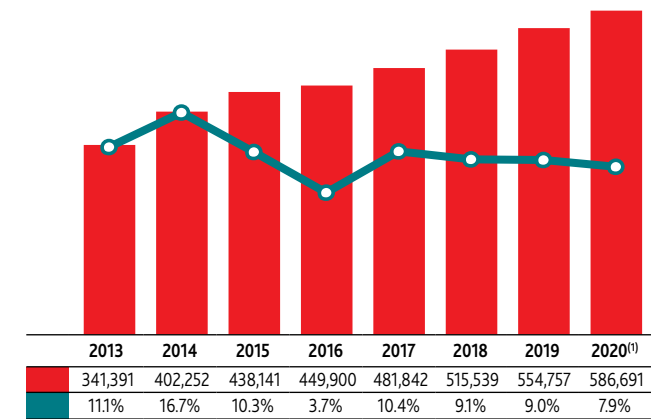


NOV. 13, 2020: David Sharron, Head of Brock's Archives and Special Collections, looks over historical documents from the Alexander Hamilton collection recently donated to the University. Valued at just under \$350,000, the collection includes about 2,500 pieces.

Pension

The actuarial valuation on the pension plan was recently updated as at Jan 1, 2020, indicating the plan was 98 per cent funded on a going-concern basis (96 per cent as at July 1, 2017) and 106 per cent on a solvency basis (105 per cent as at July 1, 2017). The going concern deficit improved from \$17.9 million in 2017 to \$12.7 million in 2020 mainly due to strong investment returns, offset by new legislation to fund a provision for adverse deviation (Pfad) which is a requirement for all single employer sponsored pension plans. This requirement to fund a Pfad is not applicable for jointly sponsored pension plans. The University sector is currently working on developing a jointly sponsored pension plan with Guelph, Queen's and the University of Toronto leading the process. The University Pension Plan (UPP) became operational Jan. 1, 2020 with a planned date of July 1, 2021 to fully transition the legacy pension plans of the three founding institutions into the new UPP. It is anticipated that the UPP will become open to new member institutions thereafter. The pension plan returns exceeded the required 6 per cent rate of return over the last three years to drive an improved funded position. This will result in a \$0.4 million annual savings in pension plan payments that are required to amortize the going concern deficit. Increased diversification of plan assets into infrastructure and real estate assets over the past three years have contributed to the strong investment

Figure 19: Pension Plan as of June 30 pension year end (\$000s)



(1) Represents the 12 month period ended Dec. 31, 2020.

performance. Overall, employee annual contributions into the pension plan represent \$8.0 million and Brock's annual contributions represent \$16.0 million. Brock currently funds the pension at a 2.0:1.0 ratio employer to employee.

The investment returns and investment balance for the last eight years are detailed in Figure 19. Additional information on the pension plan may be found at [brocku.ca/about/university-financials/#auditedpension-statements](http://brocku.ca/about/university-financials/#auditedpension-statements)





NOV. 18, 2020: Franklin-Luther with her dog, Layla, after successfully defending her dissertation. She is the first student in Canada to complete a PhD in Child and Youth Studies.



NOV. 19, 2020: A group of second-year students at Brock foster literacy and support mental health. In photo: Brock Political Science student Annilea Purser shows a booklet of community letters of appreciation collected by BookWorm to show gratitude for health-care workers.



NOV. 24, 2020: Abdul Rahimi, Director of Goodman Group, and Himani Dureja, Vice-President, Education and Professional Development for Supply Chain Canada, Ontario Institute, engage in a virtual high-five in celebration of a one-year partnership to offer cybersecurity courses.



Himani Dureja ...

## Capital and related projects

University infrastructure investment is ongoing as we invest in new and current space and technology to support and improve the student, academic and research experience. There are currently 42 open projects related to Facilities Management, 9 Residence and Ancillary, and 33 Information Technology Services. Figure 21 illustrates the activity to Dec. 31, 2020 with respect to the type and dollar amount of projects. As already discussed in this

report, as part of the mitigation strategy for 2020-21 \$9.3 million of capital projects were deferred and re-prioritized. All projects were reviewed and those projects that were not yet started or just in the planning phase were deferred. Only projects with external funding, legislative or safety requirements were allowed to continue during fiscal 2020-21. Projects already under construction or almost complete were not deferred as they would not generate savings for the University.

Figure 20: Status of Capital Projects as of Dec. 31, 2020

|  | Facilities Management | Residence and ancillary services | Information Technology Services |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Open projects as of April 30, 2020           | 58                    | 18                               | 34                              |
| Projects opened to Dec. 31, 2020             | 6                     |                                  | 1                               |
| Projects closed/completed to Dec. 31, 2020   | (22)                  | (9)                              | (2)                             |
| <b>Remaining projects open Dec. 31, 2020</b> | <b>42</b>             | <b>9</b>                         | <b>33</b>                       |

Figure 21: Capital and related project summary

| Project type (\$000s)   | Revenue/funding <sup>(1)</sup> | Spending to Dec. 31, 2020 | Remaining to spend |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Facilities Management (FM)</b>   |                                |                           |                    |
| AODA* Projects  | 387                            | (266)                     | 121                |
| Above surface/sub surface utilities, drainage, roads, parking lots, sidewalks | 1,000                          | (619)                     | 381                |
| Adaptations/renovations and major renewal projects                            | 1,824                          | (1,193)                   | 631                |
| Audits and studies  | 1,136                          | (848)                     | 288                |
| Buildings   | 1,449                          | (1,266)                   | 183                |
| Energy conservation and demand management                                     | 861                            | (250)                     | 611                |
| Major capital projects  | 57,331                         | (47,775)                  | 9,556              |
| New construction and replacement (under \$1 million)                          | 250                            | (232)                     | 18                 |
| FM – surplus/(deficit)  | 1,606                          |                           | 1,606              |
| <b>Total Facilities Management projects</b>                                   | <b>65,844</b>                  | <b>(52,449)</b>           | <b>13,395</b>      |
| <b>Residence and ancillary</b>  |                                |                           |                    |
| Above surface/sub surface utilities, drainage, roads, parking lots, sidewalks | 5,808                          | (3,622)                   | 2,186              |
| Adaptations/renovations and major renewal projects                            | 14,651                         | (12,247)                  | 2,404              |
| Buildings   | 87,607                         | (47,089)                  | 40,518             |
| Residence and ancillary – surplus/(deficit)                                   | 1,604                          |                           | 1,604              |
| <b>Total residence and ancillary</b>  | <b>109,670</b>                 | <b>(62,958)</b>           | <b>46,712</b>      |
| <b>Information Technology Services (IT)</b>                                   |                                |                           |                    |
| Enterprise software projects  | 8,848                          | (6,846)                   | 2,002              |
| Hardware evergreening projects  | 1,106                          | (308)                     | 798                |
| Hardware growth projects  | 396                            | (290)                     | 106                |
| IT infrastructure projects  | 576                            | (65)                      | 511                |
| ITS – surplus/(deficit)   | 42                             |                           | 42                 |
| <b>Total Information Technology Services projects</b>                         | <b>10,968</b>                  | <b>(7,509)</b>            | <b>3,459</b>       |
| <b>Total capital and related projects</b>                                     | <b>186,482</b>                 | <b>(122,916)</b>          | <b>63,566</b>      |

\* AODA – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities.

(1) Funding revenue represents total expected funding and cash received. This amount is not reflective of all funding received to date.



## Trimester 2 and remaining year activity

Brock University uses trimester reporting to match financial reporting with the inherent timing of the operations of Brock. Figure 22 details the in-year activity and forecast on a funding basis for Trimester 2.

Figure 22: Funding in-year activity and forecast

| (\$000s)   | 2019-20<br>Funding actual | 2020-21<br>Funding budget | Activity from<br>May 1 to Dec. 31 | Forecast for<br>Jan. 1 to April 30 | 2020-21<br>Funding Forecast<br>@ Dec. 31 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Revenue</b>   |                           |                           |                                   |                                    |  |
| Student fees   | 185,078                   | 200,202                   | 184,826                           | 1,685                              | 186,511                                  |
| Grant revenue  | 96,788                    | 97,288                    | 62,613                            | 36,539                             | 99,152                                   |
| Internal chargebacks   | 8,484                     | 8,621                     | 1,078                             | 1,928                              | 3,006                                    |
| Inter-fund revenue   | 4,920                     | 7,042                     | 2,019                             | 5,513                              | 7,532                                    |
| Other revenue  | 51,707                    | 54,899                    | 12,337                            | 8,091                              | 20,428                                   |
| <b>Total revenues</b>  | <b>346,977</b>            | <b>368,052</b>            | <b>262,873</b>                    | <b>53,756</b>                      | <b>316,629</b>                           |
| <b>Operating costs</b>   |                           |                           |                                   |                                    |  |
| Personnel costs  | (220,419)                 | (238,613)                 | (137,332)                         | (81,672)                           | (219,004)                                |
| Inter-fund expenses  | (25,900)                  | (25,773)                  | (7,465)                           | (8,294)                            | (15,759)                                 |
| Other operating costs  | (93,000)                  | (106,313)                 | (51,889)                          | (29,114)                           | (81,003)                                 |
| <b>Total operating costs</b>   | <b>(339,319)</b>          | <b>(370,699)</b>          | <b>(196,686)</b>                  | <b>(119,080)</b>                   | <b>(315,766)</b>                         |
| <b>Mitigation target</b>   |                           | <b>2,647</b>              |                                   |                                    |  |
| <b>Funding surplus/(deficit) before discretionary appropriations</b> | <b>7,658</b>              |                           | <b>66,187</b>                     | <b>(65,324)</b>                    | <b>863</b>                               |
| <b>Discretionary appropriations</b>                                  | <b>(7,650)</b>            |                           |                                   |                                    |  |
| <b>Funding surplus/(deficit) after discretionary appropriations</b>  | <b>8</b>                  |                           | <b>66,187</b>                     | <b>(65,324)</b>                    | <b>863</b>                               |

## Funding forecast presented in accordance with NFPS

Throughout this report financial information has been reported on a funding basis (sometimes referred to as committed cash basis). Figures 23 and 24 detail the entries and reclassifications required to convert the funding budget to be in accordance with the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (NFPS).

Please refer to page 90 and 91 of the 2020-21 Budget Report for detailed explanations of all the adjustments, reclassifications and eliminations. Overall these

adjustments, reclassifications and eliminations for the 2020-21 forecast were consistently applied with those of the 2020-21 budget. The following details the changes made to each adjustment (see Figure 24): Forecasts were updated for #1 course fees, #3 research spending, #4 amortization, #5 endowment & trust spending, #8 capital purchases, #9 capital and infrastructure project reserves spending and #10 post-retirement benefits; #2 was updated to the 2020-21 forecast for the Facilities Renewal Program funds; and lastly adjustment #6 was added representing the portion of the gain on sale of the Hamilton campus that will be recognized in 2020-21.

Figure 23: Reconciliation of NFPS forecast

| (\$000s)                         | 2020-21<br>NFPS<br>budget | 2020-21<br>Funding<br>forecast | NFPS<br>adjustments | Notes      | Eliminate<br>inter-fund<br>transfers | Eliminate<br>internal<br>chargebacks | 2020-21<br>NFPS<br>forecast |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                   |                           |                                |                     |            |                                      |                                      |                             |
| Student fees                     | 200,642                   | 186,511                        | 505                 | 1          |                                      |                                      | 187,016                     |
| Grant revenue                    | 95,823                    | 99,152                         | (2,953)             | 2          |                                      |                                      | 96,199                      |
| Internal Chargebacks             |                           | 3,006                          |                     |            |                                      | (3,006)                              |                             |
| Inter-fund revenue               |                           | 7,532                          |                     |            | (7,532)                              |                                      |                             |
| Research revenue                 | 13,253                    |                                | 13,034              | 3          |                                      |                                      | 13,034                      |
| Other revenue                    | 66,330                    | 20,428                         | 14,322              | 4-6        |                                      |                                      | 34,750                      |
| <b>Total revenue</b>             | <b>376,048</b>            | <b>316,629</b>                 | <b>24,908</b>       |            | <b>(7,532)</b>                       | <b>(3,006)</b>                       | <b>330,999</b>              |
| Personnel costs                  | (241,611)                 | (219,004)                      | (2,792)             | 3,9-11     |                                      |                                      | (221,796)                   |
| Inter-fund expenses              |                           | (15,759)                       | (1,628)             | 3,5        | 17,387                               |                                      |                             |
| Operating costs                  | (131,106)                 | (81,003)                       | (34,045)            | 1, 3-5,7-9 |                                      | 3,006                                | (112,042)                   |
| <b>Total costs</b>               | <b>(372,717)</b>          | <b>(315,766)</b>               | <b>(38,465)</b>     |            | <b>17,387</b>                        | <b>3,006</b>                         | <b>(333,838)</b>            |
| <b>Funding surplus/(deficit)</b> | <b>3,331</b>              | <b>863</b>                     | <b>(13,557)</b>     |            | <b>9,855</b>                         | <b>-</b>                             | <b>(2,839)</b>              |

Figure 24: Adjustments

| Note | Reconciliation of NFPS adjustments (\$000s)                      |                 |
|------|--|-----------------|
| 1    | Course fee revenue   | 505             |
| 2    | Capital grants   | (2,953)         |
| 3    | Research, including fellowships                                  | 13,034          |
| 4    | Amortization of deferred capital contributions                   | 8,387           |
| 5    | Endowment & Trust Spending                                       | 3,901           |
| 6    | Gain on sale of asset  | 2,034           |
|      | <b>Total revenue adjustments</b>                                 | <b>24,908</b>   |
| 3    | Research spending – personnel                                    | (3,414)         |
| 3    | Research spending – operating costs                              | (9,620)         |
| 4    | Amortization of capital assets                                   | (23,269)        |
| 5    | Endowment & Trust Spending                                       | (3,901)         |
| 1    | Course fee spending  | (505)           |
| 7    | Principal payments   | 1,963           |
| 8    | Capital purchases  | 1,375           |
| 9    | Capital and infrastructure project reserves spending – personnel | (598)           |
| 9    | Capital and infrastructure project reserves spending – operating | (1,716)         |
| 10   | Post-retirement benefits   | (730)           |
| 11   | Pension  | 1,950           |
|      | <b>Total costs adjustments</b>                                   | <b>(38,465)</b> |

## Reserves and strategic funds

Figure 25 outlines reserves that have been established for research, faculty professional development and strategic initiatives with internal funding. In total, Brock has \$23.5 million in internal research, professional development and strategic initiative support dollars for faculty and other units, including the President, Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Vice-President, Research and Faculty Deans as at Dec. 31, 2020. Included in the trimester one mitigation plan was the use of a portion of these limited reserves to mitigate our projected deficit. With the success to date on mitigating costs and improving student retention, the updated trimester two forecast does not require the use of strategic reserves to fund operations.

Figure 25: Balances by Faculty as of Dec. 31, 2020

| (\$000s)                           | Operating project accounts | Research funds with no external obligations | Start-up funds | PER and accountable allowance accounts | Strategic Fund <sup>(1)</sup> | Total         |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Faculty of Applied Health Sciences | 364                        | 1,062                                       | 1,031          | 637                                    | 716                           | <b>3,810</b>  |
| Goodman School of Business         | 777                        | 55  |                | 530                                    | 1,312                         | <b>2,674</b>  |
| Faculty of Education               | 75                         | 104   | 89             | 411                                    | 55                            | <b>734</b>    |
| Faculty of Humanities              | 198                        | 115   | 25             | 498                                    | 161                           | <b>997</b>    |
| Faculty of Mathematics and Science | 610                        | 223   | 358            | 676                                    | 2,202                         | <b>4,069</b>  |
| Faculty of Social Sciences         | 698                        | 932   | 1,044          | 990                                    | 969                           | <b>4,633</b>  |
| Library                            |                            | 2   |                | 73                                     |                               | <b>75</b>     |
| Other Units                        | 575                        | 280   |                | 91                                     | 5,606                         | <b>6,552</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>3,297</b>               | <b>2,773</b>                                | <b>2,547</b>   | <b>3,906</b>                           | <b>11,021</b>                 | <b>23,544</b> |

(1) Allocated through the Revenue and Expense Allocation model.



# Appendix 1

## Multi-year financial results on a funding basis

Figure 26

| (\$000s)  | 2020-21 Forecast | 2020-21 Budget   | 2019-20 Actual   | 2018-19 Actual   | 2017-18 Actual   |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Student fees  | 186,511          | 200,202          | 185,078          | 178,067          | 167,446          |
| Grant revenue   | 99,152           | 97,288           | 96,788           | 97,927           | 97,371           |
| Internal chargebacks  | 3,006            | 8,621            | 8,484            | 10,055           | 9,426            |
| Inter-fund revenue  | 7,532            | 7,042            | 4,920            | 6,712            | 3,239            |
| Other revenue   | 20,428           | 54,899           | 51,707           | 51,333           | 48,600           |
| <b>Total revenue</b>  | <b>316,629</b>   | <b>368,052</b>   | <b>346,977</b>   | <b>344,094</b>   | <b>326,082</b>   |
| <b>Operating costs</b>  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Personnel costs   | (219,004)        | (238,613)        | (220,419)        | (212,647)        | (205,233)        |
| Inter-fund expenses   | (15,759)         | (25,773)         | (25,900)         | (29,950)         | (23,288)         |
| Other operating costs   | (81,003)         | (106,313)        | (93,000)         | (94,993)         | (92,419)         |
| <b>Total operating costs</b>                                  | <b>(315,766)</b> | <b>(370,699)</b> | <b>(339,319)</b> | <b>(337,590)</b> | <b>(320,940)</b> |
| Mitigation target   |                  | 2,647            |                  |                  |                  |
| Funding surplus/(deficit) before discretionary appropriations | 863              |                  | 7,658            | 6,504            | 5,142            |
| Discretionary appropriations                                  |                  | -                | (7,650)          | (6,475)          | (5,132)          |
| Funding surplus/(deficit) after discretionary appropriations  | 863              | -                | 8                | 29               | 10               |



DEC. 9, 2020: CCOVI Senior Lab Instructor Steven Trussler, who will be the certified instructor for CCOVI's new Foundations in Winemaking course, takes a sample of finished wine from a carboy using a wine thief.



DEC. 1, 2020: Brock University Assistant Professor of Health Sciences Karen Patte is heading up a national team of researchers to study the mental health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth over time, with \$294,000 funding from SickKids Hospital and CIHR.



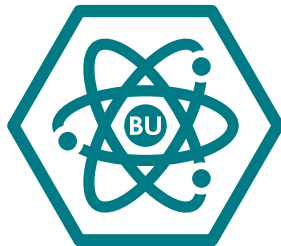
DEC. 16, 2020: Brock University Assistant Professor of Kinesiology Val Fajardo has been named Canada Research Chair in Tissue Remodelling and Plasticity throughout the Lifespan. Fajardo studies how muscles change in form and function over the course of a lifetime.



## INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



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**To:** Chabriol Colebatch, University Secretariat  
**From:** Don Cyr, Senate Chair  
**Date:** April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021  
**Re:** **Chair's Report to Senate 689**

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On behalf of myself and the Vice Chair of Senate, welcome to the 689<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Senate. Classes for D3 have ended and the completion and grading of exams are in progress. Congratulations on another term under challenging circumstances.

The COU academic colleagues report is in consent section of the Agenda and refers to the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting that included a meeting with executive heads.

There have been a couple of recent studies that I think may be of value going forward in terms of the microcredential/microcertificate front.

HEQCO has released some preliminary information with respect to a continuing larger study they are engaged in with the *Business and Higher Education Roundtable* (BHER) <https://www.bher.ca/>

The focus of the study is with respect to the lack of awareness or understanding of what microcredentials are, potentially hindering their effectiveness.

*"We surveyed 2,000 Canadian adults and 201 employers; the findings from both surveys, which were part of a broader research project, highlight an awareness gap about what microcredentials are and who they serve. This isn't just a problem for postsecondary institutions trying to attract students, it's a problem for the Ontarians who could be benefiting from emerging opportunities for upskilling."*

<https://heqco.ca/janice-deakin-julia-colyar-jackie-pichette-microcredentials-short-focused-learning-that-responds-to-emerging-demands/>

The report suggests a common definition for microcredentials that is rather broad. There are also some interesting preliminary statistics on the extent of online delivery with respect to current offerings of microcredentials. The full report is yet to come.

A report on microcredentials has also been released by *Colleges and Institutes Canada* (CICan)



[https://brock.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ezgzUYndyaj57h4?Q\\_DL=BLFoDwP1DkN5IJI\\_ezgzUYndyaj57h4\\_MLRP\\_1YUO8EDosCb6d4q&Q\\_CHL=gl](https://brock.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ezgzUYndyaj57h4?Q_DL=BLFoDwP1DkN5IJI_ezgzUYndyaj57h4_MLRP_1YUO8EDosCb6d4q&Q_CHL=gl)

*“The environmental scan showed a great interest in microcredentials across Canada and a degree of agreement on their purpose, characteristics and value. It also showed that 56% of responding colleges are offering microcredentials either online, in-person, or both, and that 33% are planning to or interested in doing so in the near future. This is not entirely new for colleges and institutes who have always been key providers of continuing education, including a variety of short programs and certificates, even if they were not called microcredentials. But as lifelong learning increasingly becomes the norm, we are seeing an increasing demand for more flexible pathways and credential types for learners.”*

Somewhat related is a study out of Statistics Canada on the pattern of enrollment in College programs of students that have already obtained an undergraduate degree. It has always struck me that this is an area that universities could be doing more in, for students who have recently completed a degree. The topic perhaps has some relationship to microcredentials.

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/210408/dq210408b-eng.htm>

The study (2010 – 2018) focuses on students completing a college program in Canada, after previously obtaining a university degree. Across Canada 14% had previously completed a university degree of some level (Bachelors, Masters, PhD), with Ontario and BC at the highest at 12%. The most common college fields of study of recent college graduates with a prior bachelor's degree were business, management and public administration (28%); health and related fields (24%); and social and behavioural sciences and law (18%). The study also reports statistics on the college programs taken depending upon age, whether the program related to their prior university degree, and possible motivation.

All this begs the question of whether this is a potential market for course based post graduate diplomas/certificates and the like that have the potential to be ladderred into a Masters degree. Although we often think of the market for microcredentials as individuals returning for skills development after being in the workforce, there would appear to be a healthy market in terms of the student that has recently completed a degree.

Colleges are already well out of the starting gate in this area. I wonder if the university sector will lose time attempting to specify/define/standardize microcredentials. Although my marketing and entrepreneurship colleagues are more adept in this area, the concept of *Learn Startup* has gained traction in recent years. Start with a minimum viable product, continually test the market (student outcomes) and quickly make improvements going forward.

**President's Report to Senate - April 21, 2021**

1. From April 2 to April 6, nearly 7,000 seniors received their first COVID vaccination on our campus. The vaccination clinic, which was organized and delivered by Niagara Public Health and required the coordination and participation of dozens of Brock staff, is an important step in helping to mitigate the health impacts of the pandemic and in bringing it to an eventual end. With each municipality in the Niagara Region having now announced its local vaccination sites, Brock will play in critical role serving the residents of both St Catharines and Thorold. As such, the vaccination clinic over the Easter long weekend is only the first of several that will be held over the spring and summer. I want to thank all Brock staff who participated in the event, giving up their days off and the long weekend to help Brock engage and serve its local community. Community members have expressed their appreciation for the role Brock is playing in supporting the region.
2. I would also like to commend our staff in operations, residence life, student health, and other related units who directly helped the university respond to and address the COVID-19 outbreak in our residences. With dozens of students affected and dozens more required to self-isolate, this unexpected event has put significant stress on our community. With students now recovering safely and the pace of new cases considerably slowed, we can begin to return slowly to campus operations within the confines of the current provincial stay-at-home order. It has been Brock's first outbreak and reflects some of the broader concerns about case numbers facing many settings across the province as reflected by and precipitating the province's recent lockdown orders.
3. I would also like to congratulate the winners of the 2021 Brock Surgite awards, which are presented each spring to student leaders who have made significant contributions to the University and/or broader community. This year's winners, who the Provost and I had an opportunity to virtually meet with, are yet another testament to the strength and commitment of our students and to their engagement with the local community beyond their studies, especially in this difficult year. The winners included: Azaan Adnan, Harroop Ahuja, Kristen Bott, Natasha Campbell, Rebekah Feld, Fitriya Mohamed Hussein, Bill Huynh, Lisa Mochrie, Nicholas Printup and Grayson Wadsworth-Hayes.
4. On March 19, 2021 Brock received an investment of \$7.9 million from the Province of Ontario through the Postsecondary Education Support Fund to help institutions address the financial impacts of COVID-19. Brock received the most funding out of any university under this \$106.4 million Fund that only went to select institutions. The funding will assist Brock's financial stability as well as address important institutional priorities that would have been otherwise postponed.

In addition to the Postsecondary Education Support Fund, the Province of Ontario announced in Budget 2021 other measures for the postsecondary sector. Measures include the Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit for individuals to upskill during the pandemic, new funding for virtual learning, and re-announcements for OSAP eligibility expansion for micro-credentials and mental health support.

5. Brock was proud to virtually host the inaugural *1834 Fellowship Policy Forum*, which welcomed 40 fellows (aged 18-25) from Ontario, Quebec and Alberta for three days of online engagement. The Forum included participation from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, MP Chris Bittle, MP Greg Fergus. In addition to several Brock University faculty and staff, including Dr. Kate Bezanson and Dr. Charles Conteh. The 1834 Fellowship program aims to assist in closing the gap in supporting Black Canadians in leadership positions and their capacity to contribute to the betterment of Canada and the forum was a culmination of the year-long Fellowship for the inaugural group, and an introduction for the 2021-22 cohort. Working with Operation Black Vote Canada to build the next generation of leaders, the weekend included learning about the rich black history here in Niagara (i.e., Harriet Tubman and the Salem Chapel), panel discussions, featured guest speakers and Fellow policy presentations. The Office of Government and Community Relations was instrumental in supporting the engagement and success of the Forum.

Additional external activities and speaking engagements included hosting a *Community Leaders Dialogue on "Building Back Better"*, in conjunction with the McConnell Foundation, on Brock's role in the local social and economic recovery; giving closing remarks at the *BIPOC Faculty of Applied Health Sciences Town Hall* organized by the Brock Physicians for Human Rights Brock (student) Chapter; and serving as a panelist for the *Canadian Women Economists Committee Panel on Race and Ethnic Origin*.

6. I continue to work with other university presidents through the Council of Ontario Universities and serve as the Chair of the Government and Community Relations Committee. The Chair of Senate, Dr. Don Cyr, also serves on the Government and Community Relations Committee and he too participated in the recent Academic Colleagues and Executive Heads meeting of COU. The key consideration of the Committee relates to the role of universities in contemporary society in relations to government and community relations as well as how universities can ensure they effectively communicate their value-proposition and contributions. It was emphasized that while advocating to government at the provincial and national levels were important, a significant component of government and community relations is local. It was therefore incumbent on individual universities to forge meaningful relations with local stakeholders. It was also emphasized that these relations were defined not simply by the overall institutional efforts, but rather the individual relations established by faculty and staff through their volunteerism and public relations at a local level which were imperative. It was further noted that how we communicate to parents and community members was ultimately defining when it comes to government and community relations in a similar manner to our engagement with students and other stakeholders.
7. The University has continued its efforts to enhance the student experience for their future return to campus. These efforts have recently included the opening of the students' physical and athletic facilities -Zone II, which was done in conjunction with the leadership of BUSU President, Asad Jalib, and GSA President Christopher Yendt. We are also currently completing the renovation of Decew Residence and the building of Residence 8. These residences will provide modern and additional on-

campus accommodations for our students. Additionally, these residences will support our community relations efforts to manage the impact on local communities (e.g., Thorold and St. Catharines) and moderate the impact on affordable housing from student enrolment growth approved through strategic planning. At steady state operations, these new residences will be budget neutral to positive.

8. Advancement & External Relations continues its efforts to secure new gifts to the University in support of our students, faculty and staff. Recent activities have included the establishment of a new scholarship in the Faculty of Education, support for student financial literacy and a donation to enhance our Horizon Graduate Student Scholarship program. The University's research enterprise has also been the beneficiary of a sizable gift-in-kind that will help support ongoing work in the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI). These gifts are soon to be announced and celebrated publicly.

The Alumni Relations team is building a hybrid plan for Homecoming 2021 in September given the uncertainty around the ability to host large social gatherings. The plan includes a number of virtual reunions and other programming that will encourage participation either online or in person (where allowed). Additionally, the next issue of SURGITE magazine is in production with a cover story highlighting the exceptional work of Dr. Mariek Schmidt, as part of the team overseeing the Perseverance Mars Rover voyage.

9. On March 26, we held Brock's third budget town hall of the academic year, which presented financial results for Trimester 2 of 2020-21 and laid out the budget for 2021-22. We continue to project that, thanks to the hard work of all members of our community, the University will succeed in balancing its budget for 2020-21. While the outlook for 2021-22 remains challenging, with enrolments continuing to lag behind pre-pandemic levels, we presented a balanced budget to PPBAC for its endorsement in March. This budget will now be going forward to the Board for final approval at the beginning of May.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gervan Fearon  
President and Vice-Chancellor

## Provost's Report to Senate - April 21, 2021

Dear colleagues,

On February 23, I released draft principles to guide academic planning for the Fall 2021 term. The document defines three potential scenarios that align with the Brock Stages of Re-Opening and lists the preparations the University is undertaking for each scenario. It also reiterates that academic planning is rightly within the purview of academic departments and Faculties and emphasizes Brock's commitment to be "as open as possible" in the Fall, with the intention of welcoming our students back to campus.

I have spent the last month consulting on the document, speaking with students, staff, faculty members and librarians to understand their concerns. I spoke with academic leaders, including Deans, Associate Deans and Chairs. I met with the Presidents of the Brock Undergraduate Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association, as well as with union leaders on campus. I presented to Senate and to its committees, and I invited feedback from all members of Senate. I want to thank every member of our community who took the time to engage with the document and share their thoughts. I would like to reflect on some of the comments I heard from the community during the consultation process.

One of our greatest challenges as the Fall term approaches will be in managing our own anxiety and that of those around us. COVID has turned our lives upside down for the last year. Yet as strange as this new way of living may seem, we have slowly become accustomed to it. The prospect of returning to campus thus rightly makes some people nervous. But with the promise of near-universal immunization over the next few months, the pandemic will end and we must learn to resume living in most respects as we did before - for the sake of our own mental health and for that of our students, to restore the post-secondary experience students expect from us, and for the financial well-being of our University. We will approach the coming academic year with optimism supported by careful planning and confidence in our ability to navigate this new transition as a community.

The University remains committed to ensuring that the campus is safe, as it has been throughout the pandemic. The public health guidelines that may exist come September will be in place on our campus, as they have been throughout the pandemic. Processes are already in place through Human Resources for those who might wish to seek medical accommodations on health-related grounds.

Similarly, it is important to emphasize the critical role that the academic planning process will play in preparing for the Fall. I strongly believe that, as in normal times, the subject matter experts are best positioned to rule on matters of scheduling and mode of delivery. The public health measures brought on by the pandemic have forced us to think about mode of delivery a bit differently this past year, and as we look forward to the Fall term we will monitor the situation continuously and work with Deans and their academic units to consider shifting course delivery as needed. We also know that some instructors have developed new ways of teaching they would like to continue in the future. These requests should be discussed with department

Chairs as part of the academic planning process. In all of our planning, we should keep our priorities focused on the transformational experience we have promised to our students.

I heard many questions in consultation about vaccinations, specifically about whether the University would require students, staff and faculty members to be vaccinated before attending campus. This question has significant legal implications and has been the topic of much conversation across universities and colleges in the sector. At present there is no clear answer to this question. As we have been doing over the last year, we will continue to make informed decisions by seeking expert advice and partnering with other institutions in our sector to share information and key considerations. I will provide more information if we decide to revisit the issue at a later date.

Finally, I was often asked when the University would decide “for certain” the format for Fall instruction. Brock is sending a strong message to members of its community and to prospective students that we plan to be ready to return to campus in the Fall. Nor is Brock alone in this position. All of Ontario’s universities and most colleges have made similar commitments. Even the District School Board of Niagara announced plans to return exclusively to in-school education in September. I believe that a return to campus is a realistic objective, and one that I trust will become increasingly so in the coming months as the rate of vaccination increases. By June 15, we should be in a position to finalize our plans for the Fall, with the understanding that we will always be prepared to react to any changes to the public health situation should they arise.

Thank you again for your engagement and valuable feedback in recent weeks. I will continue to provide regular updates as the Fall term approaches and, as always, I am happy to discuss preparations with any member of the Brock community.

### **Update on external reviews of administrative units**

Earlier this year, Brock launched a number of reviews of the structure and operations of several administrative units. The topics have been wide-ranging, including academic advising, student services, sports and recreation, marketing and communications, and IT services. While motivated in part by the financial imperatives of COVID, the primary consideration is to ensure that these units are structured in a way that will ensure appropriate contact and collaboration in cognate areas around the University, as well as maximize the service level standards being provided to internal stakeholders, including academic units.

Most of these reviews are in their very early days, with contracts only recently awarded and work soon to get underway. Appropriate consultation will of course be a part of these processes. One notable exception is the review of Brock International, which began in September and concluded recently in March. The work of the review included extensive engagement and consultation with academic units, including Deans and academic advisors, as well as with Senate via its Chair. I want to thank Professor Camille Rutherford, who worked with our external partner to coordinate the review and who is now implementing the recommendations of the review.

## **Extension of the Dean of the Faculty of Education**

Professor Michael Owen's first term as Dean of the Faculty of Education is scheduled to end on July 31, 2022. Professor Owen has indicated that he will not stand for re-appointment for a second term. He is interested, however, in a one-year extension to his term, a proposal that the President and I both support.

As a result, I have led a process under section 4 of the Faculty Handbook to finalize an extension. Following consultation with faculty members in the Faculty of Education via the Leadership Committee in Education, I am pleased to do so today. I trust you will join me in thanking Professor Owen for his work so far and for his continued commitment to Brock for the next two years.

## **Update on the program viability review process**

As I have described in past meetings, I have been leading a program viability review process under FHB 3.C.15. As this section was only recently introduced, this is the first time the process is being led.

In the first step of the process, programs identified for review were asked to submit a report to the Provost addressing the viability criteria. The deadline for these reports passed in early April. I will now be striking a Provostial Committee to review the reports and make a recommendation to ARC on the future of the programs identified. ARC's recommendation would then come to Senate for final approval.

Sincerely,

Professor Lynn Wells  
Provost & Vice-President, Academic

April 14, 2021

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## Report to Senate #689

With the warmer weather and sunshine of spring buoying spirits, it is a pleasure to share some information items about the research enterprise. One comment I would share in particular bears on the final item listed below.

I received a lot of enthusiastic feedback regarding Brock's involvement with Birds Canada and the Motus Network from colleagues whose research touches on biology and wildlife in a wide range of ways. The idea for this collaboration came from an unsolicited suggestion offered via email by a retired Brock professor. This is a great illustration both of the significance of the extended community of Brock researchers, and of the continued contributions that retired colleagues make to the research enterprise.

## 1. Portage to NDRIO

As of April 1, 2021, the Portage Network of research support platforms, tools, and training opportunities has been folded into NDRIO. Portage was developed and managed in partnership with the Canadian Association of Research Libraries.

## 2. Research Security Policy Statement

On March 24, 2021, the Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development (ISED) released an [updated policy statement on research security](#), jointly with the Ministries of Public Safety and Health. The statement reiterates much of [the policy statement of the previous September](#).

## 3. Some recent outreach and representation activities

- Ontario Council for University Research Executive: Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1
- Ontario Council for University Research: Jan. 21, Feb. 25, Mar. 25
- Special OCUR/COU meetings: IP Working Group Jan. 26; Tri-Council Heads to discuss EDI/COVID Feb. 16; Secretariat for Responsible Conduct of Research Feb. 25
- Economic Development Office, Niagara Region Mar. 22
- Economic Development Office, City of Burlington Mar. 23
- McConnell Foundation Community Dialogue, "Building Back Stronger" Mar. 31

## 4. Responsible Conduct of Research report

Under Brock University's [Responsible Conduct of Research Policy](#), a breach is defined as any action that is determined to be inconsistent with the expectations for responsible conduct of research as outlined in the Policy.

Intent and impact are not relevant in determining the existence of a breach, so this is a category that includes many trivial and inadvertent cases. Intent and impact are considered in determining the appropriate recourse to an identified breach. Breaches that



are committed knowingly, and those which have a significant impact on the public or the research community will attract the most serious recourses.

For example, even though each of the following would be considered a breach, omitting one publication on a CV or failing to cite one reference in a grant application is treated very differently than intentionally falsifying or fabricating research data, or recruiting human participants without disclosing the risks to which they will be exposed.

Brock University responds to inadvertent minor breaches through non-disciplinary educative action (e.g., reminders about policy requirements or redirection to educational resources). Intent and seriousness of a breach would affect any disciplinary action to be taken by the University.

| Calendar year | RCR allegations received | RCR breaches confirmed | Breaches resulting in educative action | Breaches resulting in disciplinary action |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| 2018          | 9                        | 6                      | 6                                      | 0   |
| 2019          | 5                        | 3                      | 3                                      | 0   |
| 2020          | 5                        | 4                      | 4                                      | 0   |

#### 5. Insight Grant results

Specific results remain embargoed, but I can share that Brock researchers received seven SSHRC Insight Grants in the 2020/21 round, with awards totaling roughly \$900,000. I look forward to sharing further details when the results are made public.

#### 6. Provincial lockdown

In response to provincial lockdown measures, the University has returned to a hybrid version of Pandemic Level Brock 1. Virtually all ongoing research access authorizations have remained active under this approach, in light of the existing safety protocols under which they were approved.

#### 7. Motus network

Brock's scientific collaboration with Birds Canada, providing infrastructure support for the Motus wildlife tracking network, has now been confirmed and finalized. A tracking antenna array will be installed on the roof of the Plaza building.



Tim Kenyon, PhD  
Vice President, Research

## MINUTES OF MEETING #688 (2020-2021)

## SENATE

MARCH 24, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

## REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

**PRESENT:** *Chair:* Senator Don Cyr, *Vice-Chair:* Senator Larry Savage

*Ex-Officio Members:* Senators Ejaz Ahmed, Gary Comerford, Suzanne Curtin, Gervan Fearon, Andrew Gaudes, Geraldine Jones, Tim Kenyon, Anna Lathrop, Ingrid Makus, Carol Merriam, Michael Owen, Brian Power, Rafay Rehan, Mark Robertson, Camille Rutherford, Peter Tiidus, Lynn Wells, Thomas Winger

*Elected Members:* Senators James Allard, Mark Arthur, Michael Ashton, Kate Bezanson, Irene Blayer, Christene Carpenter-Cleland, Dipanjan Chatterjee, Rosemary Condillac, Jens Coorssen, Andrew Dane, Tim Dun, Joan Dundas, Fayez Elayan, Melanie Extance, Bareket Falk, Amy Friend, Jennifer Good, Omer Gul, Nicholas Hauck, Yasmine Hejazi, David Hutchison, Ben Johnson, Kelli-an Lawrance, Kelly Lockwood, Catherine Longboat, Francine McCarthy, Richard Mitchell, Tim Murphy, Roberto Nickel, Wendell Noel, Beatrice Ombuki-Berman, Dawn Prentice, Unyong Pyo, Tim Ribaric, Ian Ritchie, Moksh Sharma, Kirsty Spence, Carole Stewart, Tek Thongpapanl, Francine Vachon, Michelle Webber, Murray Wickett, Janelle Yoon

**REGRETS:** Senators Michael Bidochka, Robyn Bourgeois, Andrew Bunke, Michèle-Elise Burnette, James O'Brien, Hilary Pearson, Rob Welch, Christopher Yendt

**RESOURCE:** Chabriol Colebatch (University Secretary and General Legal Counsel), Margaret Thompson (Associate Secretary to the University), Natasha Devos (Assistant Secretary to the University)

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Other members of the Brock University community.

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order and provided a land acknowledgement.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

The Chair referred members to the agenda, including consent items, and confirmed there were no items to be lifted from the consent portion.

**MOVED** (Elayan/Coorssen)

**THAT** the agenda, including consent items, be approved.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### 4. Reports of Standing Committees and Special Committees

#### 4.1 Teaching and Learning Policy Committee

[The Report of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee dated March 16, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senator Stewart, Chair of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee, presented the report.

##### a) Amendment to FHB III A: 11.2.2 (i) Minimum Academic Requirements

MOVED (Carpenter-Cleland/Blayer)

THAT Senate approve the amendment to FHB III A: 11.2.2 (i) Minimum Academic Requirements (strikeout indicates deletion, highlight indicates insertion):

##### 11.2.2 (i) Minimum Academic Requirements

Alternative to Academic Suspension: Students placed on academic suspension may be offered an alternative to academic suspension. Participating students will continue on academic probation, be required to take a mandatory non-credit support course and be restricted to a maximum of three credits. Students must successfully complete the non-credit support course, as well as attain a minimum 60 percent overall average once three credits have been attempted. Students who do not meet these requirements will be placed on academic suspension for a minimum of one year. This alternative to academic suspension may ~~not~~ be repeated **one time**.

CARRIED

Senator Stewart encouraged faculty members to complete the survey distributed by the Teaching Innovations Working Group which seeks feedback on their experiences related to online teaching. An email reminder will be sent to the Deans to distribute within their Faculties.

#### 4.2 Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee

[The Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee dated March 16, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senator Ribaric, Chair of the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee, presented the report.

a) Learning Management System (LMS)

MOVED (Ribaric/Owen)

THAT Senate approve that the acquisition of a new Learning Management System (LMS) or a significant upgrade to the existing system is consistent with the University's Strategic Plan for academic computing and communications.

Senate engaged in a comprehensive discussion regarding the motion. It was noted that the wording of the motion is consistent with the process as outlined in Faculty Handbook 3:C.5.5.2 (c). Next steps include the completion of a needs assessment which will require broad consultation to determine whether a learning management system is needed at the University, the current system requires an upgrade, or a different model should be implemented.

Following the discussion, the Chair confirmed that Senate was prepared to consider the vote on the motion.

CARRIED

b) Terms of Reference - Resource Selection Team

The Provost then referred Senate to the membership of the Resource Selection Team and suggested the "Faculty representative, Senate" with a "Faculty / Professional Librarian representative, BUFA".

MOVED (Wells/Webber)

THAT Senate endorse that the membership of the Resource Selection Team be amended to replace "Faculty representative, Senate" with a "Faculty / Professional Librarian representative, BUFA".

CARRIED

4.3 **Research and Scholarship Policy Committee**

[The Report of the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee dated March 17, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senator Ashton, Chair of the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee, presented the report.

a) Changes to the Youth Sports Research Centre

MOVED (Ashton/Tiidus)

THAT Senate approve the changes to the Youth Sports Research Centre as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

**5. Report of the Chair**

The Chair announced that the extended call for nominations for the Senate Election resulted in nine nominations for the five seats available so the election will proceed with ballots being issued to the electorate on Friday.

The Chair also welcomed Senator Deng who was recently appointed to Senate due to a resignation.

**6. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor**

[The President's Report to Senate dated March 24, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

The President presented the Report and provided highlights for the information of Senate. He expanded on the recent announcement that Brock will be a mass vaccination site in the Niagara region and he and the Associate Vice-President, Advancement and External Relations responded to questions raised regarding safety protocols.

**7. Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic**

[The Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, dated March 24, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

The Provost presented the Report and provided highlights for the information of Senate. She congratulated the Dean of Humanities and University Librarian on their recent reappointments and thanked the Advisory Committee members and Senators for their contributions to that process.

During the discussion on the Report, the Provost was requested to consider including BUFA representation on the Fall Semester Planning Committee. The Provost will consider the request and report back to Senate.

a) Amendments to FHB 3.C.15 on the Program Viability Review Process

**MOVED** (Wells/Power)

**THAT** the following amendments to FHB 3:C.15 be approved (highlight indicates insertion, strikethrough indicates deletion):

**15. PROGRAM REVIEW AND DISCONTINUATION**

**15.1 UNDERGRADUATE AND MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM VIABILITY REVIEW**

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**15.1.2** Each year, with the release of the November 1 enrolment data, the Provost will report to Senate the list of programs identified to undergo a viability review. The program will be asked by the Provost to submit a report to the Provostial Committee addressing the viability criteria. Upon consideration of

the report, the Provostial Committee will make a recommendation to ARC on whether to discontinue the program. If ARC and Senate approves a recommendation to discontinue the program, the program will submit a termination plan to ARC (IQAP 6.1).

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15.1.7 Certificates and micro-certificates shall be excluded from the program viability review process.

CARRIED

**8. Report of the Vice-President, Research**

[The Report of the Vice-President, Research, dated March 17, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

The Vice-President, Research, presented the Report and provided highlights for the information of Senate. The Vice-President congratulated a number of Brock faculty members and students in their recent accomplishments in the field of research.

At the invitation of the Chair, the University Librarian and Vice-Provost and Dean, Graduate Studies, provided oral updates on matters related to the Tri-agency's new research data management policy and a new funding opportunity for graduate students, respectively.

**9. Two Row Council**

The Provost and Vice-President, Academic, provided an oral update on the activities of the Two Row Council from the meeting held on February 22, 2021. Matters considered included, but were not limited to: discussion on tweets by anonymous Twitter account; consultation on the future of the Tecumseh Centre, consultation on the white pine tree, teaching lodge from NPAAMB (Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board), and nominations to the Two Row Council.

**10. Generative Discussion - N/A**

**11. Other Business**

There were no items of other business.

The Chair noted that a motion was required to move in camera to consider the following confidential items:

**12. Governance Committee - In Camera**

Only Senators and those invited staff remained for the closed session.

On a motion by Senator Coorsen, seconded by Senator Elayan and carried, the Senate moved in camera at 4:28 p.m.

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[During closed session, Senate considered confidential matters related to Honorary Degree Nominations - March 2021.]

Senate resumed open session at 4:32 p.m.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The following items were received and/or approved by consent:

**14. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

[The Minutes of the 687th meeting of Senate held on February 10, 2021 were posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate approved the Minutes of the 687th meeting held on February 10, 2021 by consent.

**15. Communications**

[A Media Release from the University of Alberta dated March 10, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate received the Media Release by consent.

**16. Report of the Academic Colleague**

[The Report of the Academic Colleague dated March 14, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate received the Report by consent.

**17. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees**

[The report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees from the meeting of the Board held on March 4, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate received the Report by consent.

**18. Reports of Standing Committees**

**18.1 Academic Review Committee**

[The Report of the Academic Review Committee dated March 16, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate approved the following motions by consent:

**THAT the Final Assessment Report for the cyclical review of the MA in Social Justice and Equity Studies program in the Faculty of Social Sciences be approved.**

THAT the Four-Year Report on the cyclical review of the graduate and undergraduate programs in English Language and Literature be approved.

## 18.2 Undergraduate Program Committee

[The Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee dated March 9, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate approved the following motions by consent:

THAT the Senate approve the introduction of a micro-certificate in Human Rights at Work to the 2021-2022 Labour Studies Academic Calendar as outlined in Appendix 1 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the introduction of a pass program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies to the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar as outlined in Appendix 2 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the addition of HIST 4P07 - Topics in Religious Studies to the 2021-2022 Department of History course bank as outlined in Appendix 3 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies and Centennial College Leisure Service Program draft pathway agreement as outlined in Appendix 4 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the Introduction of Micro-certificate in Choral/Vocal Music to the 2021-2022 Department of Music Academic Calendar as outlined in Appendix 5 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the Introduction of Micro-certificate in Instrumental Music to the 2021-2022 Department of Music Academic Calendar as outlined in Appendix 5 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the Introduction of Micro-certificate in Music Making/Music Thinking to the 2021-2022 Department of Music Academic Calendar as outlined in Appendix 5 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve WRDS 3P15 be cross listed as GAME 3P15 and homed in the Department of English Language and Literature as outlined in Appendix 6 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the revision to MUSI 3P55 (also offered as DART 3P55 and ENGL 3P55) pre-requisite as outlined in Appendix 7.

THAT the Senate approve the revision to the Minor in Africana Studies to include MARS 3Q63 as a course option and revision to SOCI 2P00, 3P35 and 4P22 to include a course note as outlined in Appendix 8 to the Report.



THAT the Senate approve the revision of CHYS 1F90 course restriction as outlined in Appendix 9 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the introduction of the micro-certificate in Gender Justice and the Art of Activism in the Department of Women's and Gender Studies in the 2021-2022 academic calendar as outlined in Appendix 10 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the addition of WGST 2Q91 (also offered as ENGL 2Q91) Black Women Writing Resistance in the 2021-2022 course bank as outlined in Appendix 11 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the addition of WGST 2Q96 (also offered as COMM 2Q96, FILM 2Q96, PCUL 2Q96, VISA 2Q96) Art of Activism: Sexuality to Racial Justice in the 2021-2022 course bank as outlined in Appendix 12 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the renumbering of LING 3P51 to LING 2P51 in the 2021-2022 Applied Linguistics course bank as outlined in Appendix 13 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the renumbering of LING 2P53 to LING 3P53 in the 2021-2022 Applied Linguistics course bank as outlined in Appendix 14 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the addition of IASC 3P15 in the Year 3 Bachelor of Arts in Game Design program requirements as a course option in the 2021-2022 academic calendar as outlined in Appendix 15 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the revision of the Certificate in Ethics and Certificate in Pre-law to replace PHIL 2Q90 and 2Q91 as outlined in Appendix 16 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the addition of a program note in the Public Health calendar and referenced in Year 3 in the 2021-2022 academic calendar as outlined in Appendix 17 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the revision of SPMA 1P93 course format to include the addition of a seminar in the 2021-2022 academic calendar as outlined in Appendix 18 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the revision of VISA 3Q91 (also offered as STAC 3Q91) course title, description and note be revised and added in the 2021-2022 academic calendar as outlined in Appendix 19 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the draft articulation agreement between Brock University Oenology and Viticulture and Okanagan College as outlined in Appendix 20 to the Report.

THAT the Senate approve the removal of the expired Visual Arts and Sheridan College articulation agreement from the Academic Calendar as outlined in Appendix 21 to the Report.

**18.3 Graduate Studies Committee**

[The Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated March 24, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate approved the following motions by consent:

**THAT Senate approve the 2021-2022 Graduate Calendar changes as outlined in Appendix 1 to the Report.**

**THAT Senate approve the addition of KINE 5P15 to the Master of Professional Kinesiology Program in the 2021-2022 Graduate Calendar, as outlined in the Report.**

**THAT the Senate approve the calendar changes associated with the Major Modification to the SSAS Program - Scheme C for the 2021-2022 Graduate Calendar as outlined in Appendix 2 to the Report.**

**18.4 Governance Committee**

[The Report of the Governance Committee dated March 24, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate received the Report by consent.

**18.5 Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee**

[The Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee dated March 16, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate received the Report by consent.

**18.6 Planning, Priorities and Budget Advisory Committee**

[The Report of the Planning, Priorities and Budget Advisory Committee dated March 16, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate received the Report by consent.

**19. Faculty of Education Early Diploma Release and IN CAMERA - Early Diploma Release**

[The Report from the University Registrar and Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Services dated March 8, 2021 was posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate approved the following motion by consent:

**THAT in order to qualify Brock's concurrent education students for Temporary Certification of Qualification and Registration with the Ontario College of Teachers, Senate approve the early issue of undergraduate degree diplomas on March 31, 2021 for eligible Year 6 students currently enrolled and actively registered in Concurrent Education.**

In addition, Senate approved a confidential motion regarding early diploma release by consent.

25 March 2021

To the Chair of Senate

I am writing to request Senate investigate the overly burdensome reportage expectations placed on academic units by administrative units.

Several years ago when I was chair of Senate's Research and Scholarship Policy committee, we received a request from the transdisciplinary research institutes concerned about the burden of reporting that was being placed on those units. Even a brief glance at the requests for reports from several sectors in the university (VP Academic, VP Research, and others) found that many of these units were being expected to put hundreds of person hours into reporting, often providing the type of information that is already provided in other documentation such as faculty annual reports. Such resource redirection meant funds intended for research was used to write reports. The outcome of the investigation was, to my recollection, a slightly diminished reporting expectation of these units, and a better use of data such as those provided in faculty reports.

One phenomenon that was revealed in this investigation was the tendency to those who requested the reports to ask for more information than they intended to use, and to ask for information that was available elsewhere (such as in faculty annual reports). The research work of the institutes was a lesser priority than the information gathering aspirations of senior administration. Reports that were considered necessary to gauge a research units' efficiency thus reduced the unit's efficiency in achieving its core goal, which was pursuing research excellence, because time and funds were diverted from research to meeting the demands of the administration. One research center reported spending thousands of dollars on administrative support to gather the data and draft the reports for various administrative units demanding this information, money that could have been used to do research.

In his classic book *Medical Nemesis*, Ivan Illich uses the term "Specific Counterproductivity" to characterize the phenomenon of a system set up to achieve one goal but that results in the opposite. In the example above, senior administration requests intended to ensure that research is being done well actually reduced research intensity. In *The Careless Society*, John McKnight expands Illich's definitions, referring to illness-creating health systems, crime-producing criminal justice systems, and stupefying education as the outcomes of administration that loses sight of their main goals, and becomes more interested, in the words of Illich, in "an accounting of cost-efficiency."

Recently most faculty members have seen their work constrained by the priorities of administration. Those of us who have been at Brock for more than five years can lament the change in the annual report form from what was essentially an enhanced CV that the faculty member could update throughout the year, to an online form with a series of drop-down menus and limited field information that the faculty member can only update when the site on mybrocku.ca is "opened" by admin each year.

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It is a perfect example of specific counterproductivity. When completing information on publications, for example, a faculty member needs to spend much more time filling in each field in order to ensure that it meets the data-mining expectation of administration. As a result, the more work a researcher has done, the more information they need to input, and the less time they have to do the essential work of researching and knowledge translation because they have to spend an inordinate amount of time ensuring their annual report meets the needs of administration. (Personally, I gave up. With dozens of media contacts each year, I just write “See my CV for details.” Less obstinate, untenured colleagues may be unwilling to do this). As a result, a document that is intended to gauge productivity in effect reduces it. It is specifically counterproductive.

The recent demand from small academic units to justify their existence through submitting a “Viability report” has the potential to do the same thing from a teaching standpoint. At the busiest time of the year, in the middle of a semester during a pandemic shutdown when senior admin is asking teaching units to determine what the next year will look like, how many courses will be on-line versus in person, develop recruitment plans for the unique on-line context, and to set out their budgets for the following year, small units that have been identified as potentially struggling to attract students are now burdened with the expectation, in the course of six weeks, to draft a report that in effect justifies their existence.

(Note, the original report required from the Provost’s office gave units four weeks. The deadline was pushed back in response to a request that this report deadline be delayed until after the semester had ended in order to enable programs to complete the crucial work of teaching and planning. The new deadline does not do this: it just pushes the deadline to the busiest time of the year, when final essays and assignments are due. That is an issue for another time but indicates again the emphasis upon administrative priorities rather than those of teaching, learning, and research).

Key elements of this report include asking how the unit is relevant to the university’s strategic plan, and how the unit is relevant to the expectations of society. These are big questions. The result is that the targeted small units with limited resources have been spending inordinate amounts of time and people hours to answer complex questions in a short time. One director suggested a radical solution: that a conversation would be better than a formal report, but this was not an option. I hope there will be an opportunity to discuss the usefulness and appropriateness of these viability reports at some future point, but the current request is about the administrative focus on excessive reportage across the university.

I restate, then, my request that the Senate undertake a comprehensive review of the reporting requirements that are being made of academic units with an eye to considering how necessary they are and streamlining the process. In my view, the mission of Brock University is to facilitate excellence in research, teaching, and learning—this simple mandate permeates all strategic plans. Anything that gets in the way of that must be scrutinized and made as minimally intrusive as possible. When administrators ask for new reports, or create new complicated systems to gather that information, they should ask themselves “how will this affect the research, teaching, and learning that is at the core of

every university's mandate?" and "is there a way to do this that is minimally intrusive?" Because faculty members are not here to cater to the whims of administration; administration is here to make sure that research, teaching, and learning can take place in the most effective way possible. Burdening us with reports does not do this.

Persistent, time-consuming, and redundant reports are inefficient and counterproductive, and any good they might do must be balanced against potential harms. Currently this does not seem to be being done.

Sincerely



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Associate Professor, Health Sciences



**To:** Chabriol Colebatch, University Secretariat  
**From:** Don Cyr, Academic Colleague  
**Date:** April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**Re:** Academic Colleagues Meeting – March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021: Report to Senate

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A ZOOM meeting of the Academic Colleagues (ACs) was held on the morning of March 24<sup>th</sup> and on Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. On April 1<sup>st</sup> the ACs also met for approximately one hour with the Executive Heads (EHs) as part of the annual Council Meeting.

**Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 12:00 pm**

This meeting of the ACs represented a time to decide and reflect upon several topics that they would set for discussion with the EHs during the annual meeting of the COU. The general topic was one of *Planning for the Post Pandemic University* – what to consider in the short and longer term. Unfortunately, I was only able to attend for half of the three hour meeting, due to teaching commitments.

**Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 – 11:30**

The morning of the April 1<sup>st</sup> was in preparation for the meeting with the EHs in the early afternoon. The main purpose was to review the four discussion topics the ACs had decided upon (Attached: Equity Diversity and Inclusion; Online and Blended Learning; Student Mental Health; Accessibility). ACs were selected to introduce each topic for discussion.

The ACs also received a COU update (attached) which outlined sector wide enrollment statistics, as well as various items identified in the provincial budget relating to the university and college sector.

As indicated in the agenda, various reports by ACs were also presented – some verbally or short written summaries. I have not attached these but they are available. They are simply the report of the ACs that are members of different COU committees. Such meetings are generally not that frequent.

### **Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:15 – 1:30 PM Council Meeting**

Once a year the ACs meet with the EHs as part of the larger annual Council Meeting. As noted, the joint meeting is approximately one hour in length and the ACs suggest topics for group discussion in advance. Hence the general topic of *Planning for the Post Pandemic University* as noted above.

Part of the meeting also includes miscellaneous reports by EH's with respect to COU committees they may have chaired.

The subtopics determined by the ACs were then introduced. Unfortunately, these introductions were a bit lengthy, shortening the time for roundtable discussion. Some discussion took place but generally, it was one of recognition that these would be important issues going forward for all universities.

### **Next Academic Colleagues Meeting**

**Next meetings: May 11, 2021, 6-8 pm and May 12, 2021, 9-12 pm**



## COU Staff Update to Academic Colleagues – April 1, 2021

### Fall 2020 Enrolment

Overall total Fall full-time enrolment increased by 2.1% across the sector. There were, however, strong differences across the sector, level of study and immigration status.

### Undergraduate

Total undergraduate enrolment increased by 2.3%—with domestic increasing by 1.7% and international by 5.3%.

#### *Domestic undergraduate*

Growth in domestic undergraduate enrolment is primarily due to the sector experiencing the highest transition rates in at least the last 10 years. We also know that there has been an increase in the number of students moving from part-time to full-time studies and students in three-year programs continuing to complete a four-year degree. Enrolment in the summer, which is not included in these numbers was also significantly higher than in previous years.

#### *International undergraduate*

Growth in international undergraduate enrolment was not due to higher transitions but by flow-through enrolment. Over the last 6 years, international enrolment has increased by between 9% and 18%. Fall 2020 transition rates at their lowest in the past 6 years.

### Graduate enrolment

Graduate enrolment increased by 1.4%, with domestic increasing by 3.6% and international decreasing by 3.7%. The drop in international enrolment was at the master's level, which experienced an 8.1% decrease in enrolment. Doctoral enrolment increased by 8.7%.

### Budget

Budget 2021 centers on two key pillars: Protecting People's Health and Protecting Our Economy. The Budget focuses on "defeating COVID-19" through a series of actions and increases COVID-19-related funding to \$51 billion over four years.

The ministry did not provide detailed information about funding for universities and colleges. COU has reached out to the ministry and is waiting for a response.

There were also no announcements related to tuition.

### COVID-19 Relief Funding (re-announcement)

On March 19, government announced \$106.4 million for COVID-19 funding for PSE "directed to those institutions facing the greatest financial impacts from COVID and [taking] into account size and relative financial health/availability of resources."

## **Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit**

The Budget announced the temporary Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit to help individuals aged 25 to 65 upskill as a response to the pandemic. This temporary, refundable tax credit applies to the 2021 tax year and applies to individuals earning an income of between \$10,000 and approximately \$150,000. The credit is designed to cover 50% of eligible tuition and course fees (e.g. ancillary fees and charges, examination fees) from an eligible educational institution (e.g. university, college) up to a maximum of \$2,000.

## **Mitac internships (re-announcement)**

On March 10, the government announced an investment of \$39.5 million to help Mitacs create up to 8,000 paid innovative research internships and upskilling opportunities for postsecondary students

## **Digital Learning and Micro-credentials**

Budget 2021 announced a new investment of \$21.4 million (\$10.7 million in each of 2021-22 and 2022-23) toward the Virtual Learning Strategy. This builds on the previously announced \$50 million in funding available to PSE institutions through [eCampusOntario \(December 11, 2020\)](#)

Budget 2021 announced a new \$2 million allocation for a platform that will support the Virtual Learning Passport, building on and integrated with the micro-credential and Virtual Learning Strategy. The platform will be designed to issue digital credentials for life-long learners.

On March 18, the government confirmed the expansion of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) to include nearly 600 micro-credential programs. This follows the previous announcement of a \$59.5 million investment over three years in a micro-credential strategy as part of the government's overall virtual learning strategy.

## **Mental Health**

The Budget re-announced funding of \$7 million to help increase access to mental health and addiction services for postsecondary students during COVID-19 that was announced on [February 9, 2021](#).

This funding builds on the \$19.25 million investment announced in October 2020 to support mental health supports for postsecondary students in 2020–21, an increase of \$3.25 million over last year. This one-time funding will provide services to those studying on campus or virtually and is expected to focus on the needs of vulnerable and diverse groups, such as Indigenous students, LGBTQ+ students and students with disabilities.

The budget announced that Ontario is providing additional funding of \$175 million in 2021–22 as part of the investment of \$3.8 billion over 10 years to develop and implement a comprehensive and connected mental health and addictions strategy.

## **Capital & Facilities Renewal**

The Budget announced \$493 million over three years for postsecondary facilities renewal building on the Budget 2020 facilities renewal announcement.

\$90 million in funding was announced to support the College Equipment Renewal Fund (CERF) and a new universities' Training Equipment Renewal Fund (TERF).

This new funding for universities is \$30 million over three years (\$10 million per year) and will be application-based with expanded project eligibility.

While MCU is not yet in a position to confirm institutional allocations to COU members for 2022-23 or 2023-34 for the FRP envelope, over the three years, universities are expected to receive approximately 64.4% of the envelope, which is an increase compared to the share allocated to universities in 2020.

## **Intellectual Property (IP)**

The Budget stated that the government is working with universities, colleges and research institutes to clarify the commercialization mandates of postsecondary institutions with the objective of ensuring that IP generated through taxpayer-funded research will have social and economic benefits for Ontario. MCU has communicated to COU that they are currently planning consultations on this item in the spring and more information will be available shortly.

Government announced a new investment of \$1.5 million in funding to support the Special Implementation Team on Intellectual Property. This funding will support the advancement of web-based IP curriculum, as well the development of a centralized Ontario resource and creation of a robust IP policy to help protect home-grown ideas and prioritize commercialization to drive Ontario's innovation ecosystem.

Shared in the lock-up, but not reflected in the budget document, is that the government will provide \$6.16 million in funding over two years (\$3.16 million in 2021-22 and \$3 million in 2022-23) to develop an Ontario Health Data Platform IP Policy, which will create rapid access pathways to data for researchers. The government has committed to working closely with the sector on development and implementation.

## **Other Research Items**

The Budget announced a \$56.4 million investment over the next four years to create the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN). OVIN will accelerate the development of electric, connected and autonomous vehicles by fostering collaboration and partnerships between small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), academia, the auto industry and battery sector.

## **College Investments**

The government is investing \$121 million to support almost 9,000 personal support workers (PSWs), including \$115 million to train up to 8,200 PSWs through publicly funded colleges.

In February 2021, the government announced an investment of \$4.1 million for eight training projects, including in regions hardest hit by the pandemic, to support the training of 373 new PSWs. The government also provided up to \$2.4 million through a pilot scholarship program to fund the training costs of up to 300 students for PSW positions in the Ottawa area.

Colleges (but not universities) are included along with community organizations and training providers in the \$60.8 million to upgrade internet and digital infrastructure under employment and training supports.

## **Digital Main Street Platform**

The government is investing an additional \$10 million in the Digital Main Street platform for 2021-22. This follows an initial \$57 million investment announced in June 2020 in partnership with the federal government. This platform is designed to help SMEs in Ontario improve their online presence and achieve digital transformation. To date, this platform has hired over 600 students to work on projects with independent businesses. These investments will generate up to 1,400 new jobs for students and recent graduates.

## **Invest Ontario**

The Budget announced a \$400 million investment over four years to create the Invest Ontario Fund, which will support Invest Ontario, the new provincial agency focused on promoting the province as a key investment destination, and encourage investments in the advanced manufacturing, technology and life sciences sectors. The agency will provide expertise and customizable investor services to support investment opportunities, such as available financial assistance, talent support, advisory supports and concierge services. One of the objectives of Invest Ontario is to leverage “the expertise of the business community, regional partners and other levels of government to inform the Corporation and the Minister on investment priorities and to enhance co-ordination with regional partners on investment opportunities in Ontario,” where regional partners are postsecondary institutions.

## **Anti-Racism and Anti-Hate Grant**

Ontario is investing \$1.6 million over two years to support the Anti-Racism and Anti-Hate Grant program, which will support community-based anti-racism initiatives focusing on anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

## **Employment and training support**

The Budget announced an investment of an additional \$614.3 million for 2020-21 and 2021-22 to provide targeted employment and training supports. This includes up to:

- \$85.0 million to support the Skills Development Fund to help training and employment organizations assist workers during the province’s economic recovery.
- \$117.3 million to assist women, racialized individuals, Indigenous peoples, youth and people with disabilities who are facing the highest rates of unemployment during the pandemic.
- \$157.2 million to provide workers in the hardest-hit sectors with career counselling and urgent training to find new careers and good jobs.
- \$60.8 million to upgrade and expand high-speed internet and other digital infrastructure.
- \$194 million to support Ontario workers with additional employment and training programs.

## **AC Discussion Topic for COU Council Meeting, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**

### **Planning for the post-pandemic university**

This past year has been a huge challenge for all members of universities: students, faculty members, staff, and administrators. As we look forward to returning to campus in September 2021 (with some limitations and restrictions still in place) and a return to 'normal' in September 2022, the Academic Colleagues have been discussing how we incorporate the pandemic experience into short-term and longer-term planning. We have centred our discussion on two general questions related to four themes:

- What have we learnt from the past year and how we can apply those lessons in the future?
- What can we do to ensure that we provide better and more inclusive learning experiences and support for our students?

#### **1) Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion**

All universities are committed to the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion. As we return to campus, we must do so in ways that incorporate and facilitate anti-oppressive and inclusive practices. Doing so effectively will require the collection of data to support anti-oppressive and inclusive practices.

- How can universities ensure that the return to campus does not re-inscribe inequalities?
- How do we incorporate anti-racism practices as we welcome back students to our campuses, especially Asian, Black, and international students?
- How will universities ensure the collection of appropriate data?

#### **2) Online and Blended Learning**

The online environment, including synchronous, asynchronous and blended learning, affords advantages, such as flexibility and versatility. These may increase access for many students, although it may decrease access for others. Rethinking the use of space on campus and the supports for online and in-person learning, especially human resources, is essential and will need 3-5 years to fully develop the resources and infrastructure. There are real problems with academic integrity, workload for both faculty and students, and cost that must be addressed.

- What is the appropriate balance between in-person, blended, and online learning (both synchronous and asynchronous)? Pedagogically, what teaching and learning is best done in person or through blended or online instruction?
- How will universities invest in online and blended learning (technology and people) to make it truly effective, while supporting students and avoiding re-inscribing inequalities?
- How can universities address the access issues associated with online and blended learning and provide appropriate support to students?

#### **3) Student Mental Health**

Given the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on youth and early adults and the culture shock that will be experienced by new and returning students, universities must address student mental health by developing best practices, creating equitable policies, and providing students a degree of control over their learning and workload.

- How do we support student mental health in a still evolving context to ensure student success?

- How do we maintain academic integrity and high-quality learning experiences while ensuring that we provide students (who may also be Covid survivors) compassion, flexibility, and realistic expectations?
- What lessons have we learnt from the pandemic experience to better support student mental health and to ensure that we centre student mental health in our teaching, mentoring, and academic regulations?

#### **4) Accessibility**

Universities are committed to access, particularly for traditionally underrepresented students, and the pandemic has had both positive and negative impacts on accessibility.

- What are the bridging needs for students whose learning has been interrupted by the pandemic and who is responsible for remediating? The university? The instructor? The program/faculty?
- How do we ensure adequate preparation for second-entry programs (e.g., medical or law school)? How do we ensure that access to second-entry programs is not negatively affected by the pandemic?



TO: Chabriol Colebatch, Secretary to the University and General Counsel  
Brock University

FROM: Brian Power  
Vice-Chair, Senate Academic Review Committee

DATE: Apr 13, 2021

REPORT TO SENATE 689, April 21, 2021

ACTION ITEMS (N/A)

DISCUSSION ITEMS (N/A)

CONSENT ITEMS - FOR APPROVAL

1. PhD in Intelligent Systems and Data Science - New Program Proposal

THAT the Program Proposal Brief for the PhD in Intelligent Systems and Data Science, to be offered by the Departments of Computer Science and Mathematics and Statistics, be approved for submission to the Quality Council.

Rationale: ARC has considered a Program Proposal Brief for a PhD in Intelligent Systems and Data Science, to be offered by the Departments of Computer Science and Mathematics and Statistics, and herewith submits the proposal (see Appendix A Volumes I and II) for the approval of Senate. Revisions to the Program Proposal Brief as a result of the external review are tracked on the document. Please note that confidential materials related to the external review of the program have been made available via the Brock Senators confidential materials folder.

2. Applied Disability Studies - Four-Year Report

THAT the Four-Year Report on the cyclical review of the graduate programs in the Department of Applied Disability Studies be approved.

Rationale: ARC has considered the Four-Year Implementation Report on the cyclical review of the graduate programs in the Department of Applied Disability Studies and herewith submits the Report (see Appendix B) for the approval of Senate.

3. **MA in Psychology - Major Modification**

**That the Request for Major Modification, to modify the admissions requirements to omit the thesis (or equivalent) requirement for the MA in Psychology, be approved.**

Rationale: ARC has considered the proposed major modification to the MA in Psychology program and herewith submits the Request (see Appendix C) for the approval of Senate.

4. **BSc (Honours) Biological Sciences - Major Modification**

**That the Request for Major Modification, to add a co-op option to the BSc (Honours) Biological Sciences, be approved.**

Rationale: ARC has considered the proposed major modification to the MA in Psychology program and herewith submits the Request (see Appendix D) for the approval of Senate.

**CONSENT ITEMS - FOR INFORMATION (N/A)**





**New Graduate Program Proposal Brief  
for the  
Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science**

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General Information

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| <i>Name of Proposed Program:</i>                            | Intelligent Systems and Data Science                     |                  |
| <i>Unit Offering Program:</i>                               | (i) Computer Science; (ii) Mathematics and Statistics    |                  |
| <i>Degree Designation upon Graduation:</i>                  | Ph.D.  |                  |
| <i>Proposed Start Date:</i>                                 | September 2021   |                  |
| <i>Estimated Annual Intake and Steady State Enrollment:</i> | Intake: 5  | Steady State: 20 |
| <i>Submission Date:</i>                                     | (original) May 2019; (current submission) April 12, 2021 |                  |

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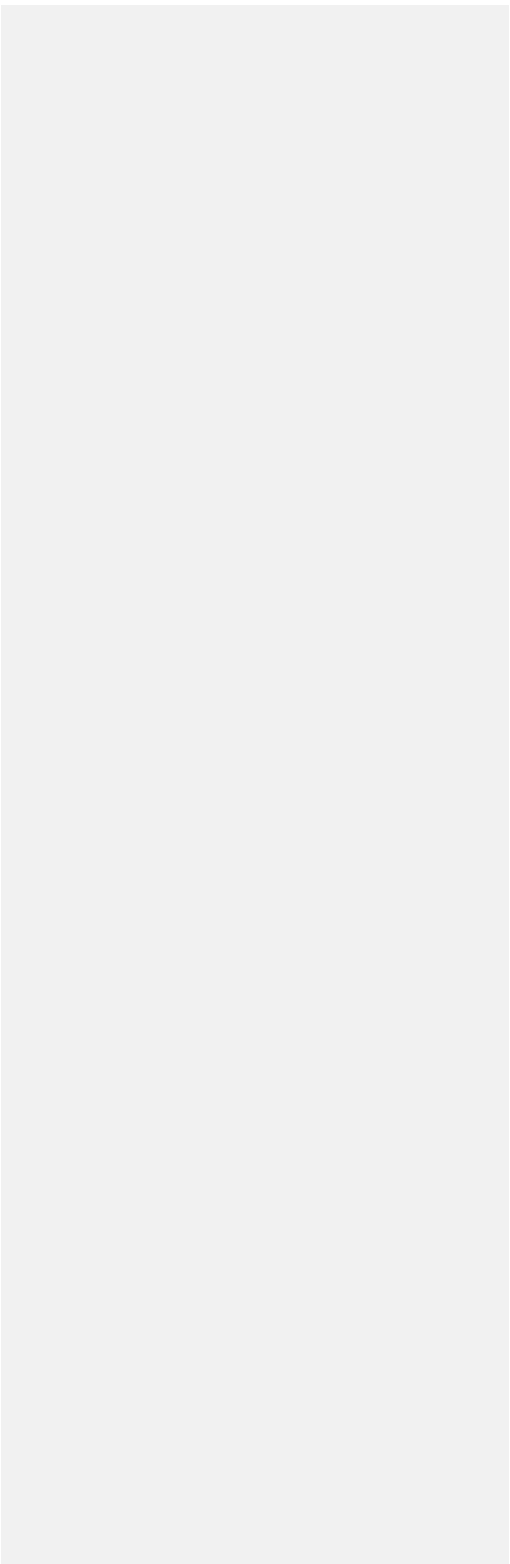
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## 1: Unit Background

### 1.1: Introduction and Background

Introduce the program being proposed; clearly articulate the program goals and objectives; describe the development process, identifying participants and their involvement in developing the PPB.

We dedicate this proposal to Dr Babak Farzad.

*(This program proposal brief is the result of the efforts of multiple authors over many years: Michael Winter, Brian Ross, and Beatrice Ombuki-Berman from the Department of Computer Science; Babak Farzad, Omar Kihel, Henryk Fuks, and Stephen Anco from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics; and R. De Grande, Y. Li, and N. Ezzati-Jivan from Computer Science for their contributions.)*

The Department of Computer Science and Department of Mathematics and Statistics propose a new thesis-based degree entitled Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science (ISDS). The jointly designed program targets the need for highly qualified scientists to tackle challenges in artificial intelligence & machine learning, integrated smart systems, modern software systems, statistical/mathematical modelling & analytics, and big data infrastructure. Graduates will proceed to research careers in academia, industry, government, and the community.

The research activities in both departments have reached a state in which a Ph.D. program is overdue and highly desirable. Over the past decade, the M.Sc. in Computer Science and M.Sc. in Mathematics and Statistics have been very successful, with high application, enrolment, and graduation rates. Faculty in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics have actively supervised Ph.D. students in the Ph.D. Physics program at Brock. There has been long-active collaboration in bioinformatics research between the Computer Science and Biological Sciences departments, which has resulted recently in the search for a joint tier II CRC in Bioinformatics/Computational Biology. Faculty members in Computer Science organize an active research group, the Bio-Inspired Computational Intelligence Group (BICIG), which has had over 50 alumni, including 7 who obtained Ph.D.'s after leaving Brock.

The Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science is unique in many ways:

- The degree title and focus areas (discussed below) are distinct throughout Ontario and Canada. Although similar research topics are found at departments elsewhere, no institution currently advertises a doctoral degree with this distinct integrated theme. The novelty of the program should attract many students, receive substantial research funding, nourish both departments' undergraduate programs, and significantly contribute to local and national needs.
- This interdisciplinary degree directly acknowledges the fundamental and intrinsic relationship between computer science, mathematics, and statistics. For example, mathematics and statistics provide formal discourse and theoretical justifications in intelligent data analytics, empirical computer science, and formal software development. Computer science provides advances in artificial intelligence algorithms, learning systems, software engineering, and computing technologies. Thus, this program encourages the strengthening of every student's mathematical, statistical, and programming abilities.
- The degree strives to foster a cohesive interdisciplinary program, and community of students. The program structure requires students to take courses from both host departments, as well as study together in ISDS 7P75 Ph.D. Seminar and ISDS 5N01 Scientific Writing courses (Section

3.1.1). Students with these foundational and comprehensive skills will be better able to contribute scientific and technical advancements in their research fields.

- The [comprehensive-qualifying](#) examination requires students to write a research grant application, similar to that used for NSERC DGS. This experience will give students unique training in grant preparation.
- The degree is intended to be relevant in the short-term, as well into the foreseeable future. Firstly, it builds upon the research expertise of faculty in both host departments, who collectively have considerable research experience in mathematical and statistical modelling, computational intelligence, machine learning, formal systems, algorithms, distributed systems, and bioinformatics. Future hires will broaden and strengthen the research topics undertaken. Secondly, it acknowledges contemporary needs in a software-based, data-driven economy. A next-generation system often combines three key components: data, intelligence, and computing. Students enrolled in this program can receive training in all three components. Finally, the degree is intended to be dynamic and “future proof” and adaptable to unforeseen future developments in technology, thus enjoying long-term relevancy. For example, the term “intelligent systems” is specifically used instead of “artificial intelligence”. Intelligent systems encompass a wider scope of fields than AI [1] (unfortunately, “artificial intelligence” has obtained a parochial definition by the media in recent years). The program considers artificial intelligence in its broader historical context, where AI involves multiple paradigms and technologies suitable to different kinds of problems, now and in the future. Similarly, data science is a nascent field, and the term is treated as an umbrella for both currently understood uses, and future directions and themes.
- The Ph.D. has the potential to work alongside Brock’s future engineering programs. All the areas of research focus may be fertile areas of collaborative research between the Ph.D. faculty and future engineering faculty and students.
- The program gives students the opportunity to gain experience in the development and application of advanced AI algorithms, complex software systems, data analytics tools, and statistical models. The program permits application of these technologies in a broad range of interdisciplinary domains, for example, optimization, bioinformatics, health care, engineering & design, operations & management, manufacturing, climate, energy, and many others. The implementation of this program will help Niagara, Ontario, and Canada establish and maintain advantage and competency in the market and economy

The Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science will prepare students for leading careers in academia and industry. A unique and differentiating feature of the program is that graduates of the program will have the opportunity to obtain a deep understanding of a broad selection of topics in intelligent systems and data science. They will focus their doctoral research on an area requiring the development of new scientific methods to solve complex, challenging problems. Each student will be a recognized member of the scientific community who is familiar with common research practices, such as the publication and review process, the grant application procedures, scientific event organization, and work in collaborative research environments.

Based on our vision and expertise, the following gives a non-exhaustive list of research areas of focus for the program:

#### 1. Artificial Intelligence

- Computational intelligence: evolutionary computation, particle swarm optimization, neural networks, bio-inspired algorithms.
- Machine learning: deep learning, reinforcement learning.

- Knowledge representation & reasoning: logic, fuzzy systems, formal reasoning.
- Applications: optimization, bioinformatics.

While machine power-assisted human hands in previous industrial revolutions, machine intelligence leverages the human brain in all sectors in the new tide of technical revolution [2]. The Department of Computer Science has a long history of research in topics of artificial intelligence. The Ph.D. will advance graduate research in paradigms such as evolutionary computation, particle swarm optimization, neural networks, machine learning, knowledge representation & reasoning, and others. Our philosophy is that artificial intelligence is not a monolithic field, but rather, a broad and general domain that includes many varied technologies and paradigms. The choice of technique to use is determined by the problem to be solved, and many problems often use of multiple techniques together. Examples of the diverse problems studied in AI research are many. The solution of critical real-world problems in scheduling and resource allocation has benefitted from the use of computational intelligence [3]. Complex bioinformatics and health-informatics problems have been the subject of AI research for years [4]. Evolutionary computation has successfully solved or synthesized complex systems at a level that competes with - or exceeds - human capabilities [5]. Machine learning using deep neural networks [6] and deep reinforcement learning [7] have shown exciting breakthroughs in recent ~~years, and~~ years and is attracting increased attention from industry. Formal knowledge representation and reasoning, for example, logic and fuzzy systems, is a classic area of AI that is applicable to a wide number of domains [8]. We firmly believe that these and many other paradigms in AI will be critical to solving many diverse problems in science and industry, now and in the future.

## 2. Smart Systems

- Software systems.
- Network & complex networks.
- Internet of things.
- High-performance computing.

Smart Systems expand on the challenges related to highly complex systems commonly involved in diverse sectors of modern society that increasingly depend upon reliable software systems. General examples include intelligent and reliable software design, engineering, testing, and debugging. The design and validation of software systems through information and environmental modelling, with the possible application of (semi-)automated AI-based tools, is an active area of interest. The use of relational and fuzzy methods, principled system design, and formal algorithm development are research strengths of the faculty. Lately, there is a need for new methodologies for the design and analysis of complex systems for smart city, grid, home, health, and transportation. This focus area tightly aligns with future R&D investments of the Government of Canada, which is committed to supporting transport and mobility innovations [9]. The efficient and reliable interconnect protocols in complex networks such as 5G and Vehicular Networks [10], and the Internet-of-Things (IoT), are areas of active research. In concert with contemporary communication and interaction paradigms, the Communications Research Centre (CRC) pointed out concerns in terms of IoT and impending spectrum ~~crunch, and~~ crunch and has invested in a Big Data Analytics Centre [11], and this is a promising source of future funding for Ph.D. research.

## 3. Data Science

- Statistical modelling.
- Data visualization & interpretation.

- Bioinformatics, computational biology, and health informatics.
- Ethics, privacy & trust in big data systems.

Data science is the “child of statistics and computer science” [12], requiring new thinking and methodologies to process and analyze big sets of data from science, engineering, social studies, and industry for prediction, discovery, and interpretation tasks. Essentially, data science integrates three key components: statistical thinking & modelling, computational technologies & resources, and human judgement & multidisciplinary knowledge. Faculty from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics have a considerable research expertise in topics of data science and analytics. There are unprecedented opportunities for building useful bioinformatics models and tools driven by the wealth of genomic and clinical data to tackle various health challenges [13]. For example, current faculty research is exploring the application of computational statistics in neuroscience [14]. Also, there are social implications and ethical concerns regarding the use of data science and intelligent systems that must be considered, and research activities should likewise promote justice and fairness (this applies to all the research focus areas in this program) [15].

#### 4. Mathematical methods of complex systems

- Applied optimization (discrete and continuous, applications to networks)
- Cellular automata
- Coding theory
- Computational statistics
- Complex networks and graphs
- Cryptography
- Game theory (algorithmic and fundamental)
- Nonlinear dynamical systems

A complex system is typically characterized as being composed of a large number of elements whose interactions are nonlinear. Systems of this type often exhibit hierarchical organization with variety of intercommunicating functional layers. The interactions of the system components lead to high-level emergent properties which are not apparent at the lower levels.

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics had developed a substantial expertise in mathematical methods which are used in the study of complex systems. This includes expertise in nonlinear dynamics and nonlinear differential equations, theory and applications of discrete, spatially extended dynamical systems such as cellular automata, discrete and continuous optimization, methods of graph theory and complex networks, applications of game theory in modeling and analysis complex systems, methods of computational statistics, and also expertise in diverse areas of pure and applied mathematics which, even if they are directly related to the above, serve as foundations of other methods. Some selected topics of current research directly related to complex systems conducted by members of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics are described below.

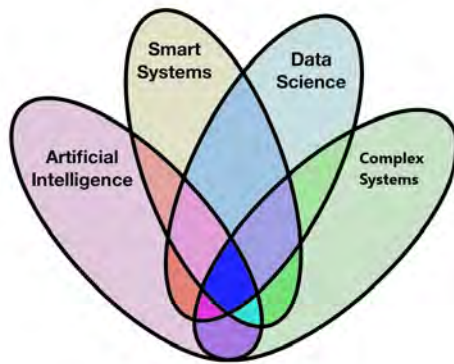
H. Fukš research interests are concentrated on the theory and applications of cellular automata, which are often viewed as a paradigm of a complex system of locally interacting components. His research is related to both the forward problem (given the topology and the interaction rule, predict the behaviour of the complex system [20]) and the inverse problem (given the observed behaviour of the system, describe its topology and its dynamical rule). The inverse problem is also known as complexity engineering, that is, devising a complex system which will perform some useful task, such as solving a concrete computational problem [21].



Convex and non-convex optimization methods are increasingly used in big-data optimization. In particular, non-convex large-scale optimization problems have found a wide range of applications in many engineering domains. The design and the analysis of large complex systems present several challenges to classical approaches based on convex analysis and necessitate the development of new optimization models and algorithms (see [16, 17]). The approach initiated in [18] appears to be promising for handling optimization problems whereby non-regularity of objectives and constraints, restrictions, incomplete or wrong evaluation of constraint functions, or the increase in the number of decision variables will alter the topology of the system. The results obtained are also currently being used to study the stability of equilibria for cooperative or non-cooperative large games, where perturbations of initial data create non-convexities yielding the failure of descent methods due to the homology of the underlying domains.

T. Wolf used optimization via genetic algorithms and heuristic methods to devise methods for solving life-and-death problems in the game of Go [19]. H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh has research interests and expertise in aspects of optimization, more precisely in the theory of variational inequalities and their applications. One of his recent papers lays the foundations for the analysis of nonlinear systems of inequalities in the absence of convexity [18].

Mathematical methods of complex systems listed above are strongly linked to the first three research areas of the proposal, namely to artificial intelligence (through nonlinearity, neural networks, optimization, computational statistics), to smart systems (through networks and graphs), and to data science (through computational statistics). Moreover, in a broader sense, all areas of Intelligent Systems and Data Science research rely on mathematical and statistical methods, and students enrolled in the proposed Ph.D. program will have access to experts in such methods in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.



In summary, the research focus areas encompassed in the Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science are not independent silos of research. Rather, the fields intersect one another in important and impactful ways, and students will have the opportunity to conduct research that fosters application of interdisciplinary methodologies and technologies. Of significance is that the research focus areas are adaptable to future unforeseen scientific advances. Thus, we have defined a dynamic

graduate program that will meet the present and future career needs of graduates, in both academia and industry, for many years to come.

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#### 1.2: Consistency with the University's Mission and Academic Plan (IQAP 3.5.1)

*Provide:*

1. A description of how the program is consistent with the mission, aims, objectives and existing strengths of the University;
2. An explanation of how the proposed program fits with the University's current program offerings and a demonstration of the University's capacity to deliver the proposed program;
3. Evidence that the proposal is consistent with the government's strategic directions (e.g., enrolment caps); and
4. Additional or re-allocated resources that will be required for the proposed program. A more detailed description of the resource requirements for the proposed program will be presented in Section 5.

The proposed program aligns very well with a number of the strategic priorities and goals listed in the Brock University Institutional Strategic Plan 2018-2025, as detailed below. (Page numbers refer to the strategic plan document).

#### Build research capacity across the university (p.19)

Both the Department of Computer Science and Department of Mathematics and Statistics have a long history of research excellence, measured by factors such as publications, graduate student supervision, Tri-council research grants, and other government and industrial grants. The departments' respective M.Sc. programs have the highest application numbers and graduation rates in the Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences. The success of both departments' master's programs is evidence that it is time to launch a similarly successful Ph.D. program.

The Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science is specifically designed to be an applied graduate program. Research in the Computer Science Department is highly applied, which is demonstrated by its strengths in algorithms, systems, software development, and computational intelligence. High performance computing, cryptography, network analysis and most areas in statistics are among the application-oriented research fields in the Mathematics and Statistics Department's research.

#### Enhance transdisciplinary research and high-impact research practices (Goal, p.20)

The program is inherently transdisciplinary, as it is being supported by two separate departments (Computer Science, and Mathematics and Statistics). Many of the research topics will permit research collaboration between these host departments and other units, for example, Biology, Earth Science, Physics, Business, and others. This has already been demonstrated by the current undergraduate and graduate programs, with examples of research collaborations in courses and thesis work ranging from

Biology, Earth Science, History, Psychology, Neuroscience, and Philosophy. As an example, an incomplete list of prior collaborations are as follows:

- Graduate theses within Earth Science using computational intelligence.
- Graduate students have taken courses in Biology and worked on Gene matching.
- Graduate thesis in Physics involving computer algebra and differential equations.
- Graduate thesis providing a mathematical model for Gibson's affordances (Psychology).
- Undergraduate project in Neuroscience/Biology.
- Undergraduate projects in History/Digital Humanities.
- Undergraduate theses in Physics.
- (near future) Undergraduate projects in Game Programming (with Humanities and Niagara College).

A research-intensive Ph.D. program will surely expand and intensify those collaborations. The number of participating faculty members from other departments is another indication that a significant number of these will have multidisciplinary components.

Nurture a culture of research and creative excellence (Goal, p.19), and build awareness of Brock as a centre of research excellence (Goal, p.20)

The Ph.D. integrates with current and future research initiatives in both departments. Faculty members participate in the Brock Institute for Scientific Computation (BISC), and the Department of Computer Science has started planning for a Centre of Intelligent Systems. The Department of Biological Sciences and Department of Computer Science are currently searching for a joint tier II CRC in Bioinformatics/Computational Biology. The Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Department of Computer Science, and Faculty of Business, are in advanced preparation of a B.Sc. in Data Science and Analytics. Computer science faculty have run an active Bio-Inspired Computational Intelligence Group over many years. Finally, Brock is heavily investing time and resources into future engineering programs. All of the above have the potential to interact with, and contribute to, the Ph.D. program.

Besides conducting a wide range of doctoral-level research led by faculty in both host departments, the Ph.D. program will be particularly effective in promoting the internationalization of research conducted at Brock University. Since the host departments' M.Sc. programs were established in 2006, approximately 130 students have graduated from the two programs. Approximately half the students have been international students from countries such as Bangladesh, Iran, Pakistan, China, Ghana, and India, showing the importance of internationalization within the programs.

In addition to the regular students, the Computer Science department hosted one exchange student from Technical University Ilmenau (Germany, in 2008), 3 students from Kobe University (Japan, 2017-2018), and six students from University of Pretoria (South Africa) since 2011. In Mathematics and Statistics, exchange students include four from Ufa State Technical University (Russia), one from Firat University (Turkey), two from China, two from Université d'Oran (Algeria), and 3 from USTHB Algiers (Algeria). Further exchanges or stays at foreign universities or research laboratories are planned for the future. However, these endeavours are always limited by the short period of time that is available in an M.Sc. program. We expect a similar distribution of domestic and international students for the Ph.D. program as we already experience in the M.Sc. programs. In addition, due to the longer period of study for a Ph.D. student, it will become more feasible for them to spend some time at a foreign university or research laboratory. The multiple international connections of our faculty will additionally provide opportunities for this kind of exchange.

Deliver high-quality programs that meet the interest and needs of students (Goal, p.17)

These days, mathematical and computational solutions to problems are needed in almost every area of academia, business, and everyday life. The proposal for a new Ph.D. program in Intelligent Systems and Data Science addresses a societal need for highly qualified scientists with this problem-solving expertise, particularly in industry, government, research, and technology. The Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science is in a sense an unusual degree. Most Ph.D. degrees are best suited towards academic careers. This degree is equally, if not more suitable, towards careers in business and industry. The significant technical complexities of modern industry, and their need for solutions requiring expertise in intelligent systems and data science in particular, as well as statistics, mathematics, and computing in general, justify the demand for such a high-level degree. We will further expand on the topic of emerging societal need in Section 8.

*1.3: Alignment with the Strategic Mandate Agreement*

*Provide a description of how the proposed program is consistent with the program areas of strength or growth included in the current SMA.*

Brock University's Strategic Mandate Agreement v.2 explicitly prioritizes the Ph.D. in Computer Science as a strategically important new graduate program [1]. Since that time, the Ph.D. has further evolved into the joint program offered by the Department of Computer Science and Department of Mathematics and Statistics. The proposed program strongly supports the strategic priorities listed in the SMA 2 in many ways.

Technology Development

The Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science directly and firmly supports the Brock SMA 2's identified strength in technology development. Of particular note are recent news articles that outline the Federal government's strategic funding of research in artificial intelligence, data science, and smart systems technologies in Canada (e.g. [2],[3], [4], [5], [6]). Several faculty members (Wolf, Ombuki-Berman, Houghten, Ross, Li) are active in areas of AI, and in particular, computational intelligence. Smart systems, distributed systems, parallel algorithms, and software testing is studied (de Grande, Qiu, Ezzati-Jivan). Research in formal knowledge representation and reasoning is pursued by (Winter). Two faculty members (Marshall, Xu) work in the areas of optimization techniques for active learning and computational algorithms for big data. Other faculty (Marshall Houghten, Ombuki-Berman, Fuks, Ross, Li) do research related to data science, for example, complex networks, bio-networks, and feature extraction. The Department of Computer Science is planning the creation of a Centre of Intelligent Systems, and the Ph.D. program is a valuable aspect of the Centre. Other expertise from both departments covers a wide range of research areas, ranging from scientific computation, statistical and mathematical modelling, formal reasoning, algorithms, software engineering, and many others.

Research Excellence and Impact, and Transdisciplinary Research

One of the highlighted themes of Brock's differentiation as part of the past and future SMAs is its strength in transdisciplinary research. The proposed Ph.D. will promote Brock's efforts in transdisciplinary research into critically important areas, namely development of quantitative methods to solve complex problems in intelligent systems and data science. The potential for such transdisciplinary program is evident when one examines past and current faculty research collaborations, which include other faculty in Biology, Earth Sciences, Physics, Digital Humanities, Philosophy, and others. In addition, the M.Sc. degrees in both departments have been highly transdisciplinary in nature, with applications involving a wide range of topics outside the respective

departments. The Ph.D. also creates opportunities for collaborative research in a number of research aspirations of Brock, including but not limited to:

- Gaming
- Bioinformatics and Health Informatics
- Interactive Arts and Science
- Centre of Neuroscience
- Centre for Business Analytics
- Brock Research and Innovation Centre
- Brock Institute for Scientific Computation (BISC)

#### Innovation, Economic Development, and Community Engagement

A modern economy cannot ignore technology for its future well-being. This requires training future generations of scientists, with expertise in intelligent systems and data science. Training highly skilled experts in information technology is critically important for the future economy of Canada, as well as the Niagara area. For example:

- Technology is identified as being the fastest growing economic sector in Canada. [7]
- The Canadian Chamber of Commerce states that Canada must focus its efforts in innovation and technological development, for the good of its future economy. [8]

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**1.4: Appropriateness of Degree Nomenclature (IQAP 3.5.1)**

Indicate the specific degree to be awarded upon completion of the program, e.g.e.g., MA, M.Sc., Ph.D.–Ph.D. Indicate the program name to be included with the degree, e.g.e.g., MA in Applied Health Sciences.

Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science.

**1.5: Fields in a Graduate Program (if applicable) (IQAP 3.5.14)**

The inclusion of fields within a graduate program is optional. If a graduate program wishes to have the Quality Council endorse fields, clearly identify the fields below.

None.

## 2: Degree Level Expectations and Learning Outcomes

This section provides information on the degree level expectations (DLEs) and learning outcomes of the proposed program.

Brock DLEs and Faculty DLEs (where available) are included in Table 2.1. Both the overall program and the individual courses are assessed against these DLEs in terms of learning outcomes. The curricular content, admission requirements, mode of delivery, bases of evaluation of student performance, commitment of resources and overall quality of any academic program and its component courses are all related to its learning outcomes.

Proponents are advised that a curriculum map that links course learning outcomes to articulated program learning outcomes mapped to the DLEs shall be included in the PPB. As part of this process, proponents must also document and demonstrate the methods by which the performance level of students, based on the learning outcomes, will be assessed by the program.

Under the following headings, the proponents will provide a description of the program's learning outcomes and their consistency with Brock's and the Faculty's mission and degree level expectations [IQAP 3.5.1]. This will include an explanation of the ways in which the program assesses the extent to which students have achieved those outcomes.

**2.1: Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) (IQAP 3.5.1)**

Course learning outcomes, which support the program learning outcomes, are reported in copies of Table A.1 for each course in the proposed program. Completed copies of Table A.1 are to be included in Appendix A. Provide comments on the range, variety and rationale of the course learning outcomes. Course learning outcomes will be summarized to the program level, with the latter reported in Table 2.1 in the next section.

The learning outcomes of courses eligible for graduate-level credit are in Appendix A. All the courses use typical pedagogical methods for knowledge delivery and assessment. Lectures are the main means by which most students are exposed to course content. Assessment methods are typically assignments, tests, class seminars/presentations, and projects. In some graduate courses, projects are particularly stressed, as they permit students to independently apply course material towards creatively solving a non-trivial problem.



## 2.2: Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) (IQAP 3.5.1)

Table 2.1 presents the program learning outcomes linked to the Brock and Faculty DLEs. Address the clarity and appropriateness of the program requirements and associated learning outcomes in meeting the University's graduate DLEs.

Table 2.1 is successfully adopted by all doctoral programs at Brock University. The university-wide GDLEs (column one) address the most germane qualities associated with doctoral-level studies: depth, breadth, level of application, and limits of knowledge; research and scholarship, along with associated practices; professional autonomy and capacity; and communication skills. All the CLOS in Appendix A address many of the PLOs in Table 2.1. The [comprehensive-qualifying](#) examination, research publications, thesis defense, and other associated program requirements complete the coverage of the GDLEs. Thesis research is undoubtedly the most important aspect of a Ph.D. program, and is likewise the cornerstone of the proposed Ph.D. degree.

## 2.3: Assessment of Teaching and Learning (IQAP 3.5.6)

Table 2.2 presents the program learning outcomes mapped to the modes of delivery and the methods of assessment for the proposed program.

a) With reference to Table 2.1 - 2.2, document the appropriateness of the proposed methods of assessment of the student achievement of the intended program learning outcomes and degree level expectations.

Include a numbered list of all assessment methods employed in the program(s). [IQAP 3.5.6].

Generally, the methods of assessment follow the same structure as already established for the host departments' M.Sc. programs. These methods fall into two categories:

(i) Courses: Courses employ a wide range of assessment methods. The most frequent methods are formal test, quizzes, and written/programming assignments. These are traditional methods of assessment, usually involving solving computational, mathematical, and statistical problems in a controlled environment (tests and quizzes) or outside of the classroom (written assignments). We believe that these methods are very effective to measure depth and breadth of knowledge, as well as the level of application of knowledge. Moreover, they are indispensable in evaluating written communication skills specific to computer science, mathematics, and statistics, such as analyze or implement an algorithmic solution to a problem, or the ability to justify steps in calculations and proofs.

Computer science courses often use a term project, which involves independent research by the student. Depending upon the course, the project may involve implementing a system using some principles discussed in the [course, or course or](#) undertaking empirical experimentation. Projects usually are assessed by the instructor by grading a written report, which often takes the form of a scientific paper.

In addition to test, assignments, and projects, some kind of oral assessment is used in the majority of courses. This may involve a formal presentation or seminar delivered by the student, or in mathematics and statistics, informal discussion at the blackboard. These assessment methods complement tests and written assignments. We find them very useful not only in evaluating communication skills, but also in determining students' facility with problem solving, abstraction and logical reasoning, as well as in evaluating the depth of their knowledge of the subject.

Following the Brock guidelines, the course outline of each course specifies the method of assessment, dates, and relative weights of evaluation items. Course outlines are made available to the students in the first week of classes. A graduate student has to achieve a grade of at least 70% in order to receive credit for the course. At the end of each course, students will normally have the opportunity to provide feedback on the course content and instructor by completing a course evaluation. These course evaluations will follow the standard procedures, as outlined in the departments' procedures.

(ii) Supervision and Supervisory Committee: After a student has finished the required courses a supervisory committee is established following the guidelines outlined in the Graduate Program Handbook (see Appendix A). The supervisory committee consists of the supervisor and two additional faculty members. The supervisor, with the support of the supervisory committee, provides guidance and instruction in the research activities of the student. In addition, they are the main contributor in the ongoing evaluation process during the research work of the student. They monitor the student's progress and performance on a regular basis. The progress of the student will be documented by a written progress report twice a year.

Numbered list of all assessment methods:

1. Lectures
2. Assignments
3. Projects
4. Seminars
5. Labs
6. Supervision/individual guidance
7. Self study
8. Thesis proposal/NSERC application

*b) Outline the plan for documenting and demonstrating the level of performance of students, and the consistency of the plan with the University's statement of its degree level expectations.*

The program will conduct an exit survey of all students when they graduate from their studies. In addition, the program plans to keep track of graduates through their first 5 years after graduating. During the 4th or 5th year after graduation, we will send each graduate a short survey, querying her or him on their opinions of their Ph.D. experience in the program. We feel that it takes a number of years before graduates will have a balanced and knowledgeable opinion of their Ph.D. experience, especially regarding its value in obtaining suitable employment. Topics on the survey will include the perceived value of their graduate education, its usefulness in their subsequent career paths, and opinions on the strengths, weaknesses, and improvements to the program. The feedback from the survey will be collected by the GPDs in each ~~department, and~~ department and will be studied and evaluated by the respective graduate committees. The departments will discuss possible revisions when changes seem worthy of consideration.

#### *2.4: Program Curriculum Map (IQAP 3.5.1)*

*Table 2.3 presents a curriculum map that links the program learning outcomes with the methods of assessment employed and the degree of implementation for each course in the program. Based on the curriculum map provide an analysis of and describe plans to address duplication, gaps and areas for improvement in the program.*

Table 2.3 (found at the end of this document) maps program learning outcomes to the curriculum. Since the Ph.D. program does not devote excessive time to courses, there is minimal "progression" (the colour coding for "Degree of Implementation"). Rather, the course requirements offer a breadth of knowledge. On the other hand, the Scientific Writing course, Ph.D. Seminar, and Ph.D. Thesis (bottom of table) illustrate a clearer progression. The Scientific Writing course introduces scientific authorship, which can be applied throughout the other courses, and especially the Ph.D. examination/thesis. The Ph.D. thesis itself is the canonical means by which a doctoral candidate proves mastery over scientific research and scholarship, as pursued during the degree.

### 2.5: Modes of Delivery (IQAP 3.5.5)

*Discuss the formats (lecture, seminar, independent research, projects, etc.) by which the program will be delivered and the appropriateness of the proposed delivery mode(s) in meeting the program's intended learning outcomes and Graduate Degree Level Expectations (GDLEs). The Proponents will discuss the methods of delivery (face to face, online, blended, independent study, etc.) to be employed in delivering the program content and the rationale for the various delivery methods to be used.*

Table 2.2 provides a mapping of the different ways that students will demonstrate their knowledge, and the different ways students will be assessed during their study, in relation to the modes of delivery, the learning outcomes of the program, and Brock's GDLEs. Notice that the distribution between the different components may vary due to different course selections and/or different styles in supervision. However, a base line is established through the program requirements in terms of number of courses, [comprehensive-qualifying](#) examination, thesis preparation, and defense.

A significant number of courses require, as part of student evaluation, presentation of a project or of a significant independent assignment/project, as shown in Table 2.2. This is critically important in graduate education, as it permits students to independently apply their expertise to non-trivial problems in computer science, mathematics, and statistics. Nevertheless, the most intensive area of student engagement and inquiry-based learning is the mandatory Ph.D. thesis (ISDS 7F90), which involves successful passing of the [qualifyingcomprehensive](#) examination, as well as defense.

Due to the small graduate student/faculty ratio for the program, students will always enjoy a high level of interaction with their supervisors and instructors.

Table 2.1: Doctoral Degree - Mapping Program Outcomes to Graduate Degree Learning Expectations

Program: Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science

| <b>Brock University GDLEs</b><br><i>A graduate of Brock University will be able to demonstrate:</i>  | <b>Faculty specific GDLES</b><br><i>A graduate of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science will be able to demonstrate:</i>   | <b>Program Outcomes aligned with GDLES</b><br><i>At the end of this program, the successful student will be able to demonstrate:</i>   |
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| <p>1. Depth and Breadth of Knowledge</p> <p>A thorough understanding of a substantial body of knowledge that is at the forefront of their academic discipline or area of professional practice including, where appropriate, relevant knowledge outside the field and/or discipline.</p>   | <p>A thorough understanding of a substantial body of knowledge in science, technology, or mathematics, that is at the forefront of their academic discipline or area of professional practice including, where appropriate, relevant knowledge outside the field and/or discipline.</p>   | <p>1a. A systematic understanding of the field;<br/>                     1b. Wide knowledge in the major areas of the discipline;<br/>                     1c. Mastery of the appropriate skills and methods of research;<br/>                     1d. Relevant knowledge in areas of application outside of the field;</p>  |
| <p>2. Research and Scholarship</p> <p>a) The ability to conceptualize, design, and implement research for the generation of new knowledge, applications, or understanding at the forefront of the discipline, and to adjust the research design or methodology in the light of unforeseen circumstances;</p> <p>b) The ability to make informed judgments on complex issues in specialist fields, sometimes requiring new methods;</p> <p>c) The ability to produce original research, or other advanced scholarship, of a quality to satisfy peer review, and to merit publication.</p> | <p>a) The ability to conceptualize, design, and implement research for the generation of new knowledge, applications, or understanding at the forefront of science, technology, or mathematics, and to adjust the research design or methodology in the light of unforeseen problems;</p> <p>b) The ability to make informed judgments on complex issues in specialist fields in science, technology or mathematics, sometimes requiring new methods; and</p> <p>c) The ability to produce original research, or other advanced scholarship, of a quality to satisfy peer review, and to merit publication.</p> | <p>2a. Ability to conceive, design, implement and adapt a substantial process of research with scholarly integrity;<br/>                     2b. Capacity for critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas;<br/>                     2c. Capability to participate actively in his/her academic community by communicating with peers, the larger scholarly community and with society in general about their areas of expertise;<br/>                     2d. Ability to contribute to his/her specific field of study through original and substantial research that led to an international refereed publication;</p> |
| <p>3. Level of application of knowledge</p> <p>The capacity to</p> <p>a) undertake pure and/or applied research at an advanced level; and</p> <p>b) contribute to the development of academic or professional skills, techniques, tools, practices, ideas, theories, approaches, and/or materials.</p>   | <p>The capacity to</p> <p>a) undertake pure and/or applied research in science, technology or mathematics at an advanced level; and</p> <p>b) contribute to the development of academic or professional skills, techniques, tools, practices, ideas, theories, approaches, and/or materials.</p>  | <p>3a. Recognition as expert in the area of research that his/her thesis addresses;<br/>                     3b. The ability to organize and carry out complex research on an individual basis;<br/>                     3c. Ability to reason at a level of abstraction that is appropriate;<br/>                     3d. Ability to make use of a range of existing theories, techniques and tools relevant to their field of research;<br/>                     3e. Ability to refine existing techniques and/or develop new techniques in the process of solving a complex research problem;</p>   |

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Program: Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science

| <b>Brock University GDLEs</b><br><i>A graduate of Brock University will be able to demonstrate:</i>  | <b>Faculty specific GDLES</b><br><i>A graduate of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science will be able to demonstrate:</i>  | <b>Program Outcomes aligned with GDLES</b><br><i>At the end of this program, the successful student will be able to demonstrate:</i>   |
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| <p>4. Professional capacity/autonomy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and largely autonomous initiative in complex situations;</li> <li>b) The intellectual independence to be academically and professionally engaged and current;</li> <li>c) The ethical behaviour consistent with academic integrity and the use of appropriate guidelines and procedures for responsible conduct of research;</li> <li>d) The ability to evaluate the broader implications of applying knowledge to particular contexts.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and largely autonomous initiative in complex situations;</li> <li>b) The intellectual independence to be academically and professionally engaged and current;</li> <li>c) The ethical behavior consistent with academic integrity and the use of appropriate guidelines and procedures for responsible conduct of research; and</li> <li>d) The ability to evaluate the broader implications of applying knowledge to particular contexts.</li> </ul> | <p>3f. Ability to find new research projects within their field of interest;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4a. Awareness of the publication process in peer-reviewed outlets, and be able to select an appropriate outlet for articles reporting on his/her research work;</li> <li>4b. Ability to create a small network of research collaborators;</li> <li>4c. Ability to contribute to a long-term collaborative research project;</li> <li>4d. Ability to establish his/her own research program;</li> <li>4e. Ability to craft a promising application for significant funding;</li> <li>4f. Ability to implement a career as an independent researcher and/or professional in academia and/or industry;</li> </ul> |
| <p>5. Level of communications skills</p> <p>The ability to communicate complex and/or ambiguous ideas, issues and conclusions clearly and effectively.</p>   | <p>The ability to communicate complex and/or ambiguous ideas, issues and conclusions clearly and effectively.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5a. Ability to communicate effectively and professionally both in speaking and writing with experts and the general audience;</li> <li>5b. Knowledge of issues related to ethical conduct in science, and be able to engage in discussions on this topic both with their peers and the general public in an informed and reasoned fashion;</li> <li>5c. Ability to select appropriate tools and software to analyze and communicate data and his/her results;</li> <li>5d. Ability to work with other researchers including non-Computer Scientists on a project of common interest;</li> <li>5e. Expertise at finding information that is relevant to his/her research work;</li> </ul>        |
| <p>6. Awareness of the limits of knowledge</p>   | <p>An appreciation of the limitations of one's own work and discipline, of the complexity of</p>   | <p>6a. Awareness of the limitations of his area of expertise in theory and praxis;</p>   |

Table 2.1: Doctoral Degree - Mapping Program Outcomes to Graduate Degree Learning Expectations

Program: Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science

| <b>Brock University GDLEs</b><br><i>A graduate of Brock University will be able to demonstrate:</i>   | <b>Faculty specific GDLEs</b><br><i>A graduate of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science will be able to demonstrate:</i>               | <b>Program Outcomes aligned with GDLEs</b><br><i>At the end of this program, the successful student will be able to demonstrate:</i> |
|---|---|--|
| An appreciation of the limitations of one's own work and discipline, of the complexity of knowledge, and of the potential contributions of other interpretations, methods, and disciplines. | knowledge in science, technology or mathematics, and of the potential contributions of other interpretations, methods, and disciplines. | 6b. Awareness of potential contributions of other interpretations, methods, and disciplines.   |

Table 2.2: Doctoral Degree - Mapping Program Outcomes to Modes of Delivery and Methods of Assessment

Program: Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science

| Brock University GDLEs<br><i>A graduate of Brock University will be able to demonstrate:</i>   | Program GDLES/Learning Outcomes<br><i>A the end of this program, the successful student will:</i>   | Modes of Delivery   | Assessment Methods<br><i>Students can demonstrate their knowledge/ are assessed through the following methods:</i>  |
|--|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Depth and Breadth of Knowledge</p> <p>A thorough understanding of a substantial body of knowledge that is at the forefront of their academic discipline or area of professional practice including, where appropriate, relevant knowledge outside the field and/or discipline.</p>   | <p>1a. Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the field;</p> <p>1b. Demonstrate wide knowledge in the major areas of the discipline;</p> <p>1c. Demonstrate mastery of the appropriate skills and methods of research;</p> <p>1d. Show relevant knowledge in areas of application outside of the field;</p>  | <p>1. Lectures (a, b, c)</p> <p>2. Assignments (a, b, c)</p> <p>3. Projects (a, b, c, d)</p> <p>4. Seminars (a, b, c, d)</p> <p>5. Labs (a, b, c)</p> <p>6. Supervision/Individual Guidance (a, b, c, d)</p> <p>7. Self Study (a, b, c, d)</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation (1, 4)</li> <li>• Tests/Exams (1, 2, 4, 5)</li> <li>• Assignments (1, 2, 4, 5, 7)</li> <li>• Projects (1, 2, 3, 6, 7)</li> <li>• Essay/Research Paper (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7)</li> <li>• Thesis (4, 6, 7)</li> <li>• Oral Presentation (3, 4, 6, 7)</li> <li>• <u>Qualifying/Comprehensive Examination</u> (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)</li> <li>• Peer Review (3, 4)</li> </ul> |
| <p>2. Research and Scholarship</p> <p>a) The ability to conceptualize, design, and implement research for the generation of new knowledge, applications, or understanding at the forefront of the discipline, and to adjust the research design or methodology in the light of unforeseen circumstances;</p> <p>b) The ability to make informed judgments on complex issues in specialist fields, sometimes requiring new methods;</p> <p>c) The ability to produce original research, or other advanced scholarship, of a quality to satisfy peer review, and to merit publication.</p> | <p>2a. Be able to conceive, design, implement and adapt a substantial process of research with scholarly integrity;</p> <p>2b. Demonstrate capacity for critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas;</p> <p>2c. Is capable to participate actively in his/her academic community by communicating with peers, the larger scholarly community and with society in general about their areas of expertise;</p> <p>2d. Have made a contribution to his/her specific field of study through original and substantial research that led to an international refereed publication;</p> | <p>1. Lectures (a, b, c)</p> <p>2. Assignments (a, b)</p> <p>3. Projects (a, b, c, d)</p> <p>4. Seminars (a, b, c)</p> <p>5. Labs (a, b)</p> <p>6. Supervision/Individual Guidance (a, b, c, d)</p> <p>7. Self Study (a, b, d)</p> <p>8. Thesis Proposal/NSERC application (a, b, c, d)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation (1, 4, 5)</li> <li>• Assignments (1, 2, 4, 5)</li> <li>• Projects (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)</li> <li>• Essay/Research Paper (1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8)</li> <li>• Thesis (6, 7, 8)</li> <li>• Oral Presentation (4, 8)</li> <li>• Peer Review (3, 4, 8)</li> </ul>   |



Table 2.2: Doctoral Degree - Mapping Program Outcomes to Modes of Delivery and Methods of Assessment

Program: Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science

| Brock University GDLEs<br><i>A graduate of Brock University will be able to demonstrate:</i>  | Program GDLES/Learning Outcomes<br><i>A the end of this program, the successful student will:</i>  | Modes of Delivery   | Assessment Methods<br><i>Students can demonstrate their knowledge/ are assessed through the following methods:</i>  |
|---|--|---|---|
| <p>3. Level of application of knowledge<br/>The capacity to</p> <p>a) undertake pure and/or applied research at an advanced level; and</p> <p>b) contribute to the development of academic or professional skills, techniques, tools approaches, and/or materials.</p>  | <p>3a. Be a recognized expert in the area of research that his/her thesis addresses;</p> <p>3b. Have demonstrated the ability to organize and carry out complex research on an individual basis;</p> <p>3c. Be able to reason at a level of abstraction that is appropriate;</p> <p>3d. Be able to make use of a range of existing theories, techniques and tools relevant to their field of research;</p> <p>3e. Be able to refine existing techniques and/or develop new techniques in the process of solving a complex research problem;</p> <p>3f. Be able to find new research projects within their field of interest;</p> | <p>4. Seminars (a, b, c, d, e, f)</p> <p>6. Supervision/Individual Guidance (a, b, c, d, e, f)</p> <p>7. Self Study (a, b, c, d, e, f)</p> <p>8. Thesis proposal/NSERC application (a, b, c, d, e, f)</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis (6, 7, 8)</li> <li>• Publication (6, 7, 8)</li> <li>• Peer Review (4, 8)</li> <li>• Oral Presentation (4, 8)</li> </ul>                                     |
| <p>4. Professional capacity/autonomy</p> <p>a) The qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and largely autonomous initiative in complex situations;</p> <p>b) The intellectual independence to be academically and professionally engaged and current;</p> <p>c) The ethical behaviour consistent with academic integrity and the use of</p> | <p>4a. Be aware of the publication process in peer-reviewed outlets, and be able to select an appropriate outlet for articles reporting on his/her research work;</p> <p>4b. Be able to create a small network of research collaborators;</p> <p>4c. Be able to contribute to a long-term collaborative research project;</p> <p>4d. Be able to establish his/her own research program;</p>  | <p>1. Lectures (a, f)</p> <p>2. Assignments (c, d, f)</p> <p>3. Projects (b, c, d, f)</p> <p>4. Seminars (e, f)</p> <p>6. Supervision/Individual Guidance (a, b, c, d, e, f)</p> <p>7. Self Study (a, b, c, d, e, f)</p> <p>8. Thesis Proposal/NSERC application (a, b, c, d, e, f)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Comprehensive Qualifying Examination</del> (1, 2, 3, 8)</li> <li>• Thesis (6, 7, 8)</li> <li>• Publication (6, 7)</li> <li>• Peer Review (3, 4, 8)</li> </ul> |

Table 2.2: Doctoral Degree - Mapping Program Outcomes to Modes of Delivery and Methods of Assessment

Program: Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science

| Brock University GDLEs<br><i>A graduate of Brock University will be able to demonstrate:</i>   | Program GDLEs/Learning Outcomes<br><i>A the end of this program, the successful student will:</i>   | Modes of Delivery  | Assessment Methods<br><i>Students can demonstrate their knowledge/ are assessed through the following methods:</i>  |
|--|---|--|---|
| <p>appropriate guidelines and procedures for responsible conduct of research</p> <p>d) The ability to evaluate the broader implications of applying knowledge to particular contexts.</p>  | <p>4e. Have demonstrated the ability to craft a promising application for significant funding;</p> <p>4f. Be able to implement a career as an independent researcher and/or professional in academia and/or industry;</p>   |  |   |
| <p>5. Level of communications skills<br/>The ability to communicate complex and/or ambiguous ideas, issues and conclusions clearly and effectively.</p>                                    | <p>5a. Communicate effectively and professionally both in speaking and writing with experts and the general audience;</p> <p>5b. Be well informed of issues related to ethical conduct in science, and be able to engage in discussions on this topic both with their peers and the general public in an informed and reasoned fashion;</p> <p>5c. Be able to select appropriate tools and software to analyze and communicate data and his/her results;</p> <p>5d. Be able to work with other researchers including non-Computer Scientists on a project of common interest;</p> <p>5e. Be experts at finding information that is relevant to his/her research work;</p> | <p>1. Lectures (b, c, e)</p> <p>2. Assignments (a, b, c, e)</p> <p>3. Projects (a, b, c, e)</p> <p>4. Seminars (a, b, c, d, e)</p> <p>6. Supervision/Individual Guidance (a, b, c, e)</p> <p>7. Self Study (b, c, e)</p> <p>8. Thesis Proposal/NSERC Application (a, b, c, d, e)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation (1, 4)</li> <li>• Oral Presentation (4)</li> <li>• Thesis (4, 6, 7, 8)</li> <li>• Publication (6, 7)</li> <li>• Essay/Research Paper (2, 3, 6, 7)</li> </ul> |
| <p>6. Awareness of the limits of knowledge<br/>An appreciation of the limitations of one's own work and discipline, of the complexity of knowledge, and of the potential contributions</p> | <p>6a. Be aware of the limitations of his area of expertise in theory and praxis;</p> <p>6b. Be aware of potential contributions of other interpretations, methods, and disciplines.</p>  | <p>1. Lectures (a, b)</p> <p>4. Seminars (a, b)</p> <p>6. Supervision/Individual Guidance (a, b)</p> <p>7. Self Study (a, b)</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis (6, 7, 8)</li> <li>• Publication (6, 7, 8)</li> <li>• Peer Review (4, 8)</li> <li>• Oral Presentation (4, 8)</li> </ul>   |

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Program: Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science

| <b>Brock University GDLEs</b><br><i>A graduate of Brock University will be able to demonstrate:</i> | <b>Program GDLES/Learning Outcomes</b><br><i>A the end of this program, the successful student will:</i> | <b>Modes of Delivery</b>                    | <b>Assessment Methods</b><br><i>Students can demonstrate their knowledge/ are assessed through the following methods:</i> |
|---|--|---|---|
| of other interpretations, methods, and disciplines.   |  | 8. Thesis Proposal/NSERC Application (a, b) |   |

**Note:**

- Column 2 is taken from Table 1.1 column 3.
- Letters in blue in column 3 index GDLES/learning outcomes in column 2.
- Numbers in red in column 4 index modes of delivery in column 3.

### 3: The Program

#### 3.1: Program Structure, Curriculum and Governance (IQAP 3.5.3)

##### 3.1.1: Program Structure

*Describe the program structure and include a breakdown of courses on a year-by-year or semester-by-semester basis. Explain how the proposed structure achieves the program learning outcomes and degree level expectations. In describing the structure, the Proponent will address the total number of credits or courses necessary for completion. Provide clear rationale for the program length that ensures that the program requirements can be reasonably completed within the proposed time period.*

The program will normally follow a three-stage procedure. First, students will take courses in the graduate program. Then they will complete a [comprehensive-qualifying](#) examination. Students will then perform their doctoral thesis research, and write and defend their thesis. The details of the program are as follows.

##### Course Requirements

Students holding an M.Sc. or transferring from an M.Sc. program must complete a total of 6 half-credit courses (this includes any transfer credits undertaken during M.Sc. studies for option (b) students). Students entering directly from undergraduate program must complete 8 half-credit courses. Course selection is done in consultation with the supervisor, who is identified during admission. Course selection is primarily overseen by the supervisor, and is regulated by the following points:

- Required courses for all students: ISDS 7P75 Ph.D. Seminar and ISDS 5N01 Scientific Writing (normally taken together in the same term, see also Section 3.1 and 4.2).
- All other courses must be COSC/MATH half-credit courses at the 5(alpha)00 or above level.
- With respect to the COSC/MATH courses selected, students supervised by faculty in the Computer Science Department must take at least one graduate course in Mathematics or Statistics. Similarly, students supervised by faculty from the Mathematics and Statistics Department must take at least one graduate course in Computer Science. This requirement supports the interdisciplinary nature of the degree. Each department will ensure that a course appropriate to students with both computer science and mathematics/statistics backgrounds is offered every year.
- Exceptions to the above regulations must be approved by the student's supervisor and the Graduate Program Committee.

##### Qualifying ~~Comprehensive~~ Examination

After all course requirements have been completed, but within the first 24 months of the program, all students must successfully complete a [comprehensive-qualifying](#) examination. Prior to the exam, the student must submit a written proposal of research in the form of an NSERC PGS D grant application or, in the case of students planning a career in industry, a MITACS grant application or other industry appropriate funding source grant application. The student will be guided by the supervisor and the supervisory committee while preparing this application. The examination committee consists of the supervisory committee, and one additional faculty member from the program. The additional faculty member and one member of the supervisory committee will each provide a topic different from the student's research area together with sufficient study material at least 3 months prior to the examination. The examination will start with a presentation by the student about his/her research, followed by questions from the examination committee about this

research. The examination concludes with questions about the topics provided by the two members of the examination committee. The examination can be repeated once within four months.

#### Thesis and Thesis Defense

Before the thesis (ISDS 7F90) is submitted for defense, parts of the thesis have to be published in, or submitted to, a peer-reviewed international journal or conference. The supervisory committee will decide whether a thesis is ready for defense. The examination committee is chaired by the Dean of Graduate Studies or designate, and consists of the supervisory committee, an internal examiner (from outside the graduate program but within Brock University), and an external examiner. The defense is open and will start with a presentation by the student about his/her research, followed by questions from the examination committee.

The following table summarizes the structure of the program by providing a typical timeline of events during the stay in the program depending on the chosen option of entry.

#### Typical Timelines

|        |          | Option a<br>Regular Entry  | Option b<br>Transfer from M.Sc.<br>program                               | Option c<br>Direct Entry with<br>Bachelor's degree  |
|--------|----------|--|--|---|
| Year 0 |          |  | Study in the M.Sc. program   |   |
| Year 1 | Fall     | 2-3 half-credit courses  | 2-3 half-credit courses  | 3 half-credit courses   |
|        | Winter   | 2-3 half-credit courses  | 2-3 half-credit courses  | 3 half-credit courses   |
|        | Summer   | 0-1 half-credit course<br>Preparation Comp. Exam<br>Research work/thesis | 0-1 half-credit course<br>Preparation Comp. Exam<br>Research work/thesis | 2 half-credit <a href="#">coursecourses</a><br>Preparation Comp. Exam<br>Research work/thesis |
| Year 2 | Fall     | Preparation Comp. Exam<br>Research work/thesis                           | Preparation Comp. Exam<br>Research work/thesis                           | Preparation Comp. Exam<br>Research work/thesis  |
|        | Winter   | <a href="#">Comprehensive Qualifying Exam</a><br>Research work/thesis    | <a href="#">QualifyingComprehensive Exam</a><br>Research work/thesis     | <a href="#">QualifyingComprehensive Exam</a><br>Research work/thesis                          |
|        | Summer   | Research work/thesis   | Research work/thesis   | Research work/thesis  |
| Year 3 | (entire) | Research work/thesis   | Research work/thesis   | Research work/thesis  |
| Year 4 | Fall     | Research work/thesis   | Research work/thesis   | Research work/thesis  |
|        | Winter   | Research work/thesis   | Research work/thesis   | Research work/thesis  |
|        | Summer   | Defense  | Defense  | Defense   |

### 3.1.2: Courses and Curriculum

Define the program length and provide a clear rationale that addresses the ability of students to complete the program requirements within the proposed time period. Clearly indicate required or core and elective courses for the program. Describe the contribution of any capstone experience to the program and the connection to the learning outcomes.

#### Length of Study

For full-time students entering the Ph.D. program with options (a) and (c) in 3.1.1, the program is normally a 12 term or four-year program. For M.Sc. students transferring into the Ph.D. program (option b), the program is normally a 15 term or five-year program, which includes the time spent in the master's program. Full-time students must complete all degree requirements within 6 years from the date of first registration. Part-time students must complete all degree requirements within 8 years from the date of first registration.

The course offerings are based on the current offerings in the graduate programs. The determination of Core or Elective courses will be determined by the supervisor. The courses are listed in Table 3.1. New courses will be added to the course bank as new tenure-track faculty are hired. The following courses are compulsory in the program, and will be added to the course bank:

- ISDS 5N01 – Scientific Writing
- ISDS 7P75 – Ph.D. Seminar

ISDS 5N01 will be taught by instructors from Brock Student Development Centre. The remaining courses are electives. The student may select from any course in the course bank, under the advice and approval of the student's supervisor. The host departments' contributions to the course bank cover the following major research areas of computer science, mathematics, and statistics:

- *Artificial intelligence*: COSC 5P71, COSC 5P72, COSC 5P73, COSC 5P74, COSC 5P77, COSC 5P78
- *Data Science*: COSC 5P08, COSC 5P76
- *Systems*: COSC 5P06, COSC 5P07, COSC 5P72, COSC 5P73
- *Formal methods*: COSC 5P02, COSC 5P03, COSC 5P05
- *Algorithms*: COSC 5P01, COSC 5P04
- *Methods of applied mathematics, differential equations and dynamical systems*: MATH 5P20, MATH 5P30, MATH 5P60, MATH 5P09, MATH 5P31, MATH 5P64
- *Statistical methods*: MATH 5P81, MATH 5P82, MATH 5P83, MATH 5P84, MATH 5P85, MATH 5P86, MATH 5P87, MATH 5P88
- *Graph and game theory*: MATH 5P35, MATH 5P36

In addition to the above, students can select courses from other areas of mathematics, including algebra and number theory (MATH 5P10, MATH 5P15, MATH 5P50, MATH 5P92), functional analysis and topology (MATH 5P40, MATH 5P70) and technology in math education (MATH 5P96).

Table 3.1: Summary of course information for Program in Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science.

| Course No. | Course Name        | Core or Elective | Contact hrs/wk | Delivery Mode |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| ISDS 5N01  | Scientific Writing | C                | 4              | Seminars      |

|           |  |   |   |              |
|-----------|--|---|---|--------------|
| ISDS 7P75 | Ph.D. Seminar  | C | 4 | Lec          |
| COSC 5P01 | Coding Theory  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P02 | Logic in Computer Science                                    | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P03 | Universal Algebra in Computer Science                        | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P04 | Parallel Algorithms  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P05 | Introduction to the Lambda Calculus                          | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P06 | Principles of Mobile Cloud Computing                         | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P07 | Fundamentals of Parallel and Distributed Systems             | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P08 | Algorithms for Data Science                                  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P71 | Genetic Programming  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P72 | Robot Control Architectures                                  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P73 | Computer Vision  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P74 | Evolutionary Computation                                     | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P75 | Directed Reading   | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P76 | Non-invasive Data Analysis                                   | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P77 | Recent Advances in Computational Intelligence                | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| COSC 5P78 | Machine Learning   | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P10 | Groups, Rings, and Group Rings                               | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P35 | Graph Theory   | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P50 | Algebraic Number Theory                                      | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P66 | Matrix Groups and Linear Representations                     | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P20 | Computational Methods for Algebraic and Differential Systems | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P30 | Dynamical Systems  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P40 | Functional Analysis  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P60 | Partial Differential Equations                               | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P09 | Solitons   | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P15 | Algebraic Coding Theory                                      | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |



|           |   |   |   |              |
|-----------|---|---|---|--------------|
| MATH 5P31 | Ergodicity, Entropy and Chaos                       | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P36 | Algorithmic Game Theory                             | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P41 | Nonlinear Functional Analysis                       | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P64 | Differential Geometry and Mathematical Physics      | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P70 | Topology  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P92 | Cryptography  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P96 | Technology and Mathematics Education                | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P81 | Sampling Theory                                     | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P82 | Nonparametric Statistics                            | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P83 | Linear Models                                       | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P84 | Time Series Analysis and Stochastic Processes       | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P85 | Mathematical Statistical Inference                  | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P86 | Multivariate Statistics                             | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P87 | Computational Statistics                            | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P88 | Advanced Statistics                                 | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |
| MATH 5P89 | Computational Methods for Generalized Linear Models | E | 4 | Lec/seminars |

### 3.1.3: Program Options

Include possible options available for program completion, e.g.e.g., full time vs part time, course based, MRP, dissertation, practicum, fast track, research requirements, etc.

The program normally accepts only full-time students. A part-time option will only be available in exceptional cases. An admission of a student with part-time status can only be based on option a) (Section 3.1.1, "holds M.Sc degree"), and requires the approval of the graduate committee of the relevant department. The student and the potential supervisor must outline the exceptional circumstances that require part-time status for the particular student.

In addition to the admission criteria in Section 4.1, a faculty supervisor must be identified and specified at admission. According to the specified supervisor's home department, applications will be reviewed by the Department of Computer Science or Department of Mathematics and Statistics. The Faculty of Graduate Studies administers standard admissions procedure for all graduate programs at Brock. For example, international students will be required to provide proof of English language proficiency as specified by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

**Exit Strategy:** Students who decide to withdraw from the program before completing it can obtain a *Type 1 Graduate Diploma in Intelligent Systems and Data Science*, providing that they pass (minimum 70B) the following 5 half-credit:

- Interdisciplinary seminar ISDS 7P75
- Scientific writing course ISDS 5N01
- One graduate course in mathematics/statistics and 2 graduate courses in computer science or one graduate course in computer science and 2 graduate courses in mathematics/statistics.

### 3.1.4: Progression Requirements

*Provide a description of the progression requirements for continuation in the program.*

Progress requirements for remaining in the program are as follows:

- Students must obtain a minimum of 70B in a course to receive graduate credit in their course work (year 1).
- Students must pass the [comprehensive qualifying](#) examination to proceed with thesis research (end of year 2).
- Students must write up portion(s) of the thesis research and submit it to a suitable peer-reviewed national/international journal or conference as felt appropriate by the supervisor. The written paper will be initially approved by the student's supervisor, who is normally a second author on the manuscript. This will happen before the thesis defense commences. Actual acceptance for publication is desirable, and will likely happen in most cases, but is not a requirement for satisfying the degree requirements.
- Students must successfully pass the thesis defense (end of degree).

### 3.1.5: Governance

*Describe the governance model to be established for oversight and monitoring of the program from an administrative and academic perspective. Document both University and program specific regulations. Examples or copies of related documents are to be included in Appendix C.*

The Program Committee for the program follows article 16A in the Collective Agreement. In particular, the Program Committee comprises all faculty members who teach in the program (16A.02a), as well as invitees whom the Program Committee wishes to invite to participate (16A.02c).

Governance of the program will be jointly shared between the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Each department will be responsible for the administration of the students being supervised by their respective faculty members. Administration of these responsibilities will primarily involve each department's respective graduate program director and graduate ~~studies committee, and~~ [studies committee and](#) will follow the department procedures set by each unit. Such responsibilities may include:

- Determining the suitability of entrance requirements by applicants to the program and concentration during the application process.
- Faculty selection of students for supervision, and approval of these students by the department's graduate studies committee.
- Overseeing resource allocation from the department for the students (office space, hardware resources, teaching assistantships, conference funding...).
- Monitoring the progress of students with respect to satisfying the requirements of the program.

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Both departments support the above model. The division of administrative duties ensures the independence of each department, which is necessary since both departments already have independent departmental governance. Decisions made at admission, supervisory committee oversight of [qualifying comprehensive](#) examinations and thesis research progress, funding (TA contracts, supervisor research stipends), and department resource allocation (office space, hardware allocation, conference funding, etc.) will remain under the control of each department. Of course, aspects requiring co-operation will be discussed between the departments, with the goal of fairly allocating shared resources (e.g., graduate funding quota allocation by the Faculty and Graduate Studies, etc.).

Even though there will be split administrative responsibilities for the program, it is important to note that there are fundamentally shared goals and interests between the departments for the degree, which is the main motivation for the establishment of this transdisciplinary degree in the first place. Students from both departments will follow the high-level guidelines for the Ph.D., and hence share the same fundamental experience. Students are required to take graduate courses offered by both ~~departments,~~ [departments and](#) will take ISDS 7P75/5N01 together. There are also ample opportunities for close interaction between the departments. For example, the course bank is open to all students, and the selection and admittance to courses will be determined by supervisors and instructors according to individual student experience and abilities, as well as thesis topic requirements. Faculty in both departments may participate in thesis supervisory committees for all students, as deemed appropriate by supervisors. There are also possibilities for collaborative research between the departments.

Other administrative offices at Brock will be involved in administration of the Ph.D.:

(i) [The Faculty of Mathematics and Science](#): This office is involved in various aspects of Ph.D. programs, such as teaching assistantship budgets for each unit, resource allocations for each unit, and other issues. Typically, the Faculty of M&S Associate Dean for Graduate Studies is the main administrator involved, who works under the direction of the Dean.

(ii) [The Faculty of Graduate Studies](#): This office is responsible for implementing admissions for graduate programs, recording course grades and degree requirements, allocating funding and scholarships, overseeing University regulations for graduate programs, and organizing defences for Ph.D. students.

### 3.2: Program Content

#### 3.2.1: Current State of the Discipline (IQAP 3.5.4)

*Describe how the proposed curriculum of the program is positioned relative to the current state of the discipline or area of study.*

The proposed curriculum is well-positioned with respect to the discipline. Important courses in intelligent systems and data science will be regularly offered. One of its main strengths is its wide scope, due to the rich assortment of courses and research expertise contributed by faculty from multiple disciplines - mathematics, statistics, and computer science. Hence the program is also ~~flexible, and~~ flexible and will accommodate many different research interests and thesis trajectories which will naturally arise, given that two distinct departments are hosting the degree. The opportunity for students to select from such a wide selection of courses makes the program stand out from other programs that are homed in a single department, and whose curricula are consequently narrower in breadth. The scientific writing course (ISDS 5N01) is also unique.

**3.2.2: Uniqueness of Innovations of the Program (IQAP 3.5.4)**

*Identify and describe any unique curriculum, innovations or creative components that contribute to the program and the achievement of its learning outcomes.*

The program features two unique innovations. Both features were created in order to distinguish this program from other Ph.D. programs in the province. They combine research and learning components with professional development.

(i) ISDS 7P75/ISDS 5N01: The ISDS 7P75 seminar course will normally be taken together with the ISDS 5N01 scientific writing course. This provides a unique learning environment by combining scientific work with appropriate writing techniques in one experience. The student will get a research topic together with sufficient reading material from the supervisor. While studying the material the student will attend the mandatory sessions of the scientific writing course. The summary for the seminar course in the form of a scientific paper or other appropriate format and the final presentation will be prepared by the student with support of the instructors from Brock's A-Z Learning Services and the supervisor. This combined learning experience aligns very well with the Graduate Degree Learning Expectation "5. Level of communications skills" and Program Outcomes (Table 2.1: 2c, 5(a,b,e)).

(ii) Qualifying Comprehensive Examination: The particular focus on writing grant applications as part of the qualifying comprehensive examination is an innovation of this program. All students are required to propose their research topic in the form of a 5-page grant proposal, following the organization of an NSERC Discovery Grant or MITACS grant application. The application is prepared in consultation with and guided by the supervisor and the supervisory committee. This process aligns very well with the Graduate Degree Learning Expectation "4. Professional capacity/autonomy" and the Program Outcomes Table 2.1: 1a, 2(a,c), 3f, 4(d,e,f), 5a). As already mentioned above, a secondary outcome is that the student can actually submit a competitive grant application.

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**3.2.3: Experiential Learning (IQAP 3.5.11)**

*If the proposed program will contain an experiential learning component provide a description of the component, including:*

- a) Requirements, credits, length;
- b) Integration/relation of this experience within the program of study;
- c) Who is responsible for arranging the experiential learning component;
- d) What placement opportunities exist for students; and,
- e) Where experiential education is a program requirement, provide evidence that all students can be accommodated.

Not applicable.

**3.2.4: Research Requirements (IQAP 3.5.4)**

*For research-focused graduate programs, clearly indicate the nature and suitability of the major research requirements toward degree completion.*

There are two means for determining whether the thesis research has reached a suitable level of quality to satisfy the degree requirements. First, the supervisory committee will decide whether a thesis is ready for defense. The primary committee member to make this determination is the

supervisor, since she or he has been the most involved with the student for the duration of studies. Second, before the thesis is submitted for defense, portion(s) of the thesis have to be published in, or submitted to, a national/international peer-reviewed journal or conference. (Acceptance for publication is not required.)

**3.2.5: Distribution of Graduate Courses (IQAP 3.5.4)**

*For new graduate programs provide clear evidence that each student in the program will be required to take a minimum of two-thirds of the course requirements from among graduate level courses.*

All the course requirements listed in 3.1.1 are graduate level (5Pxx and above) courses.

*A draft copy of the calendar entry for the proposed program should be included as Appendix D*

#### 4: Admissions and Enrollments

**4.1: Admission Requirements (IQAP 3.5.2)**

*Clearly define the admission requirements for the proposed program. Proponents will address the appropriateness of the program's admission requirements for the learning outcomes established for completion of the program. Describe pathways to entry and how applications will be adjudicated.*

Students may enter the program via one of the following paths:

- a) **Direct:** An M.Sc. in computer science, mathematics, statistics, or a closely related discipline, with a minimum 80% overall average from an accredited institution. The appropriateness of the M.Sc.'s field of study will be assessed primarily by a potential supervisor and the graduate program committee, who will determine whether the applicant has the background necessary to commence with Ph.D. research in the chosen area.
- b) **Transfer:** Students currently in one of the M.Sc. programs of the host departments may apply to transfer into the Ph.D. program after one year of study if they have completed the required number of courses in their program with an average of at least 80%, have shown significant research progress and/or potential as determined by their supervisory committee and graduate program committee, and have the support of a faculty member who is willing to supervise and fund the student for Ph.D. studies.
- c) **Exceptional:** In very exceptional cases, students may be admitted into the Ph.D. program with a four-year honours Bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, with an overall average of at least an 85%. These students must demonstrate high research potential adjudicated by the graduate program committee, and have the support of a faculty member willing to supervise and fund the student for Ph.D. studies.

Throughout the above, the main factor in determining the final admission of a student is the approval of a faculty member willing to supervise the ~~student, and~~ student and contribute research funding. The assignment of a supervisor is required at the beginning of the admission process. Faculty members peruse applicant ~~files, and~~ files and make decisions on whom they would like to admit under their supervision. The supervisory loads of faculty are decided by the faculty members themselves, who may use a number of factors in making their decisions (e-g-e.g., number of students, available grant money). Faculty are also personally responsible for deciding the balance of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students under their individual supervision. (This contrasts to the procedure of some larger institutions, in which students can select a suitable supervisor long after admission, and possibly even after courses have been taken.)

#### 4.2: Alternative or Additional Requirements

Describe any alternative or additional requirements for admission into a graduate, second-entry or undergraduate program, such as minimum grade point average, additional language requirements or portfolios. Describe how the program will assess and recognize prior work or learning experience (if applicable).

Not applicable.

#### 4.3: Enrollment Projections

The Department/Centre, in consultation with Institutional Analysis and Planning and the relevant Dean(s), is to provide the projected annual intake and enrollments for the program, including the desired level of steady state enrollment and how many years will be required to reach steady state levels.

The projected enrollment of the program is based on following observations:

- a) The Ph.D. program will follow an apprenticeship model, which is a common approach to post-graduate education in scientific and mathematical disciplines. This model is based on a close learning and research relationship between the student and the faculty supervisor. After completing the course work of the program, the student will work closely with the supervisor on all aspects of the thesis and potential publications. The supervisor will normally provide additional funding for the student in terms of a research fellowship. This model requires a significant commitment of time and funding by the faculty supervisor, and as a consequence, it limits the number of students that a faculty member is able to supervise.
- b) Both host departments will experience significant faculty turnover due to retirements during the coming. New faculty members with recently established research programs and funding will increase the capacity of the program over time. Two retirements in the Computer Science Department have been replaced as of 2020, 2 additional replacement positions have been approved for 2020/21, and that department's strategic hiring plan counts on an additional growth 3 hires during the next 3 years. The other unit (Mathematics and Statistics) had two retirements in [July 2019](#), and [July 2019](#) and may have 2 additional retirements in the coming years. Therefore, for the calculation of the projected enrollment, we have assumed one faculty replacement every year starting in 2021.

Table 4.1: Projected Intake and Enrollments for Graduate Program

| PROJECTED INTAKE AND ENROLLMENTS Doctoral Program |        |                  |
|---|--------|------------------|
| Year  | Intake | Total Enrollment |
| 2021/22   | 5      | 5                |
| 2022/23   | 5      | 10               |
| 2023/24   | 5      | 15               |
| 2024/25   | 5      | 20               |
| 2025/26   | 5      | 20               |
| 2026/27   | 5      | 20               |

*Provide comment on enrollment projections.*

The projected enrollment of the program over the first 6 years is provided in Table 4.1. The initial and long-term intake of 5 Ph.D. students per year is based upon the projections given in the SMA 2 document. Between the two departments, we estimate that an intake of 5 students per year is reasonable, especially given that new research-active faculty will be hired to replace retirements in the coming years, and hopefully additional faculty will be hired to increase faculty numbers. In 4 years, an estimated steady-state enrollment of 20 Ph.D. students should arise, which will be sustained as students complete their program in 4-year time spans.

## 5: Resources

*In the following sections the Proponents will address the planned utilization of existing and new resources in support of the proposed program. Specifically, the proponents are to address the human (faculty and staff), physical (office, teaching and research space), financial, library, technology (ITS and CPI), Co-op and experiential learning, etc., resources required.*

*Where new or additional resources are required to deliver the proposed program, the Proponents will document the results of consultation with the appropriate University office/unit, (e.g.e.g., the relevant Dean(s), Library, ITS, etc.) in the appropriate section(s) below, including any institutional commitments to provide these new resources.*

### 5.1: Resources for All Programs (IQAP 3.5.9)

#### **5.1.1: Existing Resources**

*In the context of the proposed program indicate the planned utilization of any existing human, physical, fiscal and all other existing resources in the delivery of the program.*

The host departments sustain very successful undergraduate and graduate programs with the resources currently available. The departments are able to offer the necessary number of courses for both programs. The equipment and other resources in terms of servers, computer labs, library support etc. are good. The contingent of potential supervisors is strong enough to maintain consistently two of the largest M.Sc. programs in the Faculty of Mathematics and Science.

#### Course Offerings

The new program will introduce two new courses (ISDS 7P75 Ph.D. Seminar, ISDS 5N01 Scientific Writing). New faculty hires will naturally result in updates and growth of the graduate course bank. Teaching appointments by the Dean (including part-time instructors) will help the departments maintain their undergraduate offerings.

#### Computers

(i) As mentioned earlier, each department is responsible for resources required by students studying under supervisors from that department. Each Ph.D. student is allocated a PC in their office space if required (many students use their personal laptops). Department servers, computer labs, and a research cluster funded by faculty grants, can be used for more demanding computing tasks.

(ii) Brock is a full member of the SHARCnet consortium, and therefore graduate students have access to high performance clusters.



To summarize the analysis of resources required to establish the new program and sustain undergraduate and graduate programs in both departments:

- Instructional support from Brock's A-Z Learning Services for the ISDS 7P75/ISDS 5N01 scientific writing course.
- Replacement tenure-track faculty members for retirements.
- Two growth tenure-track positions (one per host department) to support Ph.D.
- Sessional instructors to help maintain undergraduate course offerings when required.

#### **5.1.2: Faculty Complement**

*Provide evidence of the participation of a sufficient number of faculty/instructors who are competent to teach and/or supervise in the program. When describing the faculty complement include the contributions of full-time faculty, sessional instructors, adjunct appointments, professional/clinicians, etc. to the proposed program. Requests for any new faculty positions and the general area of expertise required for the program should be clearly identified along with the rationale for the positions reported.*

Tables 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 providing data on the existing faculty resources to be utilized in support of the proposed program. The CVs of all faculty/instructors contributing to the program are found in Appendix E.

The current faculty numbers in the host departments is sufficient to support the basic requirements of the Ph.D. Current graduate course offerings that support the M.Sc. programs will be used for Ph.D. course requirements. Since the Ph.D. course requirements are fulfilled in the first 2 years of study, there will be sufficient offerings of graduate courses in both departments to satisfy the Ph.D.

At the suggestion and support of the Dean, two growth tenure-track appointments will be requested, in order to enrich and expand the success of the Ph.D. program. Each department will request a tenure-track faculty appointment to support the Ph.D. The appointments' research area will solidify the research themes of the Ph.D. Although the exact research directions are open, one promising research area is *computational modelling*, which directly supports the stated theme of "Intelligent Systems and Data Science." However, expertise in any of the focus areas are possible research fields for new appointments. A formal application for these appointments will commence immediately after the Ph.D. is given final approval.

Another area of strategic importance to the long-term success of the program is data science, including machine learning and AI. Currently, there is only a single faculty member (Marshall) in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics working in data science. The Mathematics and Statistics Department's hiring plan prioritizes two positions (replacements for retirements occurring July 1, 2019) in data science and computational statistics with emphasis on "big data". Filling these two positions will be essential for the program to have the capacity to cover the important new field of data science.

As mentioned elsewhere in the proposal, the Department of Mathematics and Statistics lost three positions in the last two years, two of them in mathematics and one in statistics. Current hiring plan calls for replacement of these positions with two positions in statistics/data science and one in financial mathematics. This means that the Department will effectively lose some expertise in mathematics. In order to make the proposed Ph.D. program successful, this missing expertise in mathematics will have to be addressed, preferably by future hiring of another faculty in mathematics. Moreover, since we hope to expand the proposed Ph.D. program in the future to include data science, strong mathematical foundation will definitely be essential, further justifying this need.

Similarly, the Department of Computer Science is experiencing four retirements from 2018-2020. Two retirements have been replaced, and two hires to replace the remaining positions has been approved for 2020. The Department was directed to dedicate one of the new replacements towards a proposed B.Sc. in Data Science and Analytics. This diverges from the Department's strategic hiring plan, in which the data science position was to be a new "growth" position to support this new program. Therefore, the Department is counting upon new growth position(s) in the coming years in order to support core undergraduate programs, the new BSc in Data Science, the growing M.Sc. program, and this new Ph.D. program. In particular, growth positions will enable the department to expand into important areas of computer science research (data bases, machine learning, security, and many others), and reach a critical mass for research activity in these areas.

*a) Instructor Qualifications and Teaching Assignments within the Unit*

*Complete Table 5.1. Comment on the instructor qualifications and teaching assignments.*

Table 5.1 shows the teaching assignments and student supervisions undertaken by faculty in both departments, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Most faculty are tenured, with one assistant professor in Computer Science in the tenure track stream, and another faculty member is a non-tenure stream instructional limited term appointment (ILTA). Three new tenure-track assistant professors are not included in the table, as they are new hires. Teaching loads vary according to each department's workload standards, as well as overload teaching voluntarily taken by faculty members. Undergraduate and graduate supervision is also voluntarily assumed by faculty, who may use a number of factors in determining supervision loads (student numbers, research grants for RA assistantships, etc.).

*b) Contributions by Instructors to Other Units*

*Complete Table 5.2. Comment on the contribution of instructors in the program(s) to other units.*

Dr. Winter has a long-standing relationship with the IASC and associated undergraduate Game program. This will not negatively impact his involvement in the Ph.D. (it has not affected his participation in the COSC M.Sc., as he is one of the most active graduate supervisors).

*c) Contributions by Instructors from Other Units*

*Complete Table 5.3. Comment on the contribution of instructors from other units to the program.*

Dr. Liang has collaborated with members of the Department of Computer Science on bioinformatics-related research.

*d) Document the role of adjunct and part-time faculty in the delivery of the program.*

Dr. Joseph Brown (U Innopolis, Russia) and Dr. James Hughes (St. Francis-Xavier University, Antigonish) are adjunct assistant professors in the Department of Computer Science. All are involved in M.Sc. supervision and examination. All adjunct professors are welcome to contribute to the Ph.D. program in terms of co-supervision and examination.

*e) Clearly identify and provide the rationale for any new faculty positions required to deliver the program. Include the results of consultation with the relevant Dean(s).*

Repeating discussion from 4.3 above, both host departments will experience significant faculty turnover due to retirements during the next 2-10 years. Computer Science will have 4 retirements within the next 2 years (of which three replacement positions have already been approved), and an additional 2 retirements within the following 6 years. Mathematics and Statistics will have two retirement in July 2019, one faculty passed away in December 2018, and 2 other faculty members will

soon reach the retirement age. However, no upcoming replacements are currently confirmed, and the actual timeline for any future replacements cannot be predicted. Therefore, we assumed at least one faculty replacement every year starting in 2020.

(Repeating from 5.1.2 above): At the suggestion and support of the Dean, both departments each will request new joint tenure-track faculty appointment which will directly support the Ph.D. program. The two new appointments' research areas will solidify the research themes of the Ph.D. Although the exact research directions are open, one promising research area is "Computational Modelling", which directly addresses the stated theme of "Intelligent Systems and Data Science." Other research areas are those listed in the focus areas in Section 1.1. A formal application for these appointments will commence immediately after the Ph.D. is given final approval.

Table 5.1: Instructor Qualifications and Teaching Assignments Within the Program (Current + past four years)

| Instructor Name         | Demographics                         |               |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           | Comments |                       |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
|                         | Area of Expertise                    | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Membership |          | Post-Doctoral Fellows |
| <b>Computer Science</b> |                                      |               |                 |       |                         |            |               |          |                         |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
| Robson De Grande        | Networking and Distributed Computing | 17/18         | Ph.D.           | AT    | T                       | 2017       | 2             | 0        |                         | C                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
| Ivo Düntsch             | Formal Methods                       | 17/18         | Habilitation    | EM    | T                       | 2002       |               |          |                         | C                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          | retired               |
|                         |                                      | 14-17         |                 | F     | T                       |            |               |          |                         | C                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          | sick leave            |
| Earl Foxwell            |                                      | 17/18         | M.Sc.           | ILTA  | -                       | 2010       | 10            |          |                         | P                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
|                         |                                      | 16/17         |                 | ILTA  | -                       |            | 10            |          |                         | P                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
|                         |                                      | 15/16         |                 | ILTA  | -                       |            | 9             |          |                         | P                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
|                         |                                      | 14/15         |                 | ILTA  | -                       |            | 9             |          |                         | P                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
|                         |                                      | 13/14         |                 | ILTA  | -                       |            | 8             |          |                         | P                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |

| Table 5.1: Instructor Qualifications and Teaching Assignments <u>Within the Program</u> (Current + past four years) |                            |               |                 |       |                         |            |               |          |                         |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |   |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Instructor Name   | Demographics               |               |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           | Comments                                |
|   | Area of Expertise          | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Membership |   |
| Sheridan Houghten   | Combinatorial optimization | 17/18         | Ph.D.           | F     | T                       | 1999       | 2             | 1        |                         | C                     | 2                    |                      | 5                         |                            | 3                         |   |
|   |                            | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             |          |                         | C                     | 1                    |                      | 5                         |                            | 2                         | sabbatical (0.5 year)                   |
|   |                            | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 1        |                         | C                     | 1                    |                      | 5                         |                            | 4                         |   |
|   |                            | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            |               |          |                         | C                     | 1                    |                      | 6                         |                            | 6                         | chair (0.5 year), sabbatical (0.5 year) |
|   |                            | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             |          |                         | C                     | 1                    |                      | 5                         |                            | 5                         | chair                                   |
| David Hughes  | Programming languages      | 17/18         | Ph.D.           | AC    | T                       | 1978       | 3             |          |                         | C                     | 3                    |                      |                           |                            |                           | lead author, cyclic review              |
|   |                            | 16/17         |                 | AC    | T                       |            | 3             |          |                         | C                     | 3                    |                      |                           |                            |                           | courseware development                  |
|   |                            | 15/16         |                 | AC    | T                       |            | 4             |          |                         | C                     | 2                    |                      |                           |                            |                           |   |
|   |                            | 14/15         |                 | AC    | T                       |            | 3             |          |                         | C                     | 4                    |                      |                           |                            |                           | chair (0.5 year)                        |

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|---|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------|--|
| Instructor Name   | Area of Expertise                  | Demographics  |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            | Comments |  |
|   |                                    | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral |          | Grad Committee Membership              |
|   |                                    | 13/14         |                 | AC    | T                       |            | 2             |          |                         | C                     | 2                    |                      |                           |                            |          | sabbatical                             |
| Beatrice Ombuki-Berman  | Computational intelligence         | 17/18         | Ph.D.           | F     | T                       | 2001       | 2             | 1        |                         | C                     | 3                    | 1                    | 4                         | 2                          | 6        | Ph.D. supervisions at U. Pretoria (SA) |
|   |                                    | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 3             |          |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 2                         | 2                          | 4        | Graduate Pgm. Dir.                     |
|   |                                    | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             |          |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 2                         | 1                          | 3        |  |
|   |                                    | 14/15         |                 | AC    | T                       |            |               |          |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 2                         | 1                          | 3        | sabbatical                             |
|   |                                    | 13/14         |                 | AC    | T                       |            | 2             |          |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 3                         |                            | 5        |  |
| Ke Qiu  | Parallel and distributed computing | 17/18         | Ph.D.           | F     | T                       | 2004       | 2             |          |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 2                         |                            | 5        | chair                                  |
|   |                                    | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             |          |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 2                         |                            | 2        | chair                                  |
|   |                                    | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             |          |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 2                         |                            | 2        | chair                                  |
|   |                                    | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             |          |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 2                         |                            | 2        | sabbatical (0.5 year)                  |

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| Instructor Name   | Demographics               |               |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           | Comments              |
|   | Area of Expertise          | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Membership |                       |
|   |                            | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 1        |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 3                         |                            | 5                         |                       |
| Brian Ross  | Computational intelligence | 17/18         | Ph.D.           | F     | T                       | 1992       | 1             |          |                         | C                     | 2                    |                      | 6                         |                            | 6                         | sabbatical (0.5 year) |
|   |                            | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 1        |                         | C                     | 2                    |                      | 5                         |                            | 4                         | Graduate Pgm. Dir.    |
|   |                            | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 1        |                         | C                     | 2                    |                      | 6                         |                            | 7                         | Graduate Pgm. Dir.    |
|   |                            | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 1        |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 5                         |                            | 4                         | Graduate Pgm. Dir.    |
|   |                            | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 1        |                         | C                     |                      |                      | 5                         |                            | 4                         |                       |
| Michael Winter  | Formal methods             | 17/18         | Habilitation    | F     | T                       | 2003       | 6             | 3        |                         | C                     | 2                    | 2                    | 4                         |                            | 1                         |                       |
|   |                            | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 3             | 3        |                         | C                     | 3                    |                      | 5                         |                            | 2                         | sabbatical (0.5 year) |
|   |                            | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 5             | 2        |                         | C                     | 1                    |                      | 3                         |                            | 4                         |                       |
|   |                            | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 4             | 3        |                         | C                     | 3                    |                      | 3                         |                            | 6                         |                       |
|   |                            | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 4             | 2        |                         | C                     | 2                    |                      | 2                         |                            | 5                         |                       |



| Table 5.1: Instructor Qualifications and Teaching Assignments <u>Within the Program</u> (Current + past four years) |   |               |                 |       |                         |            |               |          |                         |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |   |
|---|---|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---|
| Instructor Name   | Demographics  |               |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           | Comments |   |
|   | Area of Expertise   | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Membership |          | Post-Doctoral Fellows                                     |
| <b>Mathematics and Statistics</b>   |   |               |                 |       |                         |            |               |          |                         |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |   |
| Stephen Anco  | Differential equations, integrability, mathematical physics | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 1999       | 0             | 0        | 1                       | C                     | 0                    | 2                    |                           | 0                          |                           | 1        | Chair 0.5 course reduction (Self Study)                   |
|   |   | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 0             | 1        | 0                       |                       | 0                    | 2                    |                           | 0                          |                           | 1        | Chair o. 5 course reduction (excess unscheduled teaching) |
|   |   | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 3             | 0        | 0                       |                       | 1                    | 2                    |                           | 1                          |                           | 0        | GPD   |
|   |   | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 1        | 1                       |                       | 1                    | 1                    |                           | 1                          |                           | 1        |   |
|   |   | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 0             | 0        | 0                       |                       | 2                    | 1                    |                           | 1                          |                           | 0        | Sabbatical (1 year)                                       |

| Table 5.1: Instructor Qualifications and Teaching Assignments <u>Within the Program</u> (Current + past four years) |                    |               |                 |       |                         |            |               |          |                         |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |          |                           |  |
|---|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------|--|
| Instructor Name   | Area of Expertise  | Demographics  |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            | Comments |                           |  |
|   |                    | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral |          | Grad Committee Membership | Post-Doctoral Fellows  |
| Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh   | Nonlinear analysis | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 1988       | 0             | 1        |                         | C                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |          |                           | Administrative leave (0.5 year )<br>0.5 course reduction (Data Science Proposal) |
|   |                    | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             |          |                         |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |          |                           | Associate Dean<br><br>(half teaching load)                                       |
|   |                    | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             |          |                         |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |          |                           | Associate Dean<br><br>(half teaching load)                                       |
|   |                    | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 1        |                         |                       |                      | 1                    |                           |                            |          |                           | Associate Dean<br><br>(half teaching load)                                       |

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|---|---|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Instructor Name   | Area of Expertise                             | Demographics  |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           | Comments |                                 |
|   |   | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Membership |          | Post-Doctoral Fellows           |
|   |   | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 0        | 0                       |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           | 1        | Administrative Leave (0.5 year) |
| Chantal Buteau  | Didactic of mathematics                       | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 2004       | 4             | 0        | 0                       | C                     | 1                    | 2                    |                           |                            |                           |          |                                 |
|   |   | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 3             | 0        | 1                       |                       | 1                    | 2                    |                           |                            |                           |          |                                 |
|   |   | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 3             | 0        | 1                       |                       |                      | 2                    |                           |                            |                           |          |                                 |
|   |   | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 0             | 0        | 0                       |                       |                      | 5                    |                           |                            |                           |          | Sabbatical leave                |
|   |   | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 3             | 0        | 1                       |                       | 1                    | 4                    |                           |                            |                           |          |                                 |
| Henryk Fukš   | Discrete dynamical systems, cellular automata | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 2000       | 3             | 0        | 1                       | C                     | 1                    | 2                    |                           |                            |                           |          |                                 |
|   |   | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 3             | 1        | 0                       |                       | 1                    | 2                    |                           |                            | 1                         |          |                                 |

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|---|--|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Instructor Name   | Area of Expertise                        | Demographics  |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           | Comments |                       |
|   |  | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Membership |          | Post-Doctoral Fellows |
|   |  | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 0        | 0                       |                       |                      | 2                    | 1                         |                            | 1                         |          | Sabbatical (0.5 year) |
|   |  | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 1        | 0                       |                       |                      | 1                    | 3                         |                            |                           |          | GPD                   |
|   |  | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 0        | 0                       |                       |                      | 3                    | 3                         |                            |                           |          | GPD,                  |
| Mei Ling Huang <sup>1</sup>   | Statistical inference theory and methods | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 1991       | 2             | 0        | 2                       | C                     | 1                    | 3                    | 3                         |                            | 3                         |          |                       |
|   |  | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 1        | 0                       |                       | 2                    | 1                    | 3                         |                            | 3                         | 1        | Sabbatical (0.5 year) |
|   |  | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 0        | 2                       |                       |                      | 1                    | 1                         |                            | 1                         | 1        |                       |
|   |  | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 0        | 2                       |                       |                      | 3                    | 3                         |                            | 3                         | 1        |                       |
|   |  | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 0        | 1                       |                       |                      | 1                    | 1                         |                            | 1                         |          | Sabbatical (0.5)      |

1 Retiring in July 2019

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|---|---|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--|
| Instructor Name   | Area of Expertise   | Demographics  |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           | Comments |  |
|   |   | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Membership |          | Post-Doctoral Fellows                    |
| Omar Kihel  | Number Theory, Algebra, Arithmetic Geometry and Cryptography. | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 2002       | 1             | 0        | 1                       | C                     |                      | 3                    | 5                         |                            |                           |          | Special Course Release (0.5 year)<br>GPD |
|   |   | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 1        | 1                       |                       | 4                    | 3                    | 1                         |                            |                           |          |  |
|   |   | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 3             | 0        | 1                       |                       | 2                    | 2                    | 2                         |                            |                           |          |  |
|   |   | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 1        | 1                       |                       | 1                    | 3                    | 2                         |                            |                           |          |  |
|   |   | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 0        | 1                       |                       | 1                    | 3                    | 2                         |                            |                           |          | Sabbatical (0.5 year)                    |
| Yuanlin Li  | Groups, rings and group rings                                 | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 2001       | 2             | 1        | 0                       | C                     |                      | 2                    |                           |                            |                           | 1        | Medical Reduction (0.5 year)             |
|   |   | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 0        | 0                       |                       |                      | 1                    |                           |                            |                           |          | Medical Leave (0.5)                      |
|   |   | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 1        | 0                       |                       |                      | 1                    |                           |                            | 1                         | 1        | Sabbatical (0.5)                         |

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|---|---|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Instructor Name   | Area of Expertise                               | Demographics  |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           | Comments |                       |
|   |   | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Membership |          | Post-Doctoral Fellows |
|   |   | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 4             | 0        | 0                       |                       | 1                    | 2                    |                           |                            | 1                         |          |                       |
|   |   | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 3             | 1        | 0                       |                       | 1                    | 1                    | 1                         |                            | 1                         |          |                       |
| Alexandre Odesskii  | Mathematical physics                            | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 2008       | 2             | 1        | 1                       | C                     | 1                    | 1                    |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
|   |   | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 3             | 0        | 1                       |                       |                      | 1                    |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
|   |   | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 4             | 0        | 0                       |                       |                      | 1                    |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
|   |   | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 4             | 0        | 0                       |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
|   |   | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            |               |          |                         |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          | Sabbatical (1 year)   |
| Jan Vrbik   | Classical mechanics, probability and statistics | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 1982       | 3             | 1        | 0                       | C                     | 1                    | 1                    | 2                         |                            | 3                         |          |                       |
|   |   | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 2        | 0                       |                       |                      | 3                    | 1                         |                            | 2                         |          |                       |
|   |   | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 1        | 1                       |                       |                      | 2                    |                           |                            | 1                         |          |                       |
|   |   | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 2        | 0                       |                       |                      | 4                    | 1                         |                            | 2                         |          |                       |

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|---|---|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Instructor Name   | Area of Expertise                                   | Demographics  |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            | Comments |                                  |
|   |   | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral |          | Grad Committee Membership        |
|   |   | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 2        | 0                       |                       | 1                    | 6                    | 1                         |                            | 2        |                                  |
| Thomas Wolf   | Integrability, Computer Algebra, General Relativity | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 2001       | 3             | 0        | 0                       | C                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |          | 0.5 course reduction (Math Camp) |
|   |   | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 1        | 0                       |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |          |                                  |
|   |   | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 1        | 0                       |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |          | Chair                            |
|   |   | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 1        | 0                       |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |          | Chair                            |
|   |   | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 1        | 0                       |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |          | Chair                            |
| Xiaojian Xu   | Statistical models and inference                    | 17/18         | Ph.D            | F     | T                       | 2006       | 2             | 2        | 0                       | C                     |                      | 2                    |                           |                            |          |                                  |
|   |   | 16/17         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 1             | 1        | 0                       |                       |                      | 1.5                  |                           |                            |          | Sabbatical (0.5 year)            |
|   |   | 15/16         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 2        | 0                       |                       |                      | 2                    |                           |                            |          |                                  |
|   |   | 14/15         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 2        | 0                       |                       |                      | 2.5                  |                           |                            |          |                                  |



| Table 5.1: Instructor Qualifications and Teaching Assignments <u>Within the Program</u> (Current + past four years) |                   |               |                 |       |                         |            |               |          |                         |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           |          |                       |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Instructor Name   | Demographics      |               |                 |       |                         |            | Courses       |          |                         | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                           | Comments |                       |
|   | Area of Expertise | Academic Year | Terminal Degree | Rank* | Tenure of Tenure Stream | Start Date | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergrad/Grad combined | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis (Masters) | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Membership |          | Post-Doctoral Fellows |
| Xiaojian Xu   |                   | 13/14         |                 | F     | T                       |            | 2             | 2        | 0                       |                       | 1                    | 1.5                  | 1                         |                            |                           |          |                       |

\*F = Professor, AC = Associate, AT = Assistant, EM = Emeritus, AD = Adjunct, IN = Instructor, etc.

Table 5.2: Contributions by Instructors to Other Programs (Current + past four years)

| Instructor Name | Area of Expertise | Year  | Other Unit                          | Courses       |          | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      | Comments |  |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|--|
|                 |                   |       |                                     | Undergraduate | Graduate | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis - Masters | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Member | Post-Doctoral Fellow |          |  |
| Michael Winter  | Theory            | 17/18 | IASC (Interactive Arts and Science) | 1.5           |          | C                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
| Michael Winter  | Theory            | 16/17 | IASC                                | 1             | 0.5      | C                     |                      | 1                    |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
| Michael Winter  | Theory            | 15/16 | IASC                                | 1             |          | C                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
| Michael Winter  | Theory            | 14/15 | IASC                                | 1             |          | C                     |                      | 1                    |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
| Michael Winter  | Theory            | 13/14 | IASC                                | 1             |          | C                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
|                 |                   |       |                                     |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
|                 |                   |       |                                     |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
|                 |                   |       |                                     |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
|                 |                   |       |                                     |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
|                 |                   |       |                                     |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
|                 |                   |       |                                     |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
|                 |                   |       |                                     |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |
|                 |                   |       |                                     |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |  |

Table 5.3: Contributions by Instructors from Other Program (Current + past four years)

| Instructor Name | Area of Expertise | Year  | Other Unit | Courses       |          | Supervisions          |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      | Comments |               |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------|------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
|                 |                   |       |            | Undergraduate | Graduate | Core or Participating | Undergraduate Thesis | Major Research Paper | Graduate Thesis - Masters | Graduate Thesis - Doctoral | Grad Committee Member | Post-Doctoral Fellow |          |               |
| Ping Liang      |                   | 17/18 | Biology    |               |          | P                     | 1                    |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          | Co-supervisor |
| Ping Liang      |                   | 16/17 | Biology    |               |          | P                     | 1                    |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          | Co-supervisor |
| Ping Liang      |                   | 15/16 | Biology    |               |          | P                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |               |
| Ping Liang      |                   | 14/15 | Biology    |               |          | P                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |               |
| Ping Liang      |                   | 13/14 | Biology    |               |          | P                     |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |               |
|                 |                   |       |            |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |               |
|                 |                   |       |            |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |               |
|                 |                   |       |            |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |               |
|                 |                   |       |            |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |               |
|                 |                   |       |            |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |               |
|                 |                   |       |            |               |          |                       |                      |                      |                           |                            |                       |                      |          |               |

### 5.1.3: Staff Complement

Indicate the availability of sufficient staff (technical and administrative) to support the proposed program, providing information on permanent staff that will have teaching responsibilities (Table 5.4) and all administrative staff (Table 5.5), directly associated with the program.

Requests for any new staff positions required for the program should be clearly identified and the rationale for the positions reported.

Table 5.4: Permanent Staff with Teaching Responsibilities Associated with the Program (Current + past four years)

| Name                   | Academic Year | Start Date | Position                                   | Contribution  |
|------------------------|---------------|------------|--|---|
| Dave Bockus (COSC)     | 2013-18       | 1990       | Lecturer                                   | Teaching undergraduate courses as part of load.                                   |
| Cale Fairchild (COSC)  | 2013-18       | 1999       | Network & Systems Administrator            | Maintains department network (hw, sw). Teaches undergraduate courses on overload. |
| Poling Bork (COSC)     | 2013-18       | 2001       | Senior Lab Demonstrator/Coordinator/Mentor | Supervision of graduate TAs, 1st year support, undergraduate mentor               |
| Dorothy Levay (MATH)   | 2013-18       | 1991       | Instructor/Manager of Academic Support     | Supervision of graduate TA's, teaches undergraduate courses                       |
| Mark Willoughby (MATH) | 2013-18       | 2015       | Online Course Developer/Administrator      | Teaching and administering undergraduate online courses                           |

Table 5.5: All other Administrative Support Staff directly associated with the Program (Current + past four years)

| Name                    | Academic Year | Start Date | Position                                     | Comment   |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|--|---|
| Donna Phelps (COSC)     | 2013-18       | 2005       | Administrative Assistant                     | General administration, undergraduate and graduate. |
| Christine Keith (COSC)  | 2013-18       | 2015       | Student Support Coordinator                  | Undergraduate program planning and support.         |
| Margaret Thomson (MATH) | 2013-18       | 2005       | Administrative Assistant                     | General administration, undergraduate and graduate. |
| Neil Marshall (MATH)    | 2013-18       | 2014       | Mathematics Development Programs Coordinator | Administers undergraduate help center               |

*Comment on the adequacy of the staff complement to support delivery of the proposed program.*

The staff is adequate for current needs. However, in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, the administrative assistant is unable to take on additional duties.

*Clearly identify and provide the rationale for any new staff positions required to support delivery of the program. Include the results of consultation with the relevant Dean(s).*

Not applicable.

#### **5.1.4: Fiscal Resources**

*With respect to financial resources, Proponents will provide a business plan for the proposed program for the first five (5) years of operation that includes the utilization of existing resources and clearly identifies required new resources. (Table 5.6 is in development and will be posted when ready.)*

Table 5.6 (end of proposal document) gives an estimated budget for the program. The table presumes an even split between domestic and international students. Total expenses are not filled in, as there should be no significant additional expenses for the new program on top of the current expenses for the M.Sc. programs in both departments. Since there will be fewer M.Sc. supervisions for faculty supervising Ph.D. students, associated costs will naturally balance for both departments.

The financing of the program is dependent upon two factors:

(i) Continued delivery of undergraduate programs: This will require replacements of retiring faculty, ILTA hires, and possibly overload stipends. However, since the M.Sc. programs in both departments will continue, the addition of the Ph.D. program should not place any additional strain on the department's budget or resources. It will be natural for M.Sc. enrollments to reduce somewhat, since faculty members will need to divert funding towards Ph.D. students; but this should not negatively impact the successful delivery of graduate programs in both departments.

(ii) Financial support of new Ph.D. students: (See Section 5.2.2 for more details) Again, this does not impact either department's budget directly. Graduate support is dependent upon graduate fellowships from the Faculty of Graduate Studies, teaching assistantships that are granted to the department from the Dean's office, and research assistantships that are funded from supervisor's research grants. All these funds are currently involved in delivery of the master's program (as well as support for the undergraduate program, with respect to TA funding). The addition of the Ph.D. program will not impact these funds greatly with respect to the department budget. The quota of Ph.D. positions will define the number of fellowships available, and supervisor's budgeting of the research grant expenses will determine the number of students a faculty member can support. RA stipends amounts for graduate students are determined by faculty members.

### 5.1.5: Space

*Provide evidence that adequate physical space (office, teaching space, research, etc.) exists to accommodate participants (faculty, staff and students) in the program.*

*Identify and provide the rationale for any new space required for the program. Evidence that the Proponents have consulted with the University Committee on Space regarding the program's space requirements must be included.*

(i) Computer Science: Office space is made available to all full-time graduate students. Three rooms (J212, J214, J333) are used for M.Sc. students in their first year, and other rooms (J201, J210, J215, J216) for M.Sc. students in their second year. J201, J215, and J216 will be prioritized for full-time Ph.D. students when the program commences. The department has converted a large room (J333) into a graduate computer laboratory.

(ii) Mathematics and Statistics: Mathematics and Statistics: Office space is provided for all full-time graduate students. Currently, students are occupying room D321, which actually consists of a large room with desk spaces for 22 students, and a smaller room with 3 desks (used by long-term visitors and postdocs). There is also another small room which is used as kitchen, with refrigerator, microwave, etc. Current graduate enrolment is 22 students, thus there is no space for additional students. If the combined enrolment of MSc and PhD exceeds 22, the Department will need support from the Faculty of Mathematics and Science and the University administration to acquire more space.

### 5.1.6: Support Services

*Provide evidence that there are adequate support services (library, information technology, CPI, Co-op, etc.) for both teaching and research, to sustain the quality of scholarship and research activity produced by graduates. Evidence for such support services will document consultation and include a report, from all appropriate units, detailing the impact of the proposed program on existing resources.*

*For each specific support service, identify and provide the rationale for any new resources required to support delivery of the program.*

#### **Library**

*Provide information about the library holdings, availability of and access to the library resources relevant to support the proposed program.*

Please see Appendix G.

*Clearly identify and provide the rationale for any new library resources required to support delivery of the program. Include evidence of consultation with the Library.*

Not applicable.

#### **Information Technology Services (ITS)**

*Provide information regarding the hardware, software/internet, audio-visual, and other ITS resources relevant to support delivery of the proposed program.*

(i) Computer Science: The department budgets for, and maintains, their own computer hardware used in their programs. Individual faculty members purchase specialized hardware and software from their own research funds when necessary. Faculty have also contributed towards a Linux-based research cluster which, although aging, is still useful for many computing needs. Replacement of the cluster is being pursued at this time. Maintenance performed by their Network and Systems Administrator (Cale Fairchild) will be adequate for the department's future requirements of the new Ph.D. program.

(ii) Mathematics and Statistics: The department uses ITS support for maintaining computer hardware of individual faculty. ITS also helps to maintain the hardware and software located in the faculty lab and in the graduate student office (desktop operating systems, user/network access as well as relevant desktop software). The department does not have a dedicated computer technician or a support person. University IT services provide a basic level of support, but in some areas (especially regarding support of Linux) it is not sufficient. The department does not expect a significant increase in demand for support services due to the proposed Ph.D. program.

*Clearly identify and provide the rationale for any new ITS resources required to support delivery of the program. Include evidence of the consultation with ITS.*

None required.

**Co-op, Career and Experiential Education (CCEE)**

*Provide information regarding the CCEE resource implications for existing resources relevant to support delivery of the proposed program.*

Not applicable.

*Clearly identify and provide the rationale for any new CCEE resources required to deliver the program. Include evidence of the consultation with CCEE.*

Not applicable.

**Additional Resources**

*Provide information regarding additional resources relevant to support delivery of the proposed program.*

Not required.

*Clearly identify and provide the rationale for any additional resources required to deliver the program. Include evidence of the consultation where appropriate.*

Not required.



## 5.2: Resources for Graduate Programs (IQAP 3.5.10)

### 5.2.1: Faculty Expertise

*Provide evidence that faculty have the current and relevant research or professional/clinical expertise needed to sustain the program, promote innovation and foster an appropriate intellectual climate. Reference may be made to Sections 5.1 and 6 which deal with the faculty complement and the intellectual contributions, respectively, of the faculty.*

Table 5.1 shows that the faculty are maintaining undergraduate and graduate programs in their discipline, in terms of curricula delivery and student supervision. In particular, the high number of graduate student supervisions indicates that there is a rich intellectual environment for graduate studies, which will bode very favourably for the new Ph.D. program. Table 6.1 shows that they are active in publishing their research, and Table 6.2 indicates successes in research grant awards. All these factors prove that there is an active intellectual and scholarly environment conducive to hosting the new Ph.D. program.

### 5.2.2: Financial Assistance (where appropriate)

*Provide evidence that financial assistance for students will be sufficient to ensure adequate quality and numbers of students.*

The funding for full-time students consists of the following components. The Faculty of Graduate Studies provides a Graduate Fellowship to each student. International students receive an International Tuition Fellowship in addition. All graduate students are guaranteed a quota of TA hours during each year of their study. Last but not least, supervisors can provide a Research Fellowship to each of their students (the exact amount of support can vary).

In 2018/19, full-time Brock Ph.D. students receive \$21576 (domestic) and \$31576 (international) as base funding packages for each of 4 years of study. It will also be normal to have supervisors contribute an amount towards a Research Fellowship, which varies between \$1000-\$10,000 throughout the university. Currently, M.Sc. students receive a \$5000-\$6000/year fellowship from supervisors, and so a value of \$8000/year for Ph.D. students may be reasonable.

### 5.2.3: Supervisory Loads

*Address how supervisory loads will be distributed across the faculty delivering the program.*

Graduate student supervision is always a voluntary decision by faculty ~~members, and~~ [members and](#) is never assigned as part of workload. Faculty members are personally responsible for managing and balancing their supervisory duties. Students' quota will initially be divided evenly between two departments, subject to mutually acceptable small adjustments if the application pool in a given year requires it.

The distribution and the compensation for extra teaching and for supervision will follow each department's workload plans, Brock University rules, and BUFA Agreements.

#### 5.2.4: Status of Faculty

*Address how the qualifications and appointment status of faculty, who will provide instruction and supervision, will be evaluated and monitored.*

All tenure-track and tenured faculty members may instruct graduate courses and supervise graduate students. Tenure-track/tenured faculty normally hold a Ph.D. or the equivalent (determined during initial appointment).

New graduate supervisors will be mentored by more senior faculty. New supervisors will be encouraged to first supervise M.Sc. students, before committing to Ph.D. supervision. Successful M.Sc. supervision of a few students will indicate that a new faculty member is capable of proceeding to graduate supervision.

There is no provision in the Collective Agreement to monitor and evaluate established faculty members. It should be noted that this has not been necessary for the M.Sc. programs in both departments. The Faculty Handbook states, "Supervisors should be sufficiently familiar with the area of research, or be willing to gain such familiarity, to ensure adequate student guidance is provided." It is the professional responsibility of all faculty members to adhere to this basic tenet.

### 6: Quality and Other Indicators (IQAP 3.5.12)

#### 6.1: Quality of the Faculty

*Provide appropriate indicators (e.g., qualifications, research, innovation and scholarly record) that document evidence of the quality of the faculty. The expertise of the faculty will be documented through the completion and inclusion of: Table 6.1 - Intellectual Contributions; Table 6.2 - External Research Grants and Contracts; ~~and~~ and Table 6.3 - Internal Research Grants and Contracts.*

*Comment on how the expertise and quality of faculty, as judged by the intellectual contributions and research grants and contracts received, contribute to the success of the proposed program.*

The faculty members of the Ph.D. program are experts in their research field. Indicators of the quality of the faculty are provided by academic research and scholarly achievements. We selected the following indicators to measure research and scholar productivity:

- Regular Teaching: undergraduate and graduate courses
- Supervisions: undergraduate and graduate supervision, supervisory committee duties
- Publications: Books, chapters in books, articles in peer-reviewed journals and conferences
- Internal grants and awards: funding/award received through internal adjudication at Brock University
- External Grants: NSERC funding and other major granting agencies
- Other Significant Work: invited presentations, editorial and refereeing duties.

The most important information for each faculty member is summarized in Table 6.1. More detailed information is provided by the Curriculum Vitae of each faculty member in Appendix E.

Table 6.1: Intellectual Contributions (Past Eight Years, 2010/11 to 2017/18)

| Faculty Name            | A. Publication of books and monographs | B. Contributions to edited books | C. Papers in peer refereed journals | D. Peer reviewed abstracts | E. Papers delivered at conferences and professional meetings | F. Contributions to panels, workshops, and clinics | G. Invited Presentations | H. Consulting (government, related professionals and agencies) | I. Preparation of instructional, clinical, curriculum or policy materials for such agencies | J. Editorial and refereeing duties | K. Creation, performance, direction, programming, design and staging of creative works for the public | L. Curation of juried exhibitions | M. Festivals and competitions adjudicated, master classes offered | N. Professional residencies | O. Development of software, hardware or equipment | P. Scholarly contributions to pedagogy | Q. Other scholarly contributions to agencies, communities, governments or organizations | R. Other publications (non-refereed) with significant public impact |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Computer Science        |  |                                  |                                     |                            |  |  |                          |  |   |                                    |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |
| De Grande, Robson       | 1                                      |                                  | 14                                  |                            | 34   |  | 8                        |  |   | 12                                 |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |
| Ezzati-Jivan, Naser     |  |                                  | 11                                  | 6                          | 12   | 10   | 10                       | 2  | 2   | 8                                  |   | 4                                 | 1   |                             | 4   |  |   |   |
| Houghten, Sheridan      |  | 1                                | 9                                   |                            | 25*  | 15   | 1                        |  |   | 50+                                |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   | 2   |
| Hughes, David           | 2                                      |                                  |                                     |                            |  |  |                          |  |   |                                    |   |                                   |   |                             | 1   | 3                                      |   |   |
| Li, Yifeng              | 1                                      | 1                                | 18                                  | 5                          | 30   | 3  | 5                        | 5 yrs  | 5 yrs   | 38                                 |   |                                   |   |                             | 7   | 1                                      | 5 yrs   | 1   |
| Ombuki-Berman, Beatrice |  | 3                                | 7                                   | 3                          | 25   |  | 7                        |  |   | 40+                                |   |                                   |   |                             | 1   |  | 4   |   |
| Qiu, Ke                 |  | 1                                | 40                                  |                            | 14   |  |                          |  |   | 40                                 |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |
| Ross, Brian             |  | 3                                | 5                                   |                            | 18   |  |                          |  |   | 50+                                |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |
| Winter, Michael         | 1                                      |                                  | 14                                  |                            | 14   |  |                          |  |   | 2                                  |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |
|                         |  |                                  |                                     |                            |  |  |                          |  |   |                                    |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |

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|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Mathematics and Statistics</b> |  |                                  |                                     |                            |  |  |                          |  |   |                                    |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |
| Anco, Stephen                     |  | 1                                | 33                                  |                            | 7  | 39   | 6                        |  |   |                                    |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |
| Ben-El-Mechaiekh, Hichem          |  | 5                                | 11                                  |                            | 14   |  | 14                       |  | 1   | 50+                                |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |
| Buteau, Chantal                   |  | 1                                | 19                                  | 1                          | 24   | 6  | 5                        |  |   | 15+                                |   |                                   |   |                             | 1   | 12                                     |   |   |
| Fukš, Henryk                      |  | 11                               | 15                                  |                            | 14   |  | 1                        |  |   | 24+                                |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  | 5   |   |
| Huang <sup>2</sup> , Mei Ling     |  |                                  | 16                                  |                            | 24   |  | 8                        | 20   |   | 20+                                |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  | 6   |   |
| Kihel, Omar                       |  |                                  | 20                                  |                            |  |  | 28                       |  |   |                                    |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |
| Li, Yuanlin                       |  | 1                                | 41                                  |                            | 62   |  | 5                        |  |   |                                    |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |
| Marshall, William                 |  |                                  | 13                                  |                            |  | 2  | 2                        |  |   | 9                                  |   |                                   |   |                             | 1   |  |   |   |
| Odesskii, Alexandre               |  |                                  | 16                                  |                            |  |  | 11                       |  |   |                                    |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |

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|--------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Vrbik, Jan   |  |                                  | 34                                  |                            |  |  |                          |  |   |                                    |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |  |
| Wolf, Thomas |  | 1                                | 14                                  |                            | 49   |  | 1                        |  |   |                                    |   |                                   |   |                             | 4   |  | 3   |   |  |
| Xu, Xiaojian |  | 1                                | 15                                  |                            | 24   |  | 11                       | 6  |   | 20+                                |   |                                   |   |                             |   |  |   |   |  |

Table 6.2: Research Grants and Contracts - External Sources (past eight years)

| Name              | Year  | CFI |        | CIHR |        | NSERC |        | SSHRC |        | Other Major Granting Agencies |        | Other Grants & Contracts |        | Year Total | Individual Total |
|-------------------|-------|-----|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|------------|------------------|
|                   |       | #   | Amount | #    | Amount | #     | Amount | #     | Amount | #                             | Amount | #                        | Amount |            |                  |
| Computer Science  |       |     |        |      |        |       |        |       |        |                               |        |                          |        |            |                  |
| De Grande, Robson | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 28,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 28,000     | 28,000           |
| Ivo Düntsch       | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 20,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 20,000     |                  |
|                   | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 20,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 20,000     |                  |

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|                         |       | #   | Amount | #    | Amount | #     | Amount | #     | Amount | #                             | Amount | #                        | Amount |            |                  |
| Houghten, Sheridan      | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 20,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 20,000     |                  |
|                         | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 20,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 20,000     |                  |
|                         | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 20,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 20,000     |                  |
|                         | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 20,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 20,000     |                  |
|                         | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                         | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                         | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                         | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     | 140,000          |
| Ombuki-Berman, Beatrice | 17/18 | 2   |        |      |        |       | 10,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 10,000     |                  |
|                         | 16/17 | 1   |        |      |        |       | 10,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 10,000     |                  |
|                         | 12/13 |     |        |      |        |       |        |       |        |                               | 31,250 |                          |        | 31,250     |                  |
|                         | 11/12 |     |        |      |        |       |        |       |        |                               | 50,000 |                          |        | 50,000     |                  |
|                         | 10/11 |     |        |      |        |       | 12,000 |       |        |                               | 12,000 |                          |        | 12,000     | 123,250          |
| Qiu, Ke                 | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 10,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 10,000     |                  |
|                         | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 10,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 10,000     |                  |
|                         | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |
|                         | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |
|                         | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |
|                         | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |

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|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|--------|------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|------------|------------------|
|                                   |       | #   | Amount | #    | Amount | #     | Amount  | #     | Amount | #                             | Amount | #                        | Amount |            |                  |
|                                   | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     | 110,000          |
| Ross, Brian                       | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 22,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 22,000     |                  |
|                                   | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 22,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 22,000     |                  |
|                                   | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                                   | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                                   | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                                   | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                                   | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                                   | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,700  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,700     | 126,700          |
| Winter, Michael                   | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 2     | 119,740 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 119,740    |                  |
|                                   | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                                   | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 2     | 18,500  |       |        |                               |        | 2                        | 49,999 | 68,499     |                  |
|                                   | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                                   | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                                   | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 23,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 23,000     |                  |
|                                   | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 23,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 23,000     |                  |
|                                   | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 23,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 23,000     | 299,239          |
| <b>Mathematics and Statistics</b> |       |     |        |      |        |       |         |       |        |                               |        |                          |        |            |                  |
| Anco, Stephen                     | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |

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|-----------------------------|-------|-----|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|------------|------------------|
|                             |       | #   | Amount | #    | Amount | #     | Amount | #     | Amount | #                             | Amount | #                        | Amount |            |                  |
|                             | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |
|                             | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |
|                             | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |
|                             | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |
|                             | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |
|                             | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     |                  |
|                             | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 18,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 18,000     | 144,000          |
| Buteau, Chantal             | 08/09 |     |        |      |        |       |        | 2     | 18,400 |                               |        |                          |        | 18,400     |                  |
|                             | 07/08 |     |        |      |        |       |        | 2     | 18,400 |                               |        |                          |        | 18,400     | 36,800           |
| Farzad <sup>3</sup> , Babak | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                             | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                             | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                             | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                             | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                             | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 17,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 17,000     |                  |
|                             | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 17,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 17,000     |                  |
|                             | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 17,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 17,000     | 126,000          |

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|-------------------------------|-------|-----|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|------------|------------------|
|                               |       | #   | Amount | #    | Amount | #     | Amount | #     | Amount | #                             | Amount | #                        | Amount |            |                  |
| Fuk s, Henryk                 | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 11,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 11,000     |                  |
|                               | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 11,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 11,000     |                  |
|                               | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 11,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 11,000     |                  |
|                               | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                               | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                               | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                               | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                               | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     | 93,000           |
| Huang <sup>4</sup> , Mei Ling | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 11,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 11,000     |                  |
|                               | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 11,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 11,000     |                  |
|                               | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 11,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 11,000     |                  |
|                               | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 11,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 11,000     |                  |
|                               | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                               | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                               | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     |                  |
|                               | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 15,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 15,000     | 104,000          |
| Kihel, Omar                   | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |

4 Retiring in July 2018

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|---------------------|-------|-----|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|------------|------------------|
|                     |       | #   | Amount | #    | Amount | #     | Amount | #     | Amount | #                             | Amount | #                        | Amount |            |                  |
|                     | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                     | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                     | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                     | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                     | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                     | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 1,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 1,000      |                  |
|                     | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 6,000  |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 6,000      | 9,000            |
| Li, Yuanlin         | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                     | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                     | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                     | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                     | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                     | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                     | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 10,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 10,000     |                  |
|                     | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 10,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 10,000     | 94,000           |
| Odesskii, Alexandre | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                     | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                     | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                     | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|                     | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |

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|--------------|-------|-----|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|------------|------------------|
|              |       | #   | Amount | #    | Amount | #     | Amount | #     | Amount | #                             | Amount | #                        | Amount |            |                  |
|              | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|              | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     |                  |
|              | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 14,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 14,000     | 112,000          |
| Wolf, Thomas | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 24,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 24,000     |                  |
|              | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|              | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|              | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|              | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|              | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|              | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 17,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 17,000     |                  |
|              | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 17,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 17,000     | 118,000          |
| Xu, Xiaojian | 17/18 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 11,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 11,000     |                  |
|              | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 11,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 11,000     |                  |
|              | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 11,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 11,000     |                  |
|              | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|              | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|              | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|              | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|              | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     | 93,000           |

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| Name                     | Year  | CFI |        | CIHR |        | NSERC |        | SSHRC |        | Other Major Granting Agencies |        | Other Grants & Contracts |        | Year Total | Individual Total |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|------------|------------------|
|                          |       | #   | Amount | #    | Amount | #     | Amount | #     | Amount | #                             | Amount | #                        | Amount |            |                  |
| Yuen <sup>5</sup> , John | 16/17 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                          | 15/16 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                          | 14/15 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                          | 13/14 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                          | 12/13 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 12,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 12,000     |                  |
|                          | 11/12 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 16,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 16,000     |                  |
|                          | 10/11 |     |        |      |        | 1     | 16,000 |       |        |                               |        |                          |        | 16,000     | 92000            |

5 Resigned in 2017

Table 6.3: Research Grants and Contracts - Internal Sources (past eight years)

| Instructor Name | Year  | BUAF |        | CIHR Internal |        | SSRC Internal |        | Dean/Faculty |        | Department |        | Other |        | Year Total | Individual Total |
|-----------------|-------|------|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|--------------|--------|------------|--------|-------|--------|------------|------------------|
|                 |       | #    | Amount | #             | Amount | #             | Amount | #            | Amount | #          | Amount | #     | Amount |            |                  |
| Chantal Buteau  | 16/17 |      |        |               |        | 2             | 4,500  |              |        |            |        |       |        | 4,500      |                  |
| Chantal Buteau  | 14/15 |      |        |               |        | 2             | 4,250  |              |        |            |        |       |        | 4,250      |                  |
| Chantal Buteau  | 13/14 |      |        |               |        | 1             | 2,000  |              |        |            |        |       |        | 2,000      | 10,750           |
| Mei Ling Huang  | 16/17 |      |        |               |        |               |        |              |        |            |        | 1     | 5,000  | 5,000      | 5,000            |
| Ping Liang      | 10/11 | 1    | 4,000  |               |        |               |        |              |        |            |        |       |        | 4,000      |                  |

## 6.2: Faculty Expertise Linked to the Program Structure

*With reference to the program structure outlined in Section 3 explain how the faculty expertise will contribute to ensuring the intellectual quality of the student experience.*

The program and curriculum discussed in Section 3 is a product of the faculty's technical expertise in the fields of mathematics, statistics, and computer science. Some courses contain foundational content of the field, while others are specialty courses directly arising from faculty research expertise. The success of both departments' master's programs, which use most of these courses, provides a strong foundation for a high-quality Ph.D. program. The new ISDS 7P75/ISDS 5N01 Scientific writing and Seminar courses will further enhance the quality of the curriculum. (5N01 has been delivered to the Department of Chemistry program for many years.)

## 7: Student Demand (IQAP 3.5.7)

*Provide evidence of the existence of a population of potential students to whom this program would be of interest by providing data documenting the demand for the new degree/program on the part of potential students including:*

*a) The origin of the student demand (local, regional, domestic and/or international):*

Since the introduction of the M.Sc. program in Computer Science, and M.Sc. in Mathematics and Statistics, there has been a large pool of potential applicants for a Ph.D. program. History shows that there has always been more eligible applicants than the capacity of the programs. International applicants usually comprise the majority of applications.

Faculty members in both departments regularly receive queries from interested applicants about Ph.D. studies. In addition, over the life of the M.Sc. programs, many students have continued onto Ph.D. programs at the following universities. There is roughly an equal distribution of students from Computer Science and Mathematics & Statistics in this list.

- Dalhousie University (2)
- Simon Fraser University (2)
- Concordia University (2)
- York University (1)
- University of Saskatchewan (1)
- University of Toronto (1)
- McMaster University (2)
- Queen's University (3)
- Ryerson University (1)
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology (1)
- Carleton University (1)
- University of Guelph (3)
- University of Waterloo (2)
- University of Victoria (1)
- Laval University (1)
- Memorial University (1)
- University of Ottawa (1)
- University of Central Florida (2)
- University of Cadiz (Spain) (1)
- Central Michigan University (1)
- Izmir Institution of Technology (Turkey) (1)

*b) Evidence of basis for the projected five (5) year enrollment presented in Section 4.3;*

Evidence that supports our enrollment projections includes the following:

- High application rates to the M.Sc. programs in Mathematics and Statistics, and Computer Science (see Table 7.1).
- High numbers of registrations in both M.Sc. programs (the highest in the Faculty of Mathematics and Science).
- Frequent email queries about Ph.D. studies at Brock in our departments. Although statistics have not been tabulated, anecdotally, faculty members easily receive at least 5 queries a year regarding Ph.D. supervision.
- A number of M.Sc. graduates carry on Ph.D. studies at other institutions (see above list). It is reasonable to expect that some of them would have remained at Brock, should a Ph.D. program had been available.

*c) Expected duration for the student demand;*

Interest in graduate studies in mathematics, statistics, and computer science, has not abated in the last decade, and there is no reason to expect any reduction of interest in the coming years. The press interest in topics such as big data and artificial intelligence supports the view that interest will be active for the foreseeable future. (Please see Section 8.0 below for detailed discussions on this topic).

*d) Evidence of the level of professional interest, if applicable and,*

Not applicable.

*e) For new graduate programs only, a list of the undergraduate or master's programs from which students may be drawn.*

The main programs from which we expect most Ph.D. applicants to have previously studied are M.Sc. degrees in Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science. There is the possibility for applicants with closely related backgrounds to be considered (Data Analytics, and Computer Engineering, to name a few). Naturally, the student's prior background and experience will determine the concentration for their Ph.D. studies, as well as the direction of their Ph.D. research.

In past years, Brock M.Sc. graduates in both Mathematics and Statistics, and Computer Science, have lamented the fact that they could not continue their doctoral studies at Brock. A quick survey of current M.Sc. students in Computer Science found that 3 students would be interested in staying for Ph.D. studies at Brock, if such a program were available. This interest of our students is important for admitting Canadian students into the [program](#), [and program](#) and sustaining a continuation in research topics. It also speaks to the high quality and satisfaction the students had during their master's studies. In summary we expect to have a large pool of applicants for the new program, with potentially a higher percentage of domestic students.

*NOTE: The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development will consider enrollment in competing and comparable programs at other institutions when evaluating potential demand for the proposed program.*

## 8: Societal Need (IQAP 3.5.8)

Provide evidence of a societal need for students who have successfully completed the proposed program. Proponents will describe the demand for graduates of the proposed degree/major on the part of society by addressing the following:

- a) Various dimensions of societal need for graduates (socio-cultural, economic, scientific, technological, etc.), with examples of career paths for graduates;

The economic importance of information technology skills was addressed earlier. Nowadays, mathematics, statistics, computer science, data science, artificial intelligence, and information technology skills are needed in almost every area of work and personal life. The proposed Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science addresses an acute societal need for highly qualified scientists with expertise in these fields, particularly by employers in industry, government, research, and technology. Some evidence of the need for such Ph.D.'s is the following:

- The online magazine Slate states that a science Ph.D. in general is “not a waste of time”. Even though universities produce more Ph.D.s than faculty positions available, the article argues that the unemployment rate among Ph.D. holder is extremely low; 1.7 percent in the US in 2012. [1]
- Fortune Magazine’s 2016 List of Best 15 Graduate Degrees for Jobs lists Ph.D. in Computer Science at #3, and Ph.D. in Mathematics at #8. [2]
- Online career site Find Your Calling ranks a doctorate in fields related to Computer & Information Research Science as the ninth best doctoral-level job for 2016. [3]
- The Independent (UK)’s list of best jobs of 2016 gives the following rankings: data scientist (#1), statistician (#2), mathematician (#6), and software engineer (#7). [4]
- The Globe and Mail discusses Canada’s need for new Ph.D.s. [5]
- In Grad School Hub’s “10 Best Doctoral Degrees by Salary”, #3 is Computer Science, and #10 is Statistics. [6]
- The TFE Times list of highest paying Ph.D. degrees lists computer science (#3), statistics (#10) and mathematics (#22) [7].

The high need for graduates with degrees in computer science, mathematics, statistics, and information technology degrees is borne out by the experience of our departments’ graduate students and their careers after graduating from Brock. The proposed Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science will address the urgent need for scientists having these skills in industry and elsewhere.

[1] “Is a Science Ph.D. a Waste of Time?”, D. Lametti, Slate magazine (2012), <https://slate.com/technology/2012/08/what-is-the-value-of-a-science-phd-is-graduate-school-worth-the-effort.html>. Retrieved 25/02/2020.

[2] “Best ~~And~~ Worst Graduate Degrees For Jobs in 2016”, Fortune Magazine (2016), <http://fortune.com/2016/03/21/best-worst-graduate-degrees-jobs-2016/>. Retrieved 25/02/2020.

[3] “Best Doctoral-Level Jobs for 2016”, G. Burrow, Find Your Calling (2016), <http://blog.findyourcalling.com/best-doctoral-level-jobs-for-2016/>. Last accessed 12/12/2017.

[4] “Revealed: the best (and worst) jobs of 2016”, S. Osborne, The Independent (2016), <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/what-are-the-best-jobs-and-the-worst-a6985376.html>. Last accessed 25/02/2020.

[5] “Few academic jobs, but Canada’s need for Ph.D.s grows”, B. Herbert-Copley, The Globe and Mail (2013). <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/education/few-academic-jobs-but-canadas-need-for-phds-grows/article12219592/>. Last accessed 25/02/2020.



[6] "10 Best Doctoral Degrees by Salary", Grad School Hub (2017), <http://www.gradschoolhub.com/lists/best-doctoral-degrees-by-salary/>. Last accessed 25/02/2020.

[7] "26 Highest Paying Ph.D Degrees, TFE Times (2017), <https://tfetimes.com/15-ph-d-degrees-thatll-make-you-filthy-rich/>. Last accessed 25/02/2020.

*b) Geographic scope of the societal need for graduates (local, regional provincial, national, international); and,*  
The importance of computer science, mathematics, statistics, and STEM fields in general, is not bounded by geographic borders, but is internationally important. The internet has disrupted the historical importance of geographic locations as it pertains to technology, industry, and the world economy.

*c) Duration of the societal need;*  
Automation and technology are changing the jobs that will be available in society in the near future. This evolution in technology is profoundly important to Canada's, and the world's, future economy, and has been termed the Fourth Industrial Revolution [1]. The future need for scientists with knowledge in intelligent systems and data science, and having the mathematical, statistical, and computational skills for design and analysis, is critical for Canada. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics supports the claim that STEM jobs (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) will see a growth of more than 9 million between 2012 and 2022 [2]. Similar forecasts are seen for Canada [3-7].

[1] "The Fourth Industrial Revolution: what it means, how to respond", Klaus Schwab, World Economic Forum (2016), <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/01/the-fourth-industrial-revolution-what-it-means-and-how-to-respond/>. Last accessed 25/02/2020.

[2] "STEM 101: Intro to tomorrow's jobs", Dennis Vilorio, Occupational Outlook Quarterly, Spring 2014, [www.bls.gov/ooq](http://www.bls.gov/ooq). Last accessed 25/02/2020.

[3] "Jobs of the Future", <https://canada2067.ca/en/articles/jobs-of-the-future/>. Last accessed 25/02/2020.

[4] "Where the jobs will be in Canada over the next 10 years", <https://careers.workopolis.com/advice/where-the-jobs-will-be-in-canada-over-the-next-10-years/>. Last accessed 25/02/2020.

[5] "Growing STEM: Careers abound in science, technology, engineering and mathematics", Adrienne Martin, [ecoCanadaCanada](http://www.eco.ca/blog/growing-stem-careers-abound-in-science-technology-engineering-and-mathematics/) (2014), <http://www.eco.ca/blog/growing-stem-careers-abound-in-science-technology-engineering-and-mathematics/>. Last accessed 25/02/2020.

[6] "Some Assembly Required: STEM Skills and Canada's Economic Productivity", Expert Panel on STEM Skills for the Future (2015), <https://cca-reports.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/STEMExecSummEn.pdf>. Last accessed 25/02/2020.

[7] "Future-proof: Preparing young Canadians for the future of work", Creig Lamb and Sarah Doyle, Brookfield Institute (2017). <https://brookfieldinstitute.ca/report/future-proof-preparing-young-canadians-for-the-future-of-work/>. Last accessed 25/02/2020.

*Evidence in support of the above may include:*

a) *The probable availability of positions upon graduation (e.g., include external letters of support from potential employers or governmental agencies). Describe and document career opportunities including non-academic positions for graduate degrees;*

The many news articles and reports cited above and elsewhere provide ample evidence that the STEM skills and scientific expertise obtained with the Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science are recognized as being critically important to Canada's current and future economy.

b) *In the case of professional programs, an assessment of the congruence of the proposed program with the regulatory requirements of the profession;*

Not applicable.

c) *Employment rates for graduates of existing and related programs; and*

On February 25, 2020, the Canadian job site indeed.com listed 501 jobs for Ph.D. in Computer Science, 172 for Ph.D. in Mathematics, and 205 for Ph.D. in Statistics. Many jobs specified a choice between these fields. There are also 2037 jobs (not necessarily Ph.D. level) for AI, and 902 for data science.

The National Science Foundation (USA) performed a Survey of Doctorate Recipients (2013), which shows an employment rate of 97.7% for Ph.D. in Computer Science, and 96.4% for Ph.D. in Mathematics/Statistics.

d) *Employment outlook based on federal, provincial or sector reports, where available.*

See citations listed in Section 8(a) and 8(b).

*NOTE: The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development may consider other sources of information related to societal and labour market need in evaluating the potential societal need for the proposed program.*

## 9: Qualification for Public Funding (IQAP 3.5.13)

In providing the information in this section, proponents will consider:

a) *Differences between the proposed program and existing comparator programs, including innovative and distinguishing aspects of the proposed program;*

The proposed Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science is unique in Ontario and Canada. The degree title and program structure acknowledge the important relationships between these disciplines and research focus areas in contemporary scientific research. The degree also focusses on the strong demand in industry for Ph.D. holders with expertise in these fields. The program is broad enough in scope to permit participation by researchers in both ~~departments, and~~ departments and encourages future collaboration between faculty. The program is also "future proof", in that it is not too narrowly specialized on specific research topics whose trendiness and popularity may diminish in the near future. For example, artificial intelligence had a surge of media and industry attention in the 1980's, which quickly subsided until the 2010's; and multimedia was a hot area in the 1990's, but the term is now an anachronism.

Before proceeding with a comparative discussion, 2 graduate programs should first be mentioned. Neither of these programs will be discussed in detail.

- The University of Waterloo has a Masters of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. This is a ~~4-year~~ 1-year course-based professional graduate degree. This degree does not compete in depth to our ~~Ph.D., because~~ Ph.D., because it is not research-based, is an MSc-level degree, and concentrates on narrower topics of AI than ours.

- The University of Quebec at Montreal has a *Doctorat en Informatique Cognitive* (Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence). This program [partially](#) aligns with our Ph.D., although our program is wider in scope, given that ours is in *intelligent systems* and not specific topics in artificial intelligence, and also includes data science. Since AI is a broad field of research, there is room for many specialist AI graduate programs, especially given the interest and need for such expertise.

Below are Ontario Ph.D. programs that share some superficially similar aspects to the Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science. The main characteristics of similarity is that these comparator programs superficially appear to involve mathematics, statistics, and/or computer science. Closer examination of these programs, however, shows that the programs are distinctly different in direction and content to our proposed Ph.D.

A summary comparison of degree requirements between our Ph.D. and these programs, as well as a selection of others in Ontario and Canada, is given in Table 9.1.

#### 1. Ryerson University - Ph.D. in Mathematical Modelling and Methods

This is a program of the Department of Mathematics at Ryerson. The degree specializes in 3 distinct fields: (i) Discrete Mathematics and Networks; (ii) Financial Mathematics; and (iii) Biomathematics and Fluids. The research program is dedicated to topics in these fields, and therefore the scope of research is much narrower than our Ph.D. Although both our Ph.D. and Ryerson's stress modelling, their Ph.D. is exclusively mathematics-orientated, and computational aspects are not promoted as a major theme of the program.

In terms of curriculum, Ryerson's program offers 4 core courses (in mathematics and statistics), and 12 elective courses. Electives range from topics courses, to courses in the areas of the degree speciality fields. Only one course (computational complexity) is specifically computer science oriented. This contrasts to our course bank of 39 courses in topics in mathematics, statistics, and computer science, as well as scientific writing.

#### 2. UOIT: Ph.D. in Modelling and Computational Science

Similar to our program, UOIT's Ph.D. acknowledges the roles of mathematical modelling and computation in problem solving. A key difference between their program and ours, however, is that their program is exclusively directed towards applications of scientific computation. Consequently, their program is advertised as focussing in two specific application areas: Computational Physical Science and Scientific Computing. Their listed research areas are thus applications of scientific computation. Although some of these topics might be studied in our program (depending on faculty expertise and collaborative contacts), our degree is not dedicated to scientific computation. Our research directions have a different direction and scope than theirs.

[UOIT list 5 core courses and 22 electives](#), [UOIT list 5 core courses and 22 electives](#) compared to our course bank of 39 courses. Their courses are focussed in modelling, analysis, computational methods (numerical analysis, Monte Carlo), and topics courses in areas of scientific computation. Our course bank has a wider range of courses in theoretical topics, especially in mathematical methods.

#### 3. U Guelph: Ph.D. in Computational Science

This is an interdisciplinary Ph.D. involving faculty members from various departments, including computer science, economics, engineering, English, geography, history, integrative biology, mathematics and statistics, pathobiology, psychology, and veterinary medicine. Their Ph.D. is

focused on applying computational methods to solve interdisciplinary problems in the sciences and humanities. Although this is an important aspect of our Ph.D., our degree highlights intelligent systems and data science, and our program involves faculty with computational, mathematical, and statistical backgrounds.

Their course requirements state that students should take one or more courses in the interdisciplinary area related to their thesis research. This may include "Computational Study Modules" (online tutorials) to upgrade their computing knowledge. Otherwise, there is no specified course bank for their degree. Therefore, their degree is based on interdisciplinary research topics in terms of course work than ours. In addition, it seems that applicants to their program can have diverse academic backgrounds, with limited backgrounds in mathematics, statistics, and computer science. Mathematical methods are not stressed in their program whatsoever.

Appendix H lists Ph.D. programs in Ontario that refer to the terms (or variants): computer science, mathematics, or statistics.

*b) Comments from other institutions regarding the proposed new program. Note: MAESD will seek input from other institutions regarding any new program proposals;*

Not applicable, since comparators above are distinct to our Ph.D..

*c) Comments regarding health-related programs from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, if applicable;*

Not applicable.

*d) Comments from other relevant stakeholders, as required; and*

Not applicable.

*e) Comment on the impact of any proposed experiential learning components within the proposed program on experiential learning programs at other institutions, if applicable.*

Not applicable.

Table 9.1: Comparison with other Ph.D. Programs

| University                                    | Field                                | Course Requirements  | <u>Comprehensive Qualifying Examination</u>  | Thesis Proposal  | Other   |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Brock University<br>(proposed program)        | Intelligent Systems and Data Science | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 COSC/MATH courses</li> <li>ISDS 7P75</li> <li>ISDS 5N01</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thesis proposal in form of a NSERC application</li> <li>Defense</li> <li>Oral Examination (breadth requirement)</li> </ul>                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>submission for publication</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Ontario</b>                                |                                      |  |  |  |   |
| University of Guelph                          | Computational Science                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research methodology course</li> <li>other courses (determined by committee)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualifying examination</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 seminars</li> </ul>                               |   |
| University of Ontario Institute of Technology | Modelling and Computational Science  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ 3 courses for breadth</li> <li>⇒ Professional skills course</li> </ul>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written proposal and oral candidacy exam</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written thesis proposal</li> </ul>                  |   |
| Ryerson University                            | Mathematical Modelling and Methods   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 courses</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written and oral candidacy exam</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No information</li> </ul>                           |   |
| McMaster University                           | Computer Science                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 courses</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examination of graduate level understanding of the undergraduate computer science material</li> <li>Defense of thesis proposal</li> </ul> |  |   |
| University of Ottawa                          | Computer Science                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 courses</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written and oral examination</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written thesis proposal</li> <li>Defense</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 seminars</li> </ul>  |
| University of Toronto                         | Mathematics                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 courses (can include courses taken in the M.Sc. program)</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 exams (breadth)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of preliminary results</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thesis seminar</li> <li>Department and University thesis defenses</li> </ul> |

|                                |                                       |   |   |  |   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| University of Waterloo         | Applied Mathematics                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 courses</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written comprehensive exam</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>written proposal and seminar</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>teach one undergraduate course (or seminar series if no course available)</li> </ul> |
| Western University             | Statistics                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 courses</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>written qualifying exam (basic knowledge)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>proposal defence</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>seminar (department, or conference)</li> </ul>                                       |
| York University                | Statistics                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 courses</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 comprehensive exams (breadth)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no information</li> </ul>               |   |
| <b>Canada</b>                  |                                       |   |   |  |   |
| Dalhousie University           | Computer Science                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 courses (previously 4 courses)</li> </ul>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal review of the directed research project to date</li> <li>Defense</li> </ul>                                       |  |   |
| University of British Columbia | Computer Science                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 courses breadth</li> <li>⇒ 3 courses in research area</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research project presented in writing and orally</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defense</li> </ul>                      |   |
| University of Alberta          | Mathematics and Statistics            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 courses</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidacy exam</li> </ul>  |  |   |
| Simon Fraser University        | Applied and Computational Mathematics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 courses (with breadth reqts)</li> </ul>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral exam on research area</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>written Ph.D. proposal</li> </ul>       |   |
| University of Manitoba         | Statistics                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ 4 courses</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>qualifying exam (breadth?)</li> <li>candidacy exam (research?)</li> </ul>  |  |   |
| McGill University              | Mathematics and Statistics            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 courses</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 written papers for comprehensive exam</li> <li>oral exam of 2 advanced topics (different from written topics)</li> </ul> |  |   |

## 10: Information Required by the Ministry for the Approval of New Programs

In addition to the above information required in the IQAP to satisfy the requirements of the Quality Assurance Framework, for the purposes of funding (i.e., grant allocation) for new programs the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) requires that institutions specifically address the following in their request for program approval.

*Describe how the proposed program is consistent with an area of strength and/or area of growth identified in the (SMA). If not aligned, describe how the program is consistent with the mission, aims, objectives and existing strengths of Brock.*

A detailed discussion of relationship of proposal to SMA 2 was discussed in Section 1.3. To summarize that discussion, the Ph.D. aligns with three components of the SMA 2:

(i) Strategic Areas of Program Strength and Expansion (SMA2, p.22): The Ph.D. program directly falls under the category of "Scientific and Technological Applications", which is listed both as an area of strength and area of expansion. The Ph.D. will allow Brock to expand its research directions into branches of science identified as being critical to the local, national and world economy, by allowing advanced graduate research in intelligent systems and data science. Currently, there are no doctoral-level programs at Brock that offer such research directions.

(ii) Research Excellence and Impact (SMA2, p.13): The Department of Computer Science and Department of Mathematics and Statistics have a long history of research accomplishments, evident in their research productivity, as well as highly successful M.Sc. programs. The Ph.D. program will elevate this research to a level it deserves.

(iii) Innovation, Economic Development, and Community Engagement (SMA2, p.16): As mentioned in Section 1.3, the research undertaken in the Ph.D. embraces topics that are identified as critical to the future economy of Canada. Much of this research will have great potential in commercial and industrial applications, both in local start-up companies, as well as larger international corporations with high name recognition.

The proposed Ph.D. also aligns with the following strategic priorities/goals in the Brock University Institutional Strategic Plan 2018-2025:

- Offer a transformational and accessible academic and university experience:
  - Deliver high-quality programs that meet the interests and needs of students.
  - Develop programs that meet labour market and societal needs.
- Build research capacity across the university:
  - Nurture a culture of research excellence.
  - Invest in research infrastructure and support to ensure sustainable and accessible research services.
  - Enhance transdisciplinary research and high-impact research practices.
- Support regional economic, social, and cultural vitality (by) increasing access to programs that are in high demand that will increase the employability of graduates.

*Explain how the proposed program fits with Brock's current program offerings and the University's capacity to deliver the proposed program.*

Brock does not have any Ph.D. program in the areas of Computer Science, Mathematics, or Statistics. The proposed Ph.D. fills a void in the current graduate offerings at Brock, and the integration of the research from the host departments further strengthens and enriches the research direction of this Ph.D. Given the critical importance of STEM fields in modern society and the global economy, the

lack of a doctoral degree in these fields at Brock is serious, and an anomaly for a modern comprehensive university.

As discussed in previous sections, both departments have the resources to deliver the program with minimal extra resource requirements.

*Provide at least two (2) examples of both institutional and sector comparator programs (including program name, university, and most recent tuition fee exclusive of additional fees) used to set the proposed tuition fee.*

*Comparators may be similar credentials, similar programs or programs with similar cost structures. The Ministry prefers tuition comparators in Ontario, and then in Canada, if Ontario comparators are not available. If no comparators are available for tuition fee setting, please provide the rationale.*

*Justify the reasoning for the proposed tuition; if higher than comparators, describe how the impact on accessibility will be mitigated.*

| Program Comparators - Brock University |   |               |  |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|---------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| Program Name                           | Tuition fee for the program's full academic year, as defined by the institution | Academic year | Tuition fees: how it is charged (per year/ session/course /credit) | Number of semesters covered by tuition noted in column 2 | Number of units of study covered by tuition noted in column 2 | Number of semesters for program completion | Number of units of study for program completion |
| Biological Sciences                    | \$9084.72 (dom), \$23504.49 (intl)  | 2018/19       | Flat fee per year  | 3  | n/a (flat fee/year)   | 12   | 2   |
| Chemistry                              | \$9084.72 (dom), \$23504.49 (intl)  | 2018/19       | Flat fee per year  | 3  | n/a (flat fee/year)   | 12   | 7   |

| Program Comparators - Sector (only the program, institution names, and tuition fees are mandatory) |                  |   |   |              |  |   |  |   |
|--|------------------|---|---|--------------|--|---|--|---|
| Program Name   | Institution Name | Tuition fee for the program's full academic year, as defined by the institution | Tuition fees: how it is charged (per year/ session/course /credit)- if known. | Tuition year | Number of semesters covered by tuition noted in column 1 | Number of units of study covered by tuition noted in column 1 | Number of semesters for program completion | Number of units of study for program completion |
| Modelling and Computational Science  | UOIT             | \$8,421.46 (dom),   | Flat fee per year   | 2018/19      | 3  | n/a   | 12   | 3   |



|                       |           |                                       |                   |         |   |     |   |   |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---|-----|---|---|
|                       |           | \$18,421.78<br>(intl)                 |                   |         |   |     |   |   |
| Computational Science | U. Guelph | \$7768<br>(dom),<br>\$18732<br>(intl) | Flat fee per year | 2018/19 | 3 | n/a | 9 | 1 |

*Commentary:*

*List comparator programs both at Brock and other Ontario institutions, with particular reference to universities in the region; document how any duplicative similarities with existing programs at the University and other post-secondary institutions are justified; document that the program has consulted with other regional universities regarding the establishment of a similar program where the existing program is a recognized area of differentiation or leadership for the institution or where the proposed program requires substantial new investment in faculty, infrastructure, or experiential/entrepreneurial learning outside the regular learning environment.*

A detailed discussion of comparator programs is in Section 9.0 (a). Although the three comparator programs (Ryerson, UOIT, Guelph) are closest to our program, as computation and modelling are involved to varying degrees in these programs. However, the title and the focus areas of our programs are distinct from these existing programs. To summarize the earlier discussion:

(i) Ryerson U., Ph.D. in Mathematical Modelling and Methods: This is exclusively hosted by the Department of Mathematics and is directed towards 3 distinct topics: discrete mathematics and networks; financial mathematics; and biomathematics and fluids. It is therefore does not focus on any areas on data science and intelligent systems and does not include computer science methods as a partner field to their mathematical methods.

(ii) UOIT, Ph.D. in Modelling and Computational Science: This program has some superficial similarities to ours. However, it is entirely focused on two distinct fields: computational physical science, and scientific computations. It therefore does not consider research in fundamental topics in data science & analytics, mathematical & statistical modelling, artificial intelligence, optimization, smart systems, and high-performance computing in the host departments at Brock.

(iii) Guelph, Ph.D. in Computational Science: This is a multidisciplinary Ph.D. involving faculty from a wide array of different fields, from English to History to veterinary medicine and others. It is essentially a degree in computational methods for solving interdisciplinary programs. Although our Ph.D. will also consider this aspect, our program is founded in mathematical/statistical modelling and computer science technologies. Our degree therefore intrinsically highlights theories and applications in big data, machine intelligence, and systems design, and consequently, students are firmly founded in coursework, [comprehensive-qualifying](#) examinations, and thesis research in these areas. Guelph's degree is much broader in its interdisciplinary philosophy and scope, and less focused on foundational data science, artificial intelligence, and systems disciplines as ours.

*Comment on any differences between the proposed program and comparators (number of credits/courses, structure, etc.).*

Please see 3.2.2 and 9.0 for a detailed discussion of differences regard program structure between our program and others. To summarize that discussion, the Ph.D. program follows the same structure as most Ph.D. program in mathematics, statistics and computer science in Ontario and Canada:

(i) Course component: Students entering the program with a M.Sc. degree must take 6 courses. Two of these courses are prescribed (ISDS 7P75 Ph.D. Seminar, and ISDS 5N01 Scientific Writing). Other

programs require between 3 to 12 courses. Compulsory course(s) in research methodology or professional skills are sometimes required.

(ii) ~~Comprehensive-Qualifying~~ examination: Our program requires a ~~qualifying-comprehensive~~ examination, ~~that includes a unique assessment in~~ writing a research grant. ~~Other programs have comprehensive examinations, as well as written and oral qualifying examinations for the thesis proposal that describes the candidate's doctoral research topic, as well as an oral presentation and examination of the proposal.~~

(iii) Thesis research: All programs involve thesis research, submission, and defence. Our program uniquely requires students to submit thesis research for publication at a peer-reviewed conference/journal. (Although publication is not required, it is desirable).

Table 2.3: Doctoral Curriculum

| Ph.D. in Modeling with Mathematics and Applied Computing |  | Degree Level Expectation Headings |            |            |            | Depth and Breadth of Knowledge |              |             |       | Knowledge of Methodologies |         |         |         | Application of Knowledge |         |       |      |       |      | Professional Capacity/Autonomy |         |             |             |       |         | Level of Communication Skills |           |           |  | Awareness of Limits of Knowledge |  |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------|-------|------|-------|------|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Source No.   | Course Title   | LO1a                              | LO1b       | LO1c       | LO1d       | LO2a                           | LO2b         | LO2c        | LO2d  | LO3a                       | LO3b    | LO3c    | LO3d    | LO3e                     | LO3f    | LO4a  | LO4b | LO4c  | LO4d | LO4e                           | LO4f    | LO5a        | LO5b        | LO5c  | LO5d    | LO5e                          | LO6a      | LO6b      |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP01  | Coding Theory  | 2,3,4,7                           | 2,3,4,7    | 2,3,4,7    | 2,3,4,7    | 2,3,4                          | 2,3,4,7      | 7           |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP02  | Logic in Computer Science                                      | 2                                 | 2          | 2          | 2          | 2                              | 2            | 2           |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP03  | Universal Algebra for Computer Science                         | 2                                 | 2          | 2          | 2          | 2                              | 2            | 2           |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP04  | Parallel Algorithms  | 4,7                               | 4,7        | 4,7        | 4,7        | 4,7                            | 4,7          | 7           |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP05  | Introduction to Lambda Calculus                                | 2                                 | 2          | 2          | 2          | 2                              | 2            | 2           |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP06  | Principles of Mobile Cloud Computing                           | 2,3,4,7,10                        | 2,3,4,7,10 | 2,3,4,7,10 | 2,3,4,7,10 | 2,3,4,7,10                     | 2,3,4,7,10   |             |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP07  | Fundamentals of Parallel and Distributed Systems               | 2,3,4,7,10                        | 2,3,4,7,10 | 2,3,4,7,10 | 2,3,4,7,10 | 2,3,4,7,10                     | 2,3,4,7,10   |             |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP08  | Data Science   | 2,3,4,5,7                         | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5                        | 2,3,4,5,7    | 7           |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP11  | Genetic Programming  | 2,3,4,5,7                         | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5                        | 2,3,4,5,7    | 7           |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP12  | Robot Control Architectures                                    |                                   |            |            |            |                                |              |             |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP13  | Computer Vision and Visual Learning                            | 3,4                               | 3,4        | 3,4        | 3,4        | 3,4                            | 3,4          |             |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP14  | Evolutionary Computation                                       | 2,3,4,5,7                         | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5                        | 2,3,4,5,7    | 7           |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP15  | Directed Reading   | 4,5                               | 4,5        |            | 4,5        |                                |              |             |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP16  | Non-Invasive Data Analysis                                     | 2                                 | 2          | 2          | 2          | 2                              | 2            |             |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP17  | Recent Advances in Computational Intelligence                  | 2,3,4,5,7                         | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5                        | 2,3,4,5,7    | 7           |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| ZOSC SP18  | Machine Learning   | 2,3,4,5,7                         | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5,7  | 2,3,4,5                        | 2,3,4,5,7    | 7           |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP09  | Solitons and Nonlinear Wave Equations                          | 1,2,7,12                          | 1,2,7,12   | 1,2,7,12   | 1          | 2                              | 1,2,12       | 1,2,3,12    |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP10  | Modern Algebra   | 2,3,4,7                           | 2,3,4,7    | 2,3,4,7    | 3,7        | 2,3,4,7                        | 2,3,4,7      | 2,3,4,7,8   |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP11  | Advanced Algebraic Structures                                  | 2,3,4,7                           | 2,3,4,7    | 2,3,4,7    | 3,7        | 2,3,4,7                        | 2,3,4,7      | 2,3,4,7,8   |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP20  | Computational Methods for Algebraic and Differential Equations | 1,3                               | 1,3        | 1,3        |            | 3                              | 1,3,4        | 1,3         |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP21  | High Performance Computing                                     | 1,2,3                             | 1,2,3      | 1,2,3      |            | 1,2,3                          | 1,2,3        | 1,2,3       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP22  | Dynamical Systems  | 2,3,4                             | 2,3,4      | 2,3,4      | 3,4        | 2,3,4                          | 2,3,4,7      | 2,3,4,7     |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP23  | Ergodicity, Entropy and Chaos                                  | 2,3,4                             | 2,3,4      | 2,3,4      | 3,4        | 2,3,4                          | 2,3,4,7      | 2,3,4,7     |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP24  | Graph Theory   | 1,2,3,4,7                         | 1,2,3,4,7  | 1,2,3,4,7  | 1,3,4,7    | 1,2,3,4,7                      | 1,2,3,4,7    | 1,2,3,4,7   |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP25  | Algorithmic Game Theory  | 1,2,3                             | 1,2,3      | 1,2,3      |            | 1,2,3                          | 1,2,3        | 1,2,3       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP26  | Functional Analysis  | 2,3,4,7,12                        | 2,3,4,7,12 | 2,3,4,7,12 | 3,4,7,12   | 2,3,4,7,12                     | 2,3,4,7,12   | 2,3,4,7,12  |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP27  | Nonlinear Functional Analysis                                  | 1,2,3                             | 1,2,3      | 1,2,3      |            | 1,2,3                          | 1,2,3        | 1,2,3       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP28  | Algebraic Number Theory  | 2,3,7                             | 2,3,7      | 2,3,7      | 7          | 2,3,7                          | 2,3,7        | 2,3,7       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP29  | Partial Differential Equations                                 | 1,2,7,12                          | 1,2,7,12   | 1,2,7,12   | 1          | 2                              | 1,2,12       | 1,2,3,12    |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP30  | Differential Geometry and Mathematical Physics                 | 1,2,3                             | 1,2,3      | 1,2,3      |            | 1,2,3                          | 1,2,3        | 1,2,3       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP31  | Matrix groups and linear representations                       | 2,3,4,7                           | 2,3,4,7    | 2,3,4,7    | 3,7        | 2,3,4,7                        | 2,3,4,7      | 2,3,4,7,8   |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP32  | Introduction to Scientific Computing                           | 1,2,3                             | 1,2,3      | 1,2,3      |            | 1,2,3                          | 1,2,3        | 1,2,3       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP33  | Topology   | 2,3,4,12                          | 2,3,4,12   | 2,3,4,12   | 3,4,12     | 2,3,4,12                       | 2,3,4,12     | 2,3,4,12    |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP34  | Sampling Theory  | 2,3,4,7,10                        | 2,3,4,7,10 | 2,3,4,7,10 | 10         | 1,3,5,7,10                     | 2,3,4,5,7,10 | 7,10        |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP35  | Nonparametric Statistics                                       | 2,3,4,7,10                        | 2,3,4,7,10 | 2,3,4,7,10 | 10         | 1,3,5,7,10                     | 2,3,4,5,7,10 | 7,10        |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP36  | Linear Models  | 1,2,3                             | 1,2,3      | 1,2,3      |            | 1,2,3                          | 1,2,3        | 1,2,3       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP37  | Time Series Analysis and Stochastic Processes                  | 2,3,4                             | 2,3,4      | 2,3,4      |            | 3,4                            | 2,3,4        | 2,3,4       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP38  | Mathematical Statistical Inference                             | 2,3,4                             | 2,3,4      | 2,3,4      | 2,3,4      | 2,3,4                          | 2,3,4        | 2,3         |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP39  | Multivariate Statistics  | 1,2,3                             | 1,2,3      | 1,2,3      |            | 1,2,3                          | 1,2,3        | 1,2,3       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP40  | Computational Statistics                                       | 1,2,3,4,7                         | 1,2,3,4,7  | 1,2,3,4,7  | 1,2,3,4,7  | 1,2,3,4,7                      | 1,2,3,4,7,11 | 1,2,3,4,7   |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP41  | Advanced Statistics  | 2,3,4                             | 2,3,4      | 2,3,4      |            | 2,3,4                          | 2,3,4        | 2,3,4       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP42  | Computational methods for generalized linear models            |                                   |            |            |            |                                |              |             |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP43  | Cryptography and Number Theory                                 | 1,2,3                             | 1,2,3      | 1,2,3      |            | 1,2,3                          | 1,2,3        | 1,2,3       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MATH SP44  | Technology and Mathematics Education                           | 1,2,3                             | 1,2,3      | 1,2,3      |            | 1,2,3                          | 1,2,3        | 1,2,3       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| IMAC SN01  | Scientific Writing   |                                   |            |            |            |                                |              | 1,2,3,5,7,9 |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |
| MAC 710  | Ph.D. Thesis   | 1,5,6,7                           | 1,5,6,7    | 1,5,6,7    | 1,5,6,7    | 5,6                            | 5,6          | 1,6,7,8     | 5,6,9 | 5,6,7,9                    | 5,6,7,9 | 5,6,7,9 | 5,6,7,9 | 5,6,7,9                  | 5,6,7,9 | 5,6,9 | 5,6  | 5,6,9 | 5,6  | 5,6,8,9                        | 5,6,7,9 | 1,5,6,7,8,9 | 1,5,6,7,8,9 | 5,6,9 | 1,5,6,9 | 5,6,9                         | 5,6,7,8,9 | 5,6,7,8,9 |  |                                  |  |
| MAC 715  | Ph.D. Seminar  | 1,7,8                             | 1,7,8      | 1,7,8      | 1,7,8      | 1,7,8                          | 1,7,8        | 1,7,8       |       |                            |         |         |         |                          |         |       |      |       |      |                                |         |             |             |       |         |                               |           |           |  |                                  |  |

Degree of Implementation:

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| Introduced |
| Reinforced |
| Mastered   |

Numbered list of all assessment methods

- Participation: courses, department seminars, thesis defenses
- Tests, Exams
- Assignments
- Projects
- Essay/Research paper writing
- Thesis
- Oral presentations
- Comprehensive examination
- Peer review
- Case studies
- Self or peer evaluation
- Reading annotated lecture notes

| <b>Table 5.6: Proposed Budget for Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science</b> |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | Year 1 Forecast | Year 2 Forecast | Year 3 Forecast | Year 4 Forecast | Year 5 Forecast |
| <i>Insert Academic Year ==&gt;</i>  | 2020            | 2021            | 2022            | 2023            | 2024            |
| <b>ENROLLMENT (Headcount)</b>   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Intake  | 4               | 4               | 2               | 2               | 4               |
| Returning Students Year 2   |                 | 4               | 4               | 2               | 2               |
| Returning Students Year 3   |                 |                 | 4               | 4               | 2               |
| Returning Students Year 4   |                 |                 |                 | 4               | 4               |
| Returning Students Year 5   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Total Enrollment</b>   | 4               | 8               | 10              | 12              | 12              |
| <b>Domestic vs International Enrollment</b>   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Domestic  | 2               | 4               | 5               | 6               | 6               |
| International   | 2               | 4               | 5               | 6               | 6               |
| <b>Total Enrollment</b>   | 4               | 8               | 10              | 12              | 12              |
| <b>Annualized Tuition Rate</b>  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Domestic Tuition  | \$8,176.23      | \$8,176.23      | \$8,176.23      | \$8,176.23      | \$8,176.23      |
| International Tuition   | \$25,754.49     | \$25,754.49     | \$25,754.49     | \$25,754.49     | \$25,754.49     |
| <b>REVENUE</b>  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Domestic</b>   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Tuition   | \$16,352.46     | \$32,704.92     | \$40,881.15     | \$49,057.38     | \$49,057.38     |
| Ancillary Fees  | \$2,083.28      | \$4,166.56      | \$5,208.20      | \$6,249.84      | \$6,249.84      |
| <b>Total Domestic</b>   | \$18,435.74     | \$36,871.48     | \$46,089.35     | \$55,307.22     | \$55,307.22     |
| <b>International</b>  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Tuition   | \$51,508.98     | \$103,017.96    | \$128,772.45    | \$154,526.94    | \$154,526.94    |
| Ancillary Fees  | \$3,355.28      | \$6,710.56      | \$8,388.20      | \$10,065.84     | \$10,065.84     |
| <b>Total International</b>  | \$54,864.26     | \$109,728.52    | \$137,160.65    | \$164,592.78    | \$164,592.78    |
| <b>Revenue</b>  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Tuition Revenue   | \$67,861.44     | \$135,722.88    | \$169,653.60    | \$203,584.32    | \$203,584.32    |
| Ancillary Revenue   | \$5,438.56      | \$10,877.12     | \$13,596.40     | \$16,315.68     | \$16,315.68     |
| Special Purpose Funding (if applicable)   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>  | \$73,300.00     | \$146,600.00    | \$183,250.00    | \$219,900.00    | \$219,900.00    |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| New Faculty Positions (Number)  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Salaries (salary rate*number)   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Benefits (17% of salary)  | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          |
| New Staff Positions (Number)  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Salaries (salary rate*number)   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Benefits (23% of salary)  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Stipends (Number)   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Salaries (salary rate * number)   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Benefits (XX% of Salary)  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL STAFFING COSTS</b>   | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          |
| ITS Costs   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Library Costs   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Operating Costs   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Equipment (new and replacement)   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Marketing   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Scholarships and Bursaries  | \$106,304.00    | \$212,608.00    | \$265,760.00    | \$318,912.00    | \$318,912.00    |
| Experiential Education  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Indirect Costs (RATE?)  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Other Expenses  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>   | \$106,304.00    | \$212,608.00    | \$265,760.00    | \$318,912.00    | \$318,912.00    |
| <b>GROSS REVENUE</b>  | -\$33,004.00    | -\$66,008.00    | -\$82,510.00    | -\$99,012.00    | -\$99,012.00    |
| <b>Weighted Grant Units</b>   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| To be Negotiated  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |

# Appendix A

## Course Level Learning Outcomes

Course: COSC 4P03

**Course Calendar Description:  
Advanced Algorithms**

Classical and evolving problems and algorithms in Computer Science. Topics include classical design and analysis techniques, cryptography, combinatorics.

*Lectures, seminar, 3 hours per week.*

Prerequisite(s): COSC 3P03 (minimum 60 percent) or permission of the instructor.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome<br/>will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Identify when dynamic programming can and should be used; develop dynamic programming algorithms.                         | Lectures  | Assignments, Test  |                                 |
| Identify when greedy algorithms can produce optimal solutions; develop greedy algorithms for such situations.             | Lectures  | Assignments, Test  |                                 |
| Use and develop combinatorial algorithms to search for, generate, and/or enumerate a variety of combinatorial structures. | Lectures  | Assignments, Test  |                                 |

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| Understand the fundamentals of cryptography (including public-key cryptography); understand and apply basic cryptanalysis techniques. | Lectures                      | Assignments, Test           |  |
| Explain and/or develop advanced algorithms for difficult problems.  | Lectures; independent reading | Project, Class Presentation |  |

Course: Cosc 4P13

Course Calendar Description: Operating Systems: Design and Implementation

Design and implementation of UNIX and other operating systems. Topics include process and thread management, interprocess communication, synchronization and scheduling, multiprocessing, device drivers, kernel memory management, distributed and advanced file systems and STREAMS (knowledge of C assumed).

Lectures, lab, 4 hours per week.

Prerequisite(s): [COSC 2P13](#) (minimum 60 percent) or permission of the instructor.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b>       |
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| Install and manage a unix operating system  | Lab   | Lab completion   | Develop better and comprehensive labs |
| <b>Understand the internal process and scheduling mechanisms. Understand and trace kernel procedure invocation and parameter passing at kernel level.</b> | Lecture<br>Lab  | Lab completion<br>Unit Tests   | Develop better and comprehensive labs |
| File structure and security, access rights.   | Lecture   | Unit tests   | Develop better and comprehensive labs |



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| <b>Device mounts and driver, interrupt handlers</b>                       | lecture        | Lab completion<br>Unit test | Develop better and comprehensive labs |
| <b>Memory management, VM paging and security policies. Resource mgmt.</b> | Lecture<br>Lab | Lab completion<br>Unit Test | Develop better and comprehensive labs |

**Course: COSC 4P14**

**Course Calendar Description:**  
Computer Networks

Advanced topics in computer networking, including computer network security, wireless and high-speed networking, computer network management and performance evaluation.

Lectures, lab, 4 hours per week.

Prerequisite(s): COSC 2P13 (minimum 60 percent) or permission of the instructor.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Describe layers of internet stack  | lectures  | assignments  |                                 |
| Describe, and be able to reproduce the behaviour of, multiple common Application Layer protocols                   | lectures, labs  | assignments, labs, lab exercises   |                                 |
| Use a 'penetration testing' operating system to find and exploit glaring vulnerabilities in networks/systems       | lectures, labs, lab exercises   | labs, lab exercises  |                                 |
| Employ multiple cryptographic schemes/tools for signing, authenticating, encrypting, and decrypting communications | lectures, labs, lab exercises   | assignments, labs, lab exercises   |                                 |

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| Effect low-level communications via socket programming and low-level tools                                       | lectures, labs, lab exercises | assignments, labs, lab exercises |  |
| Describe and reproduce multiple approaches for monitoring or intercepting communications, including MitM attacks | lectures, labs                | lab exercises, assignments       |  |
| Create tools to connect to existing APIs for data retrieval, as well as web scraping                             | lectures, labs                | assignments                      |  |
| Describe the operation of, and common concerns with, wireless communications                                     | lectures                      | assignments                      |  |

Course: COSC 4P41

**Course Calendar Description:**  
Functional Programming

Introduction to functional programming using the languages Haskell. Topics include all data types, type inference, pattern-matching, recursion, polymorphism, higher-order functions, lazy vs eager evaluation, modules and monads.

Lectures, 3 hours per week.

Prerequisite(s): three and one-half COSC credits or permission of the instructor.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand the principles of functional programming  | lecture   |  |                                 |
| Understand and apply the principles of recursion   | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand and apply the principles of data type implementation in a functional programming language | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand and apply the principle of functions as first-order entities                              | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand and apply polymorphism and overloading  | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand and apply action based programming in a strongly  | Lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |

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| typed functional environment<br>using monads                        |         |  |  |
| Learn to formally reason about<br>programs in a functional language | lecture |  |  |

Course: COSC 4P42

**Course Calendar Description:**

Formal Methods in Software Engineering

Specification and correctness of software. Topics include algebraic specifications, semantics of programming languages, Hoare/dynamic logic, specification languages, program transformation.

Lectures/lab/tutorial, 4 hours per week.

Prerequisite(s): three and one-half COSC credits and [MATH 1P67](#) or permission of the instructor.

Prerequisite(s): three and one-half COSC credits or permission of the instructor.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>                  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand the challenge of developing correct software                       | lecture   |  |                                 |
| Understand and apply the principles of logical reasoning in first-order logic | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand and apply the principle of induction using well-founded relations  | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Learn formal approaches to semantics of programming languages                 | lecture   |  |                                 |
| Understand and apply the Hoare calculus for program correctness               | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand and apply abstract data types using algebraic specifications       | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |

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| Learn to reason formally about algebraic specifications and their implementation | Lecture, exercise questions | tests |  |
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Course: COSC 4P61

Course Calendar Description:

Theory of Computation

(also offered as MATH 4P61)

Regular languages and finite state machines: deterministic and non-deterministic machines, Kleene's theorem, the pumping lemma, Myhill-Nerode Theorem and decidable questions. Context-free languages: generation by context-free grammars and acceptance by pushdown automata, pumping lemma, closure properties, decidability. Turing machines: recursively enumerable languages, universal Turing machines, halting problem and other undecidable questions.

Lectures, 3 hours per week.

Restriction: open to COSC (single or combined), BCB, CAST, CNET, GAMP and NEUR Neurocomputing stream majors.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 1P67.

Note: MATH students may take this course with permission of the Mathematics Department.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Discuss the concept of finite state machines and design a deterministic finite state machine to accept a specified language. | lectures, textbooks, assignments,   | assignments, midterm, final exam   |                                 |
| Generate a regular expression to represent a specified language.   | lectures, textbooks, assignments,   | assignments, midterm, final exam   |                                 |



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| Show equivalence among finite state machines, regular expressions, and regular grammars.   | lectures, textbooks, assignments, | assignments, midterm, final exam |  |
| Design a context-free grammar to represent a specified language.   | lectures, textbooks, assignments, | assignments, midterm, final exam |  |
| Design a push-down machine for a context-free language.  | lectures, textbooks, assignments, | assignments, midterm, final exam |  |
| Show equivalence between PDAs and CFLs   | lectures, textbooks, assignments, | assignments, midterm, final exam |  |
| Understand what a Turing machine is and the Church-Turing Thesis   | lectures, textbooks, assignments, | assignments, midterm, final exam |  |
| Know classifications of four types of languages and the machines corresponding to each family of languages, Chomsky hierarchy.                                       | lectures, textbooks, assignments, | assignments, midterm, final exam |  |
| Have basic knowledge of countable and uncountable sets.  | lectures, textbooks, assignments, | assignments, midterm, final exam |  |
| Know the decision problems for languages and how they are related to problems to be solved and that there are decision problems that are not recursively enumerable. | lectures, textbooks, assignments, | assignments, midterm, final exam |  |

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| Explain why the halting problem has no algorithmic solution. | lectures, textbooks, assignments | assignments, midterm, final exam |  |
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Course: COSC 4P75

**Course Calendar Description:**  
Compiler Construction

Topics include lexical, syntactic and semantic analysis of high-level languages; symbol table organization; code generation and optimization.

Lectures, 3 hours per week.

Prerequisite(s): COSC 2P03 (minimum 60 percent), 2P05 (minimum 60 percent) and 2P12 (minimum 60 percent) or permission of the instructor.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Describe the compilation process and its phases   | lecture   |  |                                 |
| Explain and apply the principles of language translation including lexical, syntactic and semantic analysis and code generation | lecture   | project  |                                 |
| Describe and implement one technique for error-recovery in each of syntactic and semantic analysis                              | lecture   | project  |                                 |
| Develop a compiler for a small Java-like language using recursive descent parsing   | lecture, project  | project  |                                 |
| Apply object-oriented techniques to a single-person, large-scale project  | lecture, project  | project  |                                 |

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| Apply coding/documentation standards in project development |  | project |  |
| Apply appropriate testing techniques in project development |  | project |  |

**Course: COSC 4P76 Machine Learning**

**Course Calendar Description:**

Fundamental machine learning techniques with emphasis on using these techniques to design and implement small practical learning systems. Topics include learning as a search, inductive bias, concept learning, computational learning, explanation-based learning and reinforcement learning.

| <p><b>Learning Outcome</b></p> <p><i>A student will be able to:</i></p>  | <p><b>Learning Activity/Experience</b></p> <p><i>A student will learn this by:</i></p> | <p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i></p> | <p><b>Strategy for Improvement</b></p> |
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| <p>Understand what is a well-defined machine-learning problem? Understand concept learning, learning from examples, the idea of hypothesis space, version spaces and candidate elimination algorithms. Understand other machine learning fundamentals such as theoretical limitations of machine learning,</p> | <p>Lectures</p>  | <p>Test</p>   |  |
| <p>Appreciate the idea of evaluating hypotheses. Differentiate between sample and true errors, learn different probability distributions and how to compare different learning algorithms, training, testing and validation techniques, dimensionality reduction</p>   | <p>Lectures, assignments, tutorials.</p>   | <p>Test, assignments.</p>   |  |

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| techniques such as principal component analysis  |   |   |  |
| Be exposed to, understand, design, develop and apply various supervised learning models such as decision trees, neural networks, support vector machines using well-known bench-mark data and real-world applications. | Lectures, assignments, project, seminars        | Term test, seminar presentation, assignments, term project. |  |
| Understand, design, develop and apply various unsupervised learning paradigms such as k-means and variants, vector quantization, self-organizing feature maps etc.   | Lectures, assignments, seminar/project          | Term test, seminar presentation, assignments, term project  |  |
| Understand and apply instance based learning; k-nearest neighbor for classification and regression, case based learning  | Lectures, assignments, seminar/project          | Term test, seminar presentation, assignments, term project  |  |
| Understand and apply the fundamentals of reinforcement   | Lectures, assignments, seminar/project, project |   |  |

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| learning and applications of Q-learning  |   | Term test, seminar presentation, assignments, term project |  |
| Understand and apply the fundamentals of Bayesian learning: understand basics of probability theory, Bayes Theorem, various Bayesian algorithms; their roles and weakness/strengths  | Lectures, assignments, project                                | Assignments, tests, project                                |  |
| Apply and have an appreciation of statistical analysis and machine learning software packages and applications of machine learning techniques, be able to choose and apply an appropriate learning algorithm to real-world applications, | Lectures, seminars, tutorials, assignments, project           | Assignments, project                                       |  |
| Survey, understand, examine and apply a range of other topics in machine learning including deep learning, evolutionary learning, etc.   | Lectures, assignments, invited talks, class seminars, project | Assignments, seminar presentation, test, term projects.    |  |

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| <p>Understand, design, develop and apply machine learning algorithms to various real- world applications including game development, data clustering and classification, face &amp; character recognition, image processing, stock market prediction, etc.</p> | <p>Lectures, assignments, project, invited talks</p> | <p>Assignments, term test, term projects.</p> |  |
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Course: COSC 4P78

**Course Calendar Description:**  
Robotics

Computer control aspects of robots focusing on behaviour-based robot control architectures. Topics include robot components and subsystems, sensors and perception, object location and manipulation, mobile robot navigation, task planning, control architectures, adaptive and social behaviour.

Lectures, 3 hours per week; lab, 1 hour per week.

Prerequisite(s): COSC 3P71 (minimum 60 percent) or permission of the instructor.

Note: PHYS 1P91 and 1P92 are recommended.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>                        | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b>                                |
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| Evaluation situations to devise sensor suites suitable to the assigned tasks            | lecture, self study   | assignments, final test  |  |
| Construct microcontroller board and robot from low-level electronic components          | labs, project   | labs, project  | Funding for pre-made robots would allow for more complex tasks |
| Program agents to perform various tasks, based on perceived inputs                      | labs, project   | labs, project  | (See above)  |
| Describe multiple control architectures and agent models                                | lecture, self study   | assignments, final test  |  |
| Describe and/or use multiple communication mechanisms, both intra-robot and inter-robot | lecture, lab, self study  | labs, assignment, final test   |  |

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| Either research and explain an advanced topic concerning robotics or machine vision in a formal style, or develop a more advanced robotic agent or software | project | project |  |
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**Course: COSC 4P80 Artificial Neural Networks**

**Course Calendar Description:**

Practical problem solving using artificial neural networks. Supervised learning, single- and multilayer feed-forward networks and backpropagation and refinements; recurrent neural networks; Hopfield networks and Boltzmann machines. Unsupervised learning, competitive learning, Kohonen map and self-organizing feature maps.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand and apply the fundamentals of neural network models: McCulloch-Pitts model, multilayer perceptron, associative memory, radial basis function, etc.                          | Lectures, assignment.   | Assignment, term test.   |                                 |
| Understand and apply supervised learning algorithms especially variants of back propagation algorithms and unsupervised learning including self-organizing feature maps learning etc., | Lectures, assignments.  | Assignments, term test, term project.  |                                 |
| Survey and apply a range of advanced topics in neural computation including deep learning, and evolving neural networks.   | Lectures, assignments, invited talks, class seminars.                           | Assignments, seminar presentation, test, term projects.                              |                                 |

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| Understand, design and apply neural networks to various real-world applications including classification, character recognition, image processing, clustering, stock market prediction, etc.          | Lectures, assignments, project, invited talks | Assignments, term test, term projects.         |  |
| Exposure to statistical analysis, experimental design and implementation of neural networks software libraries using AI programming, and use of existing neural networks and deep learning libraries. | Lectures, tutorials, assignments, project     | Assignments, term projects.                    |  |
| Exposure to recent and other miscellaneous topics in neural computation including real-world applications   | Lectures, class seminars, project.            | Class seminars, student selected term project. |  |

**Course: COSC 4P81 AI Programming**

**Course Calendar Description:**

developing computer applications for AI problem solving. The course will explore different topics in AI software systems, and examine how different programming languages and paradigms can suit particular AI problem domains. Introductions to different AI languages (Prolog, Lisp, Python) will be briefly overviewed. However, the focus will be their use in AI problem solving, rather than to give comprehensive treatments of the languages.

Lectures, 3 hours per week.

Prerequisite(s): three and one-half COSC credits or permission of the instructor.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand and apply the fundamentals of logic programming and the Prolog language, including applications in expert systems and natural language processing. | Lectures, assignment.   | Assignment, project.   |                                 |
| Understand and apply the fundamentals of functional language and the LISP programming language, and example applications in symbolic processing.              | Lectures, assignment.   | Assignment, project.   |                                 |
| Understand and apply Python programming, and applications in machine learning systems.  | Lectures, assignment.   | Assignment, project.   |                                 |
| Understand and apply Java programming in a genetic programming system, and use it towards problem solving.  | Lectures, assignment.   | Assignment, project.   |                                 |

**Course: COSC 4P87 Foundations of Reasoning under Uncertainty**

**Course Calendar Description:**

Uncertain reasoning is based on both deductive and inductive methods. Exploration of formal foundations of both streams. Formal systems such as propositional modal logics and grammars, models of probability, Bayesian reasoning, fuzzy sets, rough sets, concept lattices and knowledge structures.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Discuss the presence and role of uncertainty in data modelling.   | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |
| Discuss and apply problem solving strategies.   | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |
| Exemplify the parts of a formal system, provide interpretations for a formal system and formally prove simple theorems. | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |
| Describe the aims, components and tools of the rough set model, and its statistical assumptions.                        | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |
| Name reasons for uncertainty and explain their consequences.  | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |

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| State and exemplify the basic properties of a probability function, random variables, and expectation   | Lectures, exercises | Class test, oral examination |  |
| Explain and discuss important principles of reasoning under uncertainty such as the principle of indifference, Occam's razor, and randomness. |                     | Class test, oral examination |  |
| Describe the philosophy of Bayes theory and name some of its advantages and problems.   | Lectures, exercises | Class test, oral examination |  |
| Use Bayes rules to determine prior probabilities from posterior probabilities, and find the odds of events.                                   | Lectures, exercises | Class test, oral examination |  |

**Course: COSC 4P98 Topics in Computer Media and Digital Audio**

**Course Calendar Description:**

Fractals, digital audio fundamentals, Fourier analysis, MIDI, computer composition, music and sound processing and user interfaces. Programming assignments may use C, Java, Supercollider and Csound.

Lectures, 3 hours per week.

Prerequisite(s): three and one-half COSC credits or permission of the instructor.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand the fundamentals of acoustic audio and its digital representation, sampling, and signal processing. | Lectures, assignment.   | Assignment, term test.   |                                 |
| Understand Fourier representation of audio, including Fourier Series and Discrete Fourier Transformation.      | Lectures, assignment.   | Assignment, term test.   |                                 |
| Survey a range of diverse audio synthesis techniques, including additive, subtractive, and granular synthesis. | Lectures, assignment.   | Assignment, term test, optional project.   |                                 |
| Understand the basics of MIDI, as well as computer music programming environments such as CSound.              | Lectures, assignment.   | Assignment, term test.   |                                 |



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| Exposure to essential ideas of commercial SDK toolkits for audio programming (e.g. VST)   | Lectures, optional assignment.             | Optional assignment, term test, optional project. |  |
| Exposure to miscellaneous relevant topics in digital audio, including computer composition, fractal composition, AI and music, visualization, and others. | Lectures, class seminar, optional project. | Class seminar, term test, optional project.       |  |

Course: COSC 5P01

Course Calendar Description:  
Coding Theory

The main concepts, problems and applications related to error-correcting codes. Different classes of codes and their properties. Emphasis on algorithms relating to codes, examination of algorithms for encoding and decoding, together with algorithms that may be used in computer searches for specific classes of codes.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>                                   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Explain and prove basic properties relating to linear and non-linear codes.                    | Lectures  | Assignments, Test  |                                 |
| Encode and decode codes using a variety of methods.  | Lectures  | Assignments, Test  |                                 |
| Create and use codes using a variety of methods.   | Lectures  | Assignments, Test  |                                 |
| Explain advanced problems and concepts relating to codes; develop algorithms for such problems | Lectures, independent reading   | Class Presentation, Project  |                                 |



Course: COSC 5P02

Course Calendar Description:

Logic in Computer Science

A thorough introduction to mathematical logic, covering the following topics: propositional and first-order logic; soundness, completeness, and compactness of first-order logic; first-order theories; undecidability and Gödel's incompleteness theorem; and an introduction to other logics such as intuitionistic and modal logics. Furthermore, the course stresses the application of logic to various areas of computer science such as computability, programming languages, program specification and verification.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>                    | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand the different components of a logic                                  | lecture   |  |                                 |
| Understand and apply the principles of logical reasoning in propositional logic | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Prove correctness, completeness and decidability of propositional logic         | lecture   | exam   |                                 |
| Understand limitations of propositional logic                                   | lecture   |  |                                 |
| Understand and apply the principles of logical reasoning in first-order logic   | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Prove correctness and completeness of first-order logic                         | lecture   | exam   |                                 |
| Understand limitations of first-order logic                                     | lecture   |  |                                 |

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| Understand and apply the principles of logical reasoning in modal logics | lecture, exercise questions | tests |  |
| Understand limitations of first-order logic                              | lecture                     |       |  |
| Determine applications of modal logics in Computer Science               | lecture                     |       |  |

**Author:**

**Course:** COSC 5P03 Universal Algebra for Computer Science

**Course Calendar Description:**

The study of the concepts and constructs of Universal Algebra, such as products, subalgebras, homomorphic images and congruences, term algebras, free algebras, its connections with Logic and Model Theory, decidability issues, lattices and relation algebras, and applications in Computer Science such as Type Theory, Specification, Complexity Theory, Uncertainty Management and others.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand the basic concepts of universal algebra and its relation to topics in computer science.                 | Lectures  | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |
| Understand and work with binary relations and their operators  | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |
| Understand and apply the basic operations on algebras (taking of subalgebras, direct products, homomorphic images) | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |
| Explain the homomorphism theorems  | Lectures  | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |

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| Understand and explain the concept of free algebras and their properties   | Lectures | Class test, oral examination |  |
| Understand the role of universal algebra in equational logic   | Lectures | Class test, oral examination |  |
| Know the definitions and basic properties of various classes of algebras such as lattices, Kleene algebras, relation algebras etc. | Lectures | Class test, oral examination |  |

Course: COSC 5P04

Course Calendar Description:

Parallel Algorithms

Introduction to parallel processing, various parallel computational models including both shared-memory and distributed-memory models, speed-up, cost, design and analysis of parallel algorithms and data structures for a variety of problems in searching, sorting, graph theory, computational geometry, strings, and numerical computation; brief introduction to parallel complexity.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Explain what parallel/distributed computing.   | lectures, seminars, projects  | seminar presentations, projects  |                                 |
| Know different models of parallel computation, shared memory vs distributed memory (interconnection networks). | lectures, seminars, projects  | seminar presentations, projects  |                                 |
| Analyze parallel algorithms and explain cost, efficiency, and speed-up.  | lectures, seminars, projects  | seminar presentations, projects  |                                 |



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| Design parallel divide-and-conquer algorithms  | lectures, seminars, projects | seminar presentations, projects |  |
| Be familiar with some well known algorithms for sorting, searching, graph problems.                        | lectures, seminars, projects | seminar presentations, projects |  |
| Be able to design and analyze parallel algorithms for various models of PRAM and interconnection networks. | lectures, seminars, projects | seminar presentations, projects |  |

Course: COSC 5P05

**Course Calendar Description:**  
Introduction to Lambda Calculus

Introduction to typed and untyped lambda calculi and their semantics. Syntax of the lambda calculus, conversion, fixed points, reduction, Church-Rosser theorem, representation of recursive functions, lambda models. Category theory, cartesian closed categories and categorical models of lambda calculus.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>                 | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand the syntax and semantics of the simply typed lambda calculus          | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand and apply reduction systems   | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand the principles of category theory                                     | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Learn categorical semantics of the simply typed lambda calculus                  | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand the semantic problems of recursion and recursively defined data types | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand the syntax and semantics of the untyped lambda calculus               | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand the syntax and semantics of typed lambda calculi with recursion       | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |

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| Understand the syntax and reduction system of the second-order lambda calculus | lecture |  |  |
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**Course: COSC 5P07 Fundamentals of Parallel and Distributed Algorithms**

**Course Calendar Description:**

This course is intended to present fundamentals of parallel and distributed simulations to graduate students. These simulations evolved from military-oriented applications in the 1960s to sophisticated frameworks, producing the basic concepts for all simulators, such as multiplayer online role-playing games, as well as virtual environments in manufacturing, emergency management, education, and medical fields. The course requires a background knowledge on programming, data structures, and distributed systems for understanding the concepts behind simulation execution control algorithms. The topics of the course will describe the optimistic and conservative synchronization strategies for coordinating discrete-event distributed simulations, as well as their involved features and limitations; the course will also cover the current frameworks and challenges in the area, as well as new, widely used paradigms.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Explain parallel/distributed computing.  | lectures, seminars, projects  | seminar presentations, projects  |                                 |
| Know different models of parallel computation, shared memory vs distributed memory (interconnection networks). | lectures, seminars, projects  | seminar presentations, projects  |                                 |
|  | lectures, seminars, projects  | seminar presentations, projects  |                                 |

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| Analyze parallel algorithms and explain cost, efficiency, and speed-up.                                    |                              |                                 |  |
| Design parallel divide-and-conquer algorithms  | lectures, seminars, projects | seminar presentations, projects |  |
| Be familiar with some well known algorithms for sorting, searching, graph problems.                        | lectures, seminars, projects | seminar presentations, projects |  |
| Be able to design and analyze parallel algorithms for various models of PRAM and interconnection networks. | lectures, seminars, projects | seminar presentations, projects |  |

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**Course: COSC 5P08 Data Science**

**Course Calendar Description:**

Provides students with fundamentals in data science including algorithms and tools/techniques in data science. A hands-on group term project focusing on a real-world applied data set/industry problem will form a major component of this course.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand fundamental concepts in data science and associated algorithms.   | Lectures, assignments, project.   | Assignments, project, test.  |                                 |
| Applications of techniques for data science, including an understanding of appropriateness of algorithms towards different problems paradigms.   | Lectures, assignments, project  | Assignments, project, test   |                                 |
| Understand how to design and implement empirical experiments using data science techniques, and how to write, analyze, and write up the results in a formal, scientifically rigorous manner. | Lectures, assignments, project  | Assignments, project   |                                 |

**Author: Brian Ross**

**Course: COSC 5P71 Genetic Programming**

**Course Calendar Description:**

The synthesis of computer programs using evolutionary computation. The study of different representations, including tree, linear, grammatical. Theoretical analyses, including the effects of operators, representations, fitness landscapes. Practical applications in problem solving, decision making, classification, computer vision, design.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand fundamental concepts behind Koza's tree-based genetic programming, including evolutionary algorithm, tree representation, GP language design, and basic application of GP to problems. | Lectures, assignments, project.   | Assignments, project, test.  |                                 |
| Understand advanced GP representations, such as strong typing, ADFs, linear GP, developmental GP, and grammatical GP.   | Lectures, assignments, project  | Assignments, project, test   |                                 |
| Understand advanced problem solving techniques for GP, such as diversity strategies, parallelism, and multi-objective evaluation.   | Lectures, assignments, project.   | Assignments, project, test   |                                 |

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| Understand the computational and problem-solving limitations of GP, and the ideas behind the No Free Lunch theorem.   | Lectures                       | Test                 |  |
| Understand how to design and implement empirical experiments using GP, and how to write, analyze, and write up the results in a formal, scientifically rigorous manner. | Lectures, assignments, project | Assignments, project |  |
| Ability to independently peruse the scientific literature on a GP topic of interest.  | Seminar, project               | Seminar, project     |  |



**Course: COSC 5P73: Computer Vision and Visual Computer Learning**

**Course Calendar Description:** Introduction to computer vision and pattern classification. The problems of WHAT and WHERE. The issue of knowledge representation and performance. Knowledge consolidation models. The concept of recursive (i.e. evolutionary) computer learning. Visual learning. Guided learning from infallible and fallible experts. Autonomous learning and experimentation. Analysis of HPC architectures conducive to visual computer learning.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i> | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b>                    |
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| Write scene segmentation apps                                | Lectures, assignments, two-person project                                   | Evaluation of assignments, two-person project                                    | Better student background prep in physics (optics) |
| Write object classification and recognition apps             | Lectures, assignments, two-person project                                   | Evaluation of assignments, two-person project                                    | Better student background prep in physics (optics) |
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**Course: COSC 5P74 Evolutionary Computation**

**Course Calendar Description:**

Study of basic concepts of evolutionary algorithms (EAs) from a theoretical and application viewpoint. This includes genetic algorithms, evolutionary strategies, genetic programming, problem representation, genetic operations, overall control, theory of EAs and various examples of important applications. Includes related bio-inspired sub-areas such as swarm intelligence, and evolutionary robotics.

| <p><b>Learning Outcome</b><br/><i>A student will be able to:</i></p>  | <p><b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br/><i>A student will learn this by:</i></p> | <p><b>Assessment</b><br/><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i></p> | <p><b>Strategy for Improvement</b></p> |
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| <p>Understand fundamental concepts of different evolutionary algorithms (with an emphasis on genetic algorithm), such as representations, genetic operators, evaluation strategies, search space analysis, design and practical applications. Compare evolutionary algorithms with swarm intelligence algorithms.</p> | <p>Lectures, assignments, project</p>   | <p>Assignments, test, project presentations</p>  |  |
| <p>Understand and apply different representation strategies, genetic operators and selection schemes. Applications.</p>   | <p>Lectures, assignments, project</p>   | <p>Assignments, test, project</p>  |  |
| <p>Understand and apply advanced problem-solving topics such as multi-objective strategies, hybrid strategies, niching and speciation</p>   | <p>Lectures, assignments, project</p>   | <p>Assignments, tests, project and presentations</p>                                     |  |

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| and co-evolution with applications   |   |   |  |
| Understand the challenges and uses of evolutionary computation in dynamic optimization   | Lectures, assignments, project          | Assignments, tests, project and presentations |  |
| Understand theoretical foundations of search space analysis and its implication for efficient genetic design   | Lectures                                | Tests   |  |
| Understand and apply fundamental concepts from swarm intelligence focusing on ant systems and particle swarm optimization, comparisons with evolutionary algorithms. Real-world applications | Lectures, assignments, seminar, project | Assignments, term test, project.              |  |
| Understand the design, empirical experimentation using GAs, Ants systems and PSO, technical writing of results and discussions   | Lectures, assignments, project          | Assignments, project, seminar presentation.   |  |
| Other advanced topics of interest: search space analyses, neural - evolutionary systems,   | Seminar, project                        | Seminar presentation, term test, project      |  |

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| deep evolving neural networks,<br>genetic programming,<br>evolutionary robotics, swarm<br>robotics, etc. |  |  |  |
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**Course:** COSC 5P76 Non-invasive Data Analysis

**Course Calendar Description:**

A study of data analysis using information from the given data based on the rough set data model. Includes an overview of the data modeling process, principles of probability, non-parametric significance testing, data filtering and discretization, model selection, rule validation, case studies

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Know and explain various approaches to data modelling.   | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |
| Know and explain the basic difference between quantitative and qualitative data analysis.  | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |
| Know, explain, and give examples for the basic constructs of rough set data analysis (RSDA) such as equivalence relations, information systems, rules, reducts, etc. | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |
| Find and interpret the approximation quality of a set of attributes with respect to a decision attribute.  | Lectures, exercises   | Class test, oral examination   |                                 |

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| Apply randomization methods to obtain the significance of rules.   | Lectures, exercises | Class test, oral examination |  |
| Know and discuss model selection within the rough set model  | Lectures, exercises | Class test, oral examination |  |
| Read and understand literature and give a seminar on a topic related to the course, e.g. further RSDA methods, formal concept analysis, modal operators in qualitative data analysis, knowledge spaces | Reading             | Seminar                      |  |

**Author: Brian Ross**

**Course: COSC 5P77 Recent Advances in Computational Intelligence**

**Course Calendar Description:**

A course on computational intelligence paradigms focusing on swarm intelligence, evolutionary computation, and neural networks including recent advances in deep neural networks. Applications to machine learning, optimization and data science. This is a guided seminar style based graduate course targeting recent advances in the field.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand fundamental concepts in computational intelligence algorithms.   | Lectures, assignments, project.   | Assignments, project, test.  |                                 |
| Applications of computational intelligence algorithms, including an understanding of appropriateness of algorithms towards different problems paradigms.  | Lectures, assignments, project  | Assignments, project, test   |                                 |
| Understand how to design and implement empirical experiments using computational intelligence, and how to write, analyze, and write up the results in a formal, scientifically rigorous manner. | Lectures, assignments, project  | Assignments, project   |                                 |

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**Course: COSC 5P78 Machine Learning**

**Course Calendar Description:**

A graduate level Artificial intelligence course on machine learning. Introduces theoretical foundations and machine learning systems, algorithms and applications. Supervised, unsupervised learning and statistical models, among others will be covered. Students will learn tools and the methods and principles for handling real-world data sets and data science applications. Research methodologies, seminar presentations and an applied term project will be conducted.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Understand fundamental concepts in machine learning algorithms.   | Lectures, assignments, project.   | Assignments, project, test.  |                                 |
| Applications of machine learning algorithms, including an understanding of appropriateness of algorithms towards different problems paradigms.  | Lectures, assignments, project  | Assignments, project, test   |                                 |
| Understand how to design and implement empirical experiments using machine learning, and how to write, analyze, and write up the results in a formal, scientifically rigorous manner. | Lectures, assignments, project  | Assignments, project   |                                 |



Course: COSC 5V90

**Course Calendar Description:**

Functional Programming and Interactive Theorem Proving

Introduction to the dependently typed functional programming language of Coq as well as its formal language for mathematical definitions and theorems. Introduction to higher-order logic, interactive theorem proving. Development of verified software using the Coq system.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>                                      | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> | <b>Strategy for Improvement</b> |
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| Understand the principles of functional programming and interactive theorem proving               | lecture   |  |                                 |
| Understand the duality of proofs and programs   | lecture   |  |                                 |
| Learn to use the Coq Interactive Theorem Prover   | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand and apply formal reasoning to program development in a functional programming language | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Understand and apply algebraic reasoning in an Interactive Theorem Prover                         | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |
| Develop and verify a software solution in Coq   | lecture, exercise questions   | tests  |                                 |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course:** MATH 5P09: Solitons and Nonlinear Wave Equations

**Course Calendar Description:** Introduction to solitons: Linear and nonlinear travelling waves. Nonlinear evolution equations (Korteweg de Vries, nonlinear Schrodinger, sine-Gordon). Soliton solutions and their interaction properties. Lax pairs, inverse scattering, zero-curvature equations and Backlund transformations, Hamiltonian structures, conservation laws..

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
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| Know examples of linear dispersive wave equations and some physical applications. Find and understand dispersion relation.   | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm   |
| Understand and find travelling wave solutions of linear and nonlinear evolution equations.   | Lectures, assignments, computer lab   | Assignments, midterm   |
| Know examples of nonlinear dispersive wave equations and some physical applications.   | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm   |
| Understand solitons versus solitary waves; describe main distinguishing features of solitons and their interactions for KdV equation; understand basic aspects of integrability. | Lectures, assignments, course webpages                                      | Assignments, midterm, final project  |
| Understand basic conservation laws of KdV and mKdV equations; Miura transformation.  | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm   |
| Understand and apply auto-Backlund transformation and nonlinear superposition of KdV equation.   | Lectures, assignments, computer lab   | Assignments, midterm, final project  |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

|   |  |                                     |
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| Understand properties of 2-soliton solution of KdV equation; position shift formula.  | Lectures, assignments, course webpages | Assignments, midterm, final project |
| Understand Lax pair and its derivation from Miura transformation for KdV equation; formulation of Lax pair as a zero-curvature equation.  | Lectures, assignments                  | Assignments, midterm, final project |
| Understand inverse scattering transform (IST); eigenfunctions; scattering states and bound states; spectrum and isospectral property; construction of KdV solutions from scattering data. | Lectures, assignments, computer lab    | Assignments, midterm                |
| Apply IST to find multi-soliton solutions of KdV equation; properties of multi-solitons; position shifts.   | Lectures, assignments, course webpages | Assignments                         |
| Derive conservation laws of KdV equation from Lax pair; properties of higher conservation laws.   | Lectures, assignments                  | Assignments                         |
| Understand basic aspects of theory of conservation laws for wave equations; main physical examples: mass, momentum, energy.   | Lectures, assignments                  | Assignments                         |
| Understand Hamiltonian structure of KdV equation and basic aspects of bi-Hamiltonian theory; connection between Hamiltonians and symmetries.  | Lectures, assignments                  | Assignments                         |
| Present a derivation of travelling wave solutions or solitons or Lax pair or auto-Backlund transformation for an integrable evolution equation; implement in a Maple worksheet.           | Computer lab                           | Final project and presentation      |

## Table A.1 Course Learning Outcomes

**Course:** MATH 5P10: **Course Name:** Groups, Rings, and Group Rings

**Course Calendar Description:** Advanced group theory and ring theory, such as group actions, p-groups and Sylow subgroups, solvable and nilpotent groups, finiteness conditions in rings, semisimplicity, the Wedderburn-Artin theorem. Introduction to group rings, such as unit groups, augmentation ideals, several important types of units, and the isomorphism problem..

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
|---|---|--|
| Understand some advanced topics in group theory, such as the isomorphism theorems, symmetric groups and G-sets, the Sylow theorems, subnormal and normal series, solvable and nilpotent groups.                               | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test.   |
| Understand basic and some important concepts in ring theory, such as ideals, factorization in commutative rings, rings of quotients and localization, rings of polynomials. Artinian and Noetherian rings, semi-simple rings. | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, research projects.                                    |
| Understand Basic concepts in Modules, such as homs and exact sequences, free modules, projective and injective modules, tensor products, modules over PID.  | Lectures, assignments.  | Assignments, midterm test, research projects.                                    |
| Understand some basic concepts in group rings, such as augmentation ideals, several important units: bicyclic units and Bass cyclic units, Clean group rings.   | Lectures, assignments. Presentations in class                               | Assignments, research projects.  |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course: MATH 5P30: Dynamical Systems**

**Course Calendar Description:** Introduction to dynamical systems and their applications in mathematical modeling. Linear flows, local theory of nonlinear flows, linearization theorems, stable manifold theorem. Global theory: limit sets and attractors, Poincaré-Bendixson theorem. Structural stability and bifurcations of vector fields. Low dimensional phenomena in discrete dynamics. Chaotic dynamics: routes to chaos, characterization of chaos and strange attractors.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
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| Understand basic types of linear flows, the notion of invariant subspaces, method of determining the nature of the linear flow by finding the Jordan form of the matrix defining the given dynamical system/ | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test  |
| Understand two fundamental theorems of local theory of dynamical systems: stable manifold theorem and Hartman-Grobman linearization theorem  | Lectures, in-class demonstrations of computer experiments                   | Assignments, midterm test, final project/take-home exam                          |
| Find linearizing homeomorphism and approximate equation of stable and unstable manifolds for a given dynamical system  | Lectures, assignments, use of provided Maple software                       | Assignments, midterm test, final project/ take-home exam                         |
| Analyze dynamics on center manifold for a given dynamical system   | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, final project/ take-home exam                         |
| Understand the notions of alpha and omega limit sets, attractor, attracting set, and limit cycles of various types   | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, final project/ take-home exam                         |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

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| Know examples of limit cycles in the natural world and their technological applications (biological oscillations, electronic circuits, chemical reactions, etc.) | Lectures, videos shown in class, computer experiments shown in class, use of provided Maple software | final project/ take-home exam             |
| Be able to prove that limit cycle exists/does not exist in a given dynamical system (Bendixson criterion, Poincare-Bendixson theorem)                            | Lectures, assignments  | Assignments, final project/take-home exam |
| Understand the notion of a bifurcation of a vector field and know basic types of bifurcations occurring in commonly encountered dynamical systems and models     | Lectures, assignments  | Assignments, final project/take-home exam |
| Understand the classical (Devaney) definition of chaos for discrete maps and for continuous systems (via Poincare map).  | Lectures, assignments, in-class computer experiments   | Assignments, final project/take-home exam |
| Know standard examples of chaotic systems and chaotic attractors, as well as their basic properties  | Lectures, in-class computer experiments  | Final project/take-home exam              |

## Table A.1 Course Learning Outcomes

**Course:** MATH 5P31: Ergodicity, Entropy and Chaos

**Course Calendar Description:** Introduction to ergodic theory, invariant measures, Birkhoff ergodic theorem. The first return formula, Kac's lemma, recurrence theorems. Entropy, coding maps, Shannon-McMillan Breiman theorem. Chaos, predictability, Lyapunov exponent, speed of divergence, Pesin theorem. Ergodicity, entropy and chaos in shift dynamical systems and cellular automata.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
|--|---|--|
| Understand the construction of counting measure from orbits of one-dimensional maps. Understand invariance of a measure with respect to a map.   | Lecture, assignment, labs using Maple, in-class computer demonstration      | Assignments and tests  |
| Write Frobenius-Perron equation for measure density of simple dynamical maps: Bernoulli map, mod 1 map, tent map, piecewise linear maps in interval $[0,1]$ , etc. Be able to iterate measure densities numerically (using Maple). | Lecture, assignment, labs using Maple                                       | Assignments and tests  |
| Understand the notion of ergodicity using simple maps as example. Understand Birkhoff ergodic theorem in the context of one-dimensional maps.  | Lecture, assignment, labs using Maple, computer demonstration               | Assignments and tests  |
| Understand the notion of the first return and various recurrence theorems.   | Lecture, assignment, computer and video demonstrations of recurrence        | Assignments and tests  |
| Understand the notion of partition, union of partitions, and generating partitions by a map. Understand the notion of entropy of a transformation as well as entropy of an alphabet. Know how to compute entropies of simple maps. | Lecture, labs using Maple   | Assignments and tests  |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

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| Know the meaning and applications of Shannon-McMillian Breiman theorem.  | Lecture                   | Assignments and tests |
| Know the classical (Devaney's) definition of chaos and the meaning of transitivity, sensitivity, and density of periodic points. Know examples of chaotic maps. Understand the meaning of Lyapunov exponent and its relationship to sensitivity. | Lecture, labs using Maple | Assignments and tests |
| Know what cellular automaton is, and understand how elementary rules are constructed. Understand why the shift map is chaotic.   | Lecture, labs using Maple | Assignments and tests |



**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course: MATH 5P40: Functional Analysis**

**Course Calendar Description:** The basic theory of Hilbert spaces, including the Projection Theorem, the Riesz Representation Theorem and the weak topology; weak derivatives, Sobolev spaces and the Sobolev Imbedding Theorem; the variational formulation of boundary value problems for ordinary and partial differential equations, the Lax-Milgram Lemma and its applications; the finite element method.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i>  | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
|---|--|--|
| Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental concepts and the main examples of inner product and Hilbert spaces and state the main theorems (Bessel, Parseval, Riesz-Fisher, Best Approximation and Projection on Closed Convex Subsets, Riesz-Fréchet, Lax-Milgram Theorems).<br>Develop an understanding of the weak topology  | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project                            |
| Determine if a norm derives from an inner product.<br>Show orthogonality for a finite or infinite set of vectors (functions) and construct orthonormal bases using the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process.<br>Compute the Fourier coefficients for a given element in an inner product space with an orthonormal basis.<br>Determine the orthogonal decomposition of vectors in a Hilbert space.<br>Determine the projection of a vector onto a closed convex set.<br>Show that a sequence converges weakly.<br>Explain the difference between strong and weak convergence of sequences in Hilbert spaces.<br>State and prove the Stampacchia Theorem | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project                            |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

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| <p>Demonstrate an understanding of the motivation for considering the Sobolev space <math>H^1((0,1))</math> for the solvability of boundary value problems in dimension 1.</p> <p>Demonstrate an understanding of the spaces <math>W^{1,p}((0,1))</math> and their properties (completeness, reflexivity, separability, etc.).</p> <p>Demonstrate a knowledge of the main Sobolev imbedding theorems (<math>W^{1,p}</math> into <math>L^\infty</math>, <math>W^{1,p}</math> into <math>L^q</math>, <math>W^{1,p}</math> into <math>C</math>)</p> <p>Demonstrate an understanding of the space <math>W_0^{1,p}</math> including stating the Poincaré inequality and the Trace Theorem.</p> | <p>Attending lectures<br/>Complete assigned readings<br/>Complete course assignments<br/>Submit and present an end of term project</p> | <p>Home Assignments<br/>Term tests<br/>End of term project</p> |
| <p>Write the weak (variational) formulation of a Dirichlet boundary value problem, prove the existence of weak solutions and determine the regularity of weak solutions. State and prove the Maximum principle for a non-homogeneous Dirichlet problem.</p>   | <p>Attending lectures<br/>Complete assigned readings<br/>Complete course assignments<br/>Submit and present an end of term project</p> | <p>Home Assignments<br/>Term tests<br/>End of term project</p> |
| <p>Demonstrate an understanding of the Ritz and Galerkin methods for elliptic problems including the formulation and well-posedness of approximating schemes and the convergence of discrete solutions.</p>   | <p>Attending lectures<br/>Complete assigned readings<br/>Complete course assignments<br/>Submit and present an end of term project</p> | <p>Home Assignments<br/>Term tests<br/>End of term project</p> |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course: MATH 5P41: Nonlinear Functional Analysis**

**Course Calendar Description:** Topological fixed-point theory with applications to dynamical systems and optimization. Topics include the theorems of Brouwer, Borsuk, Schauder-Tychonoff, and Kakutani as well as the Knaster-Kuratowski-Mazurkiewicz principle. Applications of these landmark results to the solvability and qualitative analysis of dynamical systems as well as convex and non-convex optimization are discussed.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i>  | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
|---|--|--|
| Develop and understanding of the role of fixed point theory for the solvability of nonlinear analysis problems (differential equations, optimization and critical point theory, game theory, etc.).   | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project                            |
| State and prove the Banach Contraction Principle. and use it to prove the existence of solutions to initial value problems. Analyze the dynamical nature of a fixed point (attracting, repelling, neutral) study the behavior of the orbits of dynamical systems.   | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project                            |
| State and prove the fixed point theorems of Brouwer and Schauder and use them to establish the solvability of initial or boundary value problems.   | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project                            |
| Develop a basic proficiency with set-valued analysis (notions of semi-continuity, differentiability for set-valued maps). State and prove the Theorems of Kakutani and Ky Fan and understand their crucial role for the existence of equilibria for generalized games and abstract economies as well for the well-posedness of convex and non-convex minimization problems. | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project                            |

**Course: MATH 5P50: Algebraic Number Theory**

**Course Calendar Description:** An introduction to algebraic aspects of number theory. Topics include the general theory of factorization of ideals in Dedekind domains and number fields, Kummer's theory on lifting of prime ideals in extension fields, factorization of prime ideals in Galois extensions, local fields, the proof of Hensel's lemma, arithmetic of global fields

| <p><b>Learning Outcome</b></p> <p><i>A student will be able to:</i></p>  | <p><b>Learning Activity/Experience</b></p> <p><i>A student will learn this by:</i></p> | <p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i></p> |
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| Understand advanced topics about number fields and number rings.   | Lectures, assignments  | Assignments, midterm test   |
| Understand the theory of factorization of ideals in Dedekind domains and some calculations using Kummer's theory on lifting of prime ideals in fields extension and the application of Dedekind's theorem. | Lectures, assignments  | Assignments, midterm test and presentation  |
| Find prime decomposition in Galois extensions.   | Lectures, assignments  | Assignments, midterm test   |
| Understand the theory of local fields and the proof of Hensel's lemma.   | Lectures, assignments  | Assignments, midterm test   |
| Understand the notion of the ideal class group as well as the notion of unit group and the application of Dirichlet's unit theorem.  | Lectures, assignments  | Assignments, midterm test, final project/ take-home exam                                    |



**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course:** MATH 5P60: Course Name

**Course Calendar Description:** Review of linear and nonlinear equations in two variables. Existence and uniqueness theory, fundamental solutions, initial/boundary-value formulas for the heat equation, wave equation, Laplace equation in multi-dimensions. Exact solution techniques for 1st and 2nd order linear and nonlinear equations. Analysis of solutions, variational formulations, conservation laws, Noether's theorem.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
|---|---|--|
| Recognize the four basic types of linear PDEs in two variables; know some of their nonlinear generalizations and physical applications.   | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm   |
| Know the solution of the transport equation in multi-dimensions; understand existence, uniqueness, regularity of the solution. Find and understand some conserved integrals.  | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm, final exam   |
| Know the solution of the heat/diffusion equation in multi-dimensions by convolution with the fundamental solution; understand existence, uniqueness, regularity, dispersion and decay of the solution. Understand conserved heat/mass integral. | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm, final exam   |
| Know the solution of the wave equation in multi-dimensions by convolution with the fundamental solution; understand existence, uniqueness, regularity of the solution.  | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm, final exam   |
| Understand light cones, Huygen's principle, support set, conserved energy integral. Explain the different properties of wave propagation in one, two, three dimensions.   | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm, final exam   |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

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|---|-----------------------|---|
| Know the polynomial, Laurent polynomial, and eigenfunction solutions of the Laplace equation in multi-dimensions. Know the fundamental solution and its application to Green's functions for solving boundary value problems.             | Lectures, assignments | Assignments, midterm, final exam                          |
| Understand spherical means, mean-value theorem, Liouville's theorem, and other global properties of harmonic functions.   | Lectures, assignments | Assignments, final exam                                   |
| Know the method of characteristics for solving a 1 <sup>st</sup> order PDE in multi-dimensions. Find the general solution of a given 1 <sup>st</sup> order PDE.   | Lectures, assignments | Assignments, final exam                                   |
| Know the method of power series for solving 1 <sup>st</sup> order and 2 <sup>nd</sup> order PDEs in multi-dimensions. Understand convergence, analyticity, and Cauchy-Kovalevskya theorem. Find the power series solution of a given PDE. | Lectures, assignments | Assignments, final exam                                   |
| Know the technique of mapping (change of variables) by point, contact, nonlocal transformations for solving some linear and nonlinear PDEs.   | Lectures, assignments | Assignments, final exam                                   |
| Know the method of Fourier transforms for solving the initial-value problem for linear, higher-order, time-evolution PDEs in multi-dimensions. Find the initial-value solution of a given PDE.  | Lectures, assignments | Assignments, final exam                                   |
| Know index notation and geometrical notation for scalars, vectors, matrices, and tensors in n-dimensions. Know how to calculate in index notation. Understand rectangle and spherical coordinates in n-dimensions.                        | Lectures, assignments | Assignments, midterm, final exam                          |
| Present a derivation of a solution of a PDE or a proof of a property of a PDE in a mathematically clear and proper way.   | Lectures              | Presentation of an answer to a question on the final exam |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course: MATH 5P66: Matrix groups and linear representations**

**Course Calendar Description:** Abelian groups, permutation groups, rotation groups. Representations of discrete and continuous groups by linear transformations (matrices). General properties and constructions of group representations. Representations of specific groups. Lie groups and Lie algebras. Applications in various areas of Mathematics, including invariant theory and group algebras, and Theoretical Physics, including crystallography and symmetries in quantum systems.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
|---|---|--|
| Identify isomorphism class of given abelian group, represent a given permutation as a wiring diagram, find its cycles decomposition and represent it as a product of transpositions.    | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, final exam  |
| Understand relationship between Lie groups and Lie algebras including rotation groups and use this relationship to find continuous symmetries of a given object.                        | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, final exam  |
| Find all irreducible representations of abelian groups, permutation groups. Write basis, dimension, matrix elements of representation of permutation groups in terms of Young diagrams. | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, final exam  |
| Understand relationship between representations of Lie groups and Lie algebras. Find all irreducible representations of rotation groups.  | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, final exam  |
| Find decomposition into irreducible representations using characters theory. Find tensor product of given irreducible representations.  | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, final exam  |



**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course: MATH 5P70: Topology**

**Course Calendar Description:** An introduction to point set topology concepts and principles: topological spaces, metric spaces, product and quotient topologies, compactness, connectedness, continuity of mapping between topological spaces, completeness of metric spaces, countability and separation axioms, metrizability, Baire spaces and dimension theory.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i>  | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
|---|--|--|
| Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental types of about topological spaces including metric, subspace, product and quotient topologies and the various separation properties (Hausdorff, regularity, complete regularity, and normality).  | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project                            |
| Demonstrate a knowledge and an understanding of the main concepts of topology: compactness and paracompactness, normal spaces, connectedness and path-connectedness, continuity of mappings between topological space, countability axioms, separation axioms, Baire spaces.                    | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project                            |
| Demonstrate an understanding of the main theorems of Topology: Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem, Cantor Theorem, invariance of compactness and connectedness under continuity, Uryshon Metrization Theorem, Tietze Extension Theorem, Tychonoff Theorem, Ascoli Theorem, the Baire category Theorem. | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project                            |
| Demonstrate an understanding of the Fundamental Group including covering spaces, the fundamental group of a circle, the fundamental group of the n-sphere.  | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project                            |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

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| Prove the Brouwer fixed point theorem, prove the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra. Prove the Borsuk-Ulam Theorem. | Attending lectures<br>Complete assigned readings<br>Complete course assignments<br>Submit and present an end of term project | Home Assignments<br>Term tests<br>End of term project |
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# MATH 5P81 SAMPLING THEORY

## 1. Depth and Breadth of Knowledge

Motivate students to learn sampling theory by using many examples of its applications in Biology, Health Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Economics, Business, Education, Engineering and other academic disciplines. Help students to understand the concepts, theorems and methods of sampling theory, and how to deal with efficiency and precision of estimates in real world practice. Develop students' thinking abilities about new ideas of sampling. Develop students' sampling survey allocation abilities. Develop students' computational skills using calculator and computer software. Develop Students communication skills.

## 2. Knowledge of Methodologies

### COURSE CONTENT

**Motivate students to learn sampling theory and its applications.**

- a. Introduce the **history** of sampling theory dealing with efficiency and precision of estimates.
- b. Introduce the **significant impact** of sampling theory in Biology, Health Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Economics, Business, Education, Engineering and other academic disciplines, and give many examples of its real world practice.
- c. Introduce recent developments of sampling theory and its **future** in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Assist students to understand the following sampling concepts, theorems and techniques.**

- a. **Simple Random Sampling** (Weeks 1,2)
  - (1) Sample random sampling, characteristics of population and sample.
  - (2) Estimators of population mean and variance and their expected values and variances.
  - (3) Random sample with replacement.
  - (4) Selection of a random sample.
- b. **Sampling Proportion** (Week 3)
  - (1) Estimation of a proportion and its expected value and variance.
  - (2) Exact and Approximate Confidence intervals for a population proportion.
- c. **Estimation of Sample Size** (Week 4)
  - (1) Sample sizes for estimating a population mean using a given tolerance limit and a risk.
  - (2) Sample sizes for estimating a population proportion using a given tolerance limit and a risk.
  - (3) Sample sizes determination using a given cost function or a loss function
- d. **Stratified Random Sampling** (Weeks 5, 6, 7)
  - (1) Stratified random sample; stratified random sample mean and its expected value and variance.
  - (2) Stratified estimator of population proportion and its expected value and variance.
  - (3) Optimal allocation of sample sizes.
  - (4) Comparison of precision of the estimators for population mean and proportion by using stratified random sampling or simple random sampling.
- e. **Ratio Estimators** (Weeks 8, 9)
  - (1) Population ratio and sample ratio.
  - (2) Ratio estimators for population mean, total and their expected values, variances and biases.
  - (3) Ratio estimators in stratified random sampling: combined and separated methods.
  - (4) Comparisons of precision of the five estimators studied for estimating a population mean.

**f. Regression Estimators (Weeks 10, 11)**

- (1) Population linear regression and sample linear regression.
- (2) Linear regression estimators for population mean, population total and their expected values, variances and biases.
- (3) Regression estimators in stratified random sampling: combined and separated methods.
- (4) Comparisons of precision of the eight estimators studied for estimating a population mean.

**g. Systematic Sampling and Cluster Sampling (Week 12)**

- (1) Systematic Sampling, systematic random sample mean and its expected value and variance.
- (2) Cluster Sampling, cluster random sample mean and its expected value and variance.
- (3) Comparisons of precision of the ten estimators studied for estimating a population mean.

**h. Sampling Errors and Others (Week 12)**

**Develop students' thinking abilities about new ideas of sampling.**

- a. Discuss how sampling models and techniques above were developed.
- b. Encourage students to discuss new ideas of sampling.

**Develop students' sampling survey abilities by using the knowledge above**

- a. **Assignments:** Let students use sampling skills to solve problems and prove basic theoretical problems.
- b. **Case Studies (one week):** See Section 3.

**ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**Develop students' computational skills using computer software.**

**Computer Lab:** Use SAS, MAPLE or EXCEL to run the sampling techniques for the assignments and case studies.

**MINIMAL SKILLS**

Students are expected to perform the mathematical proofs and computational skills (by calculator and SAS or MAPLE) on the following topics:

- ◆ Selection of a random sample with replacement and a simple random sample (random sample without replacement).
- ◆ Estimators of population mean, variance, proportion and their expected values and variances by using a simple random sample.
- ◆ Optimal sample size for a simple random sample.
- ◆ Estimators of population mean, variance proportion and their expected values and variances by using a stratified random sample.
- ◆ Optimal allocation of sample sizes for a stratified random sample. Neyman allocation.
- ◆ Estimator of population mean by using ratio estimators, regression estimators of a simple random sample or a stratified random sample.
- ◆ Estimator of population mean by using systematic random sampling, and cluster random sampling.
- ◆ Comparisons of the precision of the ten estimators studied of population mean.
- ◆ Sampling survey techniques.

**Textbook (suggested):** **Sampling Techniques**, W. Cochran, third edition, John Wiley, New York, 1997.

**Prerequisite:** Math 2P82.

**Lecture & Tutorial Hours:** Lectures, 3 hours per week, Lab (or Tutorial), 1 hour per week

**3. Application of Knowledge**

*For developing students' sampling survey application abilities by using the knowledge in Section 2, students perform **Case Studies** (one week): Let students design (in groups or individually) realistic and useful sampling projects. Require the students to identify any simplifying assumptions and to determine sample sizes then collect raw data, and finally compare the precision of estimates to give an optimal design of the sampling survey. The outline is as follows:*

**(1) Main methods and analysis (50%)**

- a. **Statement of a survey problem** (*a practical and useful problem*).
- b. **Objective of the survey.**
- c. **Sampling methods: Note:** (i) **A real data collection must be performed.**  
(ii) **A pilot survey may be required.**
  - **Population** (*units, characteristics: Mean, total, proportion, etc.*);
  - **Sample Factors** (*units and frame, questionnaire, precision, cost function*);
  - **Sampling methods:**
    - (i) **Simple random sampling** (*sample size estimated, normality test is needed*)
    - (ii) **Stratified random sampling** (*proportional allocated*)
    - (iii) **Stratified random sampling** (*Neyman allocated*)
  - **Data table.**
- d. **Analysis:**
  - **Estimations** (*for population mean, total or proportion*) **by using three sampling methods;**
  - **Compare the precision of the estimations;**
  - **Conclusions of the survey.**

**(2) Organization and creativity (10%)**

**(3) Talk (10%)**

**(4) Asking and answering questions (10%)**

**(5) Report (20%)**

*Report format: Title, names, abstract, key words, text, references  
(SAS program and output should be attached)*

**(6) Students and teacher evaluate for each study project.**

**4. Communication Skills**

*In Case Studies (Section 3), students work in groups to discuss, present, evaluate and write reports.*

**5. Awareness of Limits of Knowledge**

*The knowledge in Math 4P81 consists of basic sampling theory and techniques. The limitations are:*

- a) *Models are basic.*
- b) *Mathematical derivations are basic.*
- c) *Applications are limited.*

**6. Autonomy and Professional Capacity**

- a) The knowledge of methodologies in this course will lead to further studies of advance sampling survey theory and methodologies.
- b) The knowledge of methodologies in this course may apply to other disciplines and real-world problems. The course provides basic sampling theory and skills for a professional statistician.
- c) A base course for the “Knowledge and Ability Test for Mathematical Statistics Test” of Statistics Canada.
- d) A core course for the Associate Statisticians Accreditation of the Statistical Society of Canada.

# MATH 5P82 NONPARAMETRIC STATISTICS

## 1. Depth and Breadth of Knowledge

Motivate students to learn nonparametric statistics by using many examples of its applications in Biology, Health Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Economics, Business, Education, Engineering and other academic disciplines. Help students to understand the concepts, theorems and methods of nonparametric statistics, and how to deal with statistical inference for non-normal populations or distribution-free populations in real world practice. Develop students' thinking abilities about new ideas of nonparametric statistics. Develop students' problem solving abilities. Develop students' computational skills using calculator and computer software. Develop student communication skills.

## 2. Knowledge of Methodologies

### COURSE CONTENT

**Motivate students to learn nonparametric statistics and its applications.**

- a. Introduce the **history** of nonparametric statistics dealing with statistical inference for non-normal population or distribution-free population.
- b. Introduce the **significant impact** of nonparametric statistics in Biology, Health Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Economics, Business, Education, Engineering and other academic disciplines, and give many examples of its real world practice.
- c. Introduce recent developments of nonparametric statistics and its **future** in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Assist students to understand the following concepts, theorems and techniques.**

- a. **Review statistical inference (Weeks 1/2)**
  - (1) Estimation.
  - (2) Hypothesis testing; power of a test; unbiased test; significance level.
- b. **Binomial Tests – using binomial distribution and its approximation (Weeks 1, 2, 3)**
  - (1) Binomial test and confidence interval for probability: Theorems and examples.
  - (2) Point estimation, hypothesis testing and confidence interval for population quantiles (discrete and continuous cases): Order Statistics, theorems and examples.
  - (3) Tolerance limits: Theorem and examples.
- c. **Contingency Tables – using multinomial distribution and its approximation (Weeks 4, 5, 6)**
  - (1) 2 x 2 contingency tables: method and theorem.
  - (2) r x c contingency tables: chi-square tests for differences of probability or independence.
  - (3) Exact and approximate distributions of r x c contingency tables with fixed or random margins.
  - (4) Median test.
  - (5) Chi-square goodness-of-fit test.
  - (6) Cochran's test and McNemar's test.
- d. **Rank Tests - using rank distribution and its approximation (Weeks 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)**
  - (1) The Mann-Whitney test for two independent samples: Theorems, methods and Examples.
  - (2) The Kruskal-Wallis test for several independent samples: Theorems, methods and examples.
  - (3) Measures of rank correlation: Spearman's Rho and Kendall's Tau.
  - (4) Nonparametric linear regression method: Test for slope and confidence interval for slope.
  - (5) The Wilcoxon signed ranks test for one-sample matched-pairs case: Theorems, method and examples.

(6) *The Friedman test and Quade test for several related samples case: Theorems, methods and examples.*

e. **Statistics of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov type (Week 12)**

(1) *The Kolmogorov goodness-of-fit test.*

(2) *The Lilliefors test and the Shapiro-Wilk test for normality.*

(3) *The Smirnov test on two independent samples.*

**Develop students' thinking abilities about new ideas of nonparametric statistics.**

a. *Discuss how nonparametric statistics methods above were developed.*

b. *Encourage students to discuss new ideas of nonparametric statistics.*

**Develop students' nonparametric statistics inference abilities by using the knowledge above**

a. **Assignments:** *Let students use nonparametric statistics skills to solve problems and prove basic theoretical problems.*

b. **Case Studies (one week): See Section 3.**

### **ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**Develop students' computational skills using computer software.**

**Computer Lab:** *Use SAS, MAPLE or EXCEL to run the nonparametric statistical methods above for the assignments and case studies.*

### **MINIMAL SKILL SET**

*Students are expected to perform the mathematical proofs and computational skills (by calculator and SAS or MAPLE) on the following topics:*

- ◆ *Binomial test.*
- ◆ *Order statistics for confidence interval and tolerance limits.*
- ◆ *Estimation and hypothesis test on a population quantile: discrete and continuous cases.*
- ◆ *The  $r \times c$  contingency tables: chi-square tests for differences of probability or independence.*
- ◆ *Exact and approximate distributions of  $r \times c$  contingency tables with fixed or random margins.*
- ◆ *Median test.*
- ◆ *The Chi-square goodness-of-fit test.*
- ◆ *The Cochran's test and McNemar's test.*
- ◆ *The Mann-Whitney test for two independent samples.*
- ◆ *The Kruskal-Wallis test for several independent samples.*
- ◆ *Measures of rank correlation: Spearman's Rho and Kendall's Tau.*
- ◆ *Nonparametric linear regression method: Test for slope and confidence interval for slope by using Spearman's Rho and Kendall's Tau.*
- ◆ *The Wilcoxon signed ranks test for one-sample matched-pairs case.*
- ◆ *The Friedman test and Quade test for several related samples case.*
- ◆ *The Kolmogorov goodness-of-fit test, the Lilliefors test and the Shapiro-Wilk test for normality.*
- ◆ *The Smirnov test on two independent samples.*

**Textbook (suggested): Practical Nonparametric Statistics, W. J. Conover, third edition, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1999.**

**Prerequisite:** *Math 2P82.*

**Lecture & Tutorial Hours:** *Lectures, 3 hours per week, Lab (or Tutorial), 1 hour per week.*

### **3. Application of Knowledge**

*For developing students' nonparametric statistics inference application abilities by using the knowledge in Section 2, students perform **Case Studies** (one week): Let students design (in groups or individually) realistic and useful projects which deal with non-normal populations. Require the students to identify any simplifying assumptions on the population, collect raw data and perform statistical inference. The outline is as follows:*

**(1) Main methods and analysis (50%)**

**a. Statement of a problem;** *(Give a set of non-normal data, and a practical and useful problem)*

**b. Test data for normality;** *(Use Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, and use SAS check)*

**c. Data table;**

**d. Use nonparametric methods to analyze data;**

**ANOVA:**

- Hypothesis tests;
- Multiple comparisons;
- Confidence intervals

**REGRESSION**

- Least squares estimation;
- Hypothesis test for slope;
- Confidence interval for slope.

**e. Use parametric methods to analyze data;**

**ANOVA:**

- Hypothesis tests;
- Multiple comparisons;
- Confidence intervals.

**REGRESSION**

- Least squares estimation;
- Hypothesis test for slope;
- Confidence interval for slope.

**f. Compare the results in (e) and (d).**

**(2) Summary (10%)**

- *“Parametric and Nonparametric Methods in the Case Study”*

*(Give comparisons of assumptions,  $H_0$ , Test statistics, power, C.I., etc.)*

**(3) Talk, Organization and creativity (10%)**

**(4) Asking and answering questions (10%)**

**(5) Report (20%).**

*Report format: Title, names, abstract, key words, text, references.*

*(SAS program and output should be attached)*

**(6) Students and teacher evaluate for each study project.**

**4. Communication Skills**

*In Case Studies (Section 3), students work in groups to discuss, present, evaluate and write reports.*

**5. Awareness of Limits of Knowledge**

*The knowledge in Math 4P82 consists of basic nonparametric statistics theory and methods. The limitations are:*

- a) *Models are basic.*
- b) *Mathematical derivations are basic.*
- c) *Applications are limited.*

**6. Autonomy and Professional Capacity**

- a) *The knowledge of methodologies in this course will lead to further studies of advance nonparametric statistics inference methodologies.*
- b) *The knowledge of methodologies in this course may apply to other disciplines and real-world problems. The course provides basic nonparametric statistics theory and skills for a professional statistician.*



- c) A base course for the “Knowledge and Ability Test for Mathematical Statistics Test” of Statistics Canada.
- d) A core course for the Associate Statisticians Accreditation of the Statistical Society of Canada.
- e) A possible base course for the Examinations of the Society of Actuaries.

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course: MATH 5P83: Linear Models**

**Course Calendar Description:** Classical linear model, generalized inverse matrix, distribution and quadratic forms, regression model, nested classification and classification with interaction, covariance analysis, variance components, binary data, polynomial data, log linear model, linear logit models, generalized linear model, conditional likelihoods, quasi-likelihoods, estimating equations, and computational techniques.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
|---|---|--|
| Understand and be able to derive Gauss-Markov Theorem, be able to apply the analytic form of ordinary and generalized least squares estimators, and be able to apply maximum likelihood estimation for the coefficient vector and variance components for any general linear regression model (GLRM). | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments and midterm test   |
| Understand and derives BLUE and BQUE for GLRMs. Understand the derivation of the tests and confidence regions for any subset/linear combinations of the coefficient vector in any GLRM.   | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, and final exam  |
| Understand and be able to derive the estimators for multiple regression with random repressors.   | Lectures, assignments, demonstration in class (using Splus codes)           | Assignments, midterm test, and final exam  |
| Understand how ANOVA models related to general linear models; understand estimability, testability, and parameterization. Be able to derive the general solutions for balance and unbalanced ANOVA models.  | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, and final exam  |
| Understand and apply ANCOVA models, be able to derive the estimators for the ANCOVA parameters. Understand random effects and mixed effects models. Understand how a generalized linear model can be viewed as extended GLMs, and how a nonlinear models can be approximated to GLMs.                 | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, and final exam  |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course:** MATH 5P84: Course Name

**Course Calendar Description:** Course calendar entry comes here.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i>  | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i>                |
|--|--|---|
| Understand and work with Normal distribution, including its univariate, bivariate and multivariate version.                  | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam. Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| The PDF of the empirical correlation coefficient and the corresponding Fisher approximation.                                 | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam. Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Related conditional and marginal distributions; partial correlation.   | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam. Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Autoregressive, moving-average and ARMA(p,q) models as examples of time series. Finding correlograms and spectral density.   | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam. Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Estimating spectral density; lag and kernel windowing, Bartlett, Parzen and Tukey schemes for smoothing empirical densities. | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam. Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Finding asymptotic formulas for the variance of estimators of various parameters of time-series models.                      | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam. Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course: MATH 5P86: Multivariate Statistics**

**Course Calendar Description:** Theory of multivariate statistics, matrix algebra and random vector, sample geometry and random sampling, multivariate normal distribution, inference about means, covariance matrix, generalized Hotelling's T-square distribution, sample covariance and sample generalized variance, Wishart distribution, general hypothesis testing, analysis of variance and linear regression model, principle components, factor analysis, covariance analysis, canonical correlation analysis, discrimination and classification, and cluster analysis.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i> | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i> |
|---|---|--|
| Understand and be able to perform the following four pre-treatments for multivariate data analysis: assessments of multivariate normal distribution (MND); outlier detection; transformation skill to MND; treatment for missing data using EM algorithm.   | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, TD data homework project, and midterm test                          |
| Understand the derivation of the tests using likelihood ratio method and be able to well-perform MANOVA, profile analysis, and tests for homoscedasticity.  | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, and final exam  |
| Understand the differences between principle component analysis and factor analysis (FA), and be able to well-perform FA, including four methods for estimating the loadings, two methods of factor score estimation, orthogonal and oblique rotations, varimax criterion, as well as criteria/test for determining the proper number of factors. | Lectures, assignments, demonstration in class (using Splus codes)           | Assignments, midterm test, and final exam  |
| Understand cluster analysis techniques, similarity measurements, three hierarchical clustering methods, and non-hierarchical clustering method of K-means.  | Lectures, assignments   | Assignments, midterm test, and final exam  |

## Table A.1 Course Learning Outcomes

**Course:** MATH 5P87: Computational Statistics

### Course Calendar Description:

An introduction to the theory and techniques in computational statistics. Topics include classification techniques, discriminant analysis, resampling methods, linear model selection and regularization, nonlinear regression, tree-based methods, support vector machines, and unsupervised learning. Computations will be done in R.

**Prerequisite(s):** MATH 3P82 and MATH 3P86 (or their equivalences), or permission of the instructor.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i>   | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i>                |
|--|---|---|
| Know how to use classification techniques, discriminant analysis, and resampling methods.                            | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam.<br>Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Understand and use linear model selection and regularization, nonlinear regression                                   | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam.<br>Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Understand and use in practical applications: tree-based methods, support vector machines, and unsupervised learning | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam.<br>Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course:** MATH 5P88: Advanced Statistics

**Course Calendar Description:** [Course calendar entry comes here.](#)

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i>   | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i>                |
|--|---|---|
| Generating random numbers from various univariate distributions, both discrete and continuous.   | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam.<br>Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Generating random independent samples from multivariate distributions; Metropolis sampling.  | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam.<br>Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Finite Abelian groups; additive and multiplicative groups of mod(n); generating random numbers from continuous uniform distribution.                               | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam.<br>Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Moment-generating, characteristic and cumulant-generating functions; inverse Fourier transform.  | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam.<br>Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Extending Central Limit Theorem to Edgeworth-series approximation. Asymptotic formulas for the mean, variance, skewness and kurtosis of various sample statistics. | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam.<br>Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Bivariate and multivariate extension of Edgeworth approximation; special case of maximum-likelihood estimators.  | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam.<br>Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

**Course:** MATH 5P89: Computational methods for generalized linear models (proposed course)

**Course Calendar Description:** Generalized linear models: logistic regression, log-linear (Poisson) regression, linear mixed effect models, generalized linear mixed effect models, hierarchical Bayes models; Computational methods: iteratively reweighted least squares, expectation-maximization, restricted maximum likelihood, genetic algorithms; Selected additional topics: survival models, methods for inference (bootstrap, permutation tests), generalized additive models. Computations will be done in R. Prerequisite(s): MATH 5P83 and 5P87 (or the equivalences), or permission of the instructor.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>   | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i>  | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i>                |
|--|--|---|
| Understand and know how to use in practice the generalized linear models: logistic regression, log-linear (Poisson) regression, linear mixed effect models, generalized linear mixed effect models, hierarchical Bayes models; | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam. Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Understand and use computational methods: iteratively reweighted least squares, expectation-maximization, restricted maximum likelihood, genetic algorithms;   | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam. Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |
| Understand and use selected additional models and methods, including survival models, methods for inference (bootstrap, permutation tests), generalized additive models.   | Attending classes, working out assignment questions and studying for the final exam. Maple programming used extensively. | Successfully completing the corresponding assignment and answering questions of the final exam. |

**Course: MATH 5P92: Cryptography and Number Theory**

**Course Calendar Description:** Topics may include RSA cryptosystems, ElGamal cryptosystem, algorithms for discrete logarithmic problem, elliptic curves, computing point multiples on elliptic curves, primality testing and factoring algorithms

| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Learning Outcome</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A student will be able to:</i></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Learning Activity/Experience</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A student will learn this by:</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Assessment</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i></p> |
|--|--|---|
| <p>Understand basic concepts in number theory, congruences modulo <math>n</math>, the Chinese Remainder Theorem, quick computations of inverses and huge powers modulo <math>n</math>.</p>       | <p>Lectures, MAPLE lab and assignments.</p>  | <p>Assignments, midterm test</p>  |
| <p>Understand primality testing and do some applications</p>   | <p>Lectures, MAPLE lab and assignments.</p>  | <p>Assignments, midterm test</p>  |
| <p>Understand the concept of public cryptography, the Diffie Hellman key exchange, the RSA cryptosystem in detail as well as attacking RSA. Be able to work with other public cryptosystems.</p> | <p>Lectures, MAPLE lab and assignments.</p>  | <p>Assignments, midterm test</p>  |
| <p>Understand quadratic reciprocity and the application of Euler's criterion to primality testing.</p>   | <p>Lectures, MAPLE lab and assignments.</p>  | <p>Assignments, midterm test</p>  |
| <p>Understand the notion of finite fields and basic notion of the theory of elliptic curves and applications into cryptography.</p>  | <p>Lectures, MAPLE lab and assignments.</p>  | <p>Assignments, midterm test and presentation</p>   |



## Table A.1 Course Learning Outcomes

### Course: MATH 5P96: Technology and Mathematics Education

**Course Calendar Description:** Topics may include contemporary research concerning digital technologies, such as computer algebra systems and Web 2.0, in learning and teaching mathematics; design of educational tools using VB.NET, HTML, Geometer's Sketchpad, Maple, Flash, etc.; critical appraisal of interactive learning objects in mathematics education.

Note: taught in conjunction with MATH 4P96.

| <b>Learning Outcome</b><br><i>A student will be able to:</i>  | <b>Learning Activity/Experience</b><br><i>A student will learn this by:</i>  | <b>Assessment</b><br><i>Achievement of this outcome will be demonstrated by:</i>                   |
|---|--|--|
| Outline and understand the history of digital technology integration in mathematics education (internationally, nationally, and provincially)   | Lecture  | Indirectly through weekly activity reports and reflection on related didactical issues; final exam |
| Understand the effect on mathematics curriculum and learning of technology integration  | Lab sessions involving a problem solving by use of diverse technologies, activity report and reflection on related didactical issues | Activity report and reflection; final exam; and possibly individual project                        |
| Understand the limitations, constraints, and benefits of formal (in-class & at-home) evaluations of students' mathematics understanding when digital technology is involved/allowed   | Lecture, lab sessions, activity report on the analysis and design of evaluations and reflection on related didactical issues         | Activity report and reflection; final exam; and possibly individual project                        |
| Understand the affordances and constraints of using dynamic geometry software (e.g. GeoGebra) for the learning and teaching of geometry; Use GeoGebra for basic mathematics problem solving and illustration                | Lecture, lab session, activity report and reflection on related didactical issues  | Activity report and reflection; final exam; and possibly individual project                        |
| Understand the role, potential, and constraints of 1) simulation technology for the learning of probability and statistics concepts and 2) using digital technology (e.g. Fathom, Excel, etc.) to conduct statistical work. | Lecture, lab session, activity report and reflection on related didactical issues  | Activity report and reflection; final exam; and possibly individual project                        |

**Table A.1**  
**Course Learning Outcomes**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Understand key aspects, benefits, and constraints of learning mathematics with programming (or more broadly, computational thinking); understand the recent trends in educational reforms; use basic Scratch programming in Scratch | Lecture, lab session, activity report and reflection on related didactical issues   | Activity report and reflection; final exam; and possibly individual project |
| Understand key characteristics of, and identify mathematics video games supporting the players' development of mathematical thinking (i.e., not only 'rote' practice)   | Lecture, lab session, activity report on the selection and analysis of math video games and reflection on related didactical issues | Activity report and reflection; final exam; and possibly individual project |

# Appendix B

## Course Outlines

**Brock University**  
**Department of Computer Science**  
**COSC 4P03 – Advanced Algorithms**  
**Winter 2018**

**Instructor:** Sheridan Houghten, J313

**Prerequisite:**

COSC 3P03 (minimum 60%).

**Course Description:** This course examines classical and evolving problems and algorithms in Computer Science.

**Textbook:** There is no required textbook for this course. We will use selected chapters from the following books, on reserve in the library:

- Introduction to Algorithms, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, T.H.Cormen, C.E.Leiserson, R.L.Rivest and C. Stein, McGraw Hill, 2009 (CLRS).
- Combinatorial Algorithms: Generation, Enumeration and Search, D.L.Kreher and D.R.Stinson, CRC Press, 1999 (KS).
- Cryptography: Theory and Practice, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, D.R.Stinson, CRC Press, 2006.

We will refer to other sources as required, including:

- The Algorithm Design Manual, S.S.Skienna, Springer-Verlag, 1998/2008.
- The Art of Computer Programming, Volume 4, D.E.Knuth, Addison-Wesley, 2005: fascicles 0 (Combinatorial Algorithms), 2 (Tuples and Permutations), 4 (Trees) and 5 (Combinatorial Generation).

**Mark Distribution:**

- Assignments: 1x15% and 2x10%
- Term Test: 25%
- Project/Term Paper: 35%
- Participation: 5%

**Tentative Outline:** *(Subject to change; additional reading may be required)*

- Introduction/Review; Growth of Functions (ch. 3, CLRS)
- Dynamic Programming (ch. 15, CLRS)
- Greedy Algorithms (ch.16, CLRS)
- Approximation Algorithms (ch.35, CLRS)
- Intro to Combinatorial Structures and Algorithms (ch.1, KS)
- Combinatorial Generation (ch.2, KS)
- Backtracking Algorithms (ch.4, KS)
- Heuristic Searches (ch.5, KS)
- Classical Cryptography (ch.1, Stinson)
- Cryptographic Theory (ch.2, Stinson)
- Block Ciphers (ch.3, Stinson)
- Public-Key Cryptography (ch.5-6, Stinson)
- Optional Topics, including but not limited to: Ranking and Unranking, Information Theory, DNA Computing.

## Important Dates:

- Last date for withdrawal without academic penalty: Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Last date to receive notification of at least 15% of final grade: Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

## Course Policies:

**Illness:** If you miss a test or assignment due to illness, you must submit a student medical certificate (<http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/forms/medical>) *within 3 days of the illness*, at the main office in the Computer Science department.

**Plagiarism:** The department views plagiarism as a serious issue. Students may visit <http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/about/policies/plagiarism> to view the department's policies on plagiarism.

**Term Test:** The term test will be given during **class** time, on a preannounced date.

**Term Paper/Project:** Students have the option of either writing a term paper or doing a project (with appropriate documentation) on an advanced topic related to algorithms. Students must obtain approval for the topic from the instructor. All projects and term papers must be presented to the class.

The term paper and project documentation must be submitted electronically to a plagiarism detection site. Information on how to do this will be given in the term paper/project guidelines.

**Participation:** Students will receive the full 5% participation marks if they attend *all* of the project/term paper presentations given by fellow students.

## Assignments:

- All assignments must be completed *individually*.
- Due dates for assignments will be printed on the assignment text. Assignments will be accepted up to 3 days late with a one-time penalty of 25%. Generally it is to your advantage to hand in assignments on time, even if incomplete. You are strongly encouraged to do hand all assignments in on time.
- *Assignments must be submitted both as hard copies AND electronically.*
- Hard copies of all assignments must be submitted in the 4P03 assignment box, in an envelope with an attached, signed cover page. To generate the cover page, visit <http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/forms/cover>.
- Electronic submission is for the purposes of plagiarism detection using MOSS. To submit electronically, create a directory on Sandcastle containing all files for the assignment, and run the script `submit4p03a` from this directory.

# Operating Systems Design and Implementation

## Course Outline

| Instructor  | Office Hours            | Extension | Lecture Time & Place                              |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| Dave Bockus | J324 M-F<br>9:30 - 4:30 | x3281     | T - 11:00 to 12:30 Th241<br>R - 10:00-11:30 WH207 |

A study involving the working of a modern operating system

Design and implementation of UNIX and other operating systems. Topics include process and thread management, interprocess communication, synchronization and scheduling, multiprocessing, device drivers, kernel memory management, distributed and advanced file systems and STREAMS (knowledge of C assumed).

Lectures, 3 hours per week. (see notes)

Prerequisites: [COSC 2P12](#) (minimum 60 percent), [2P13](#) (minimum 60 percent) and [2P91](#) (minimum 60 percent).

The lecture component will focus on fundamentals concerning the design and implementation of aspects concerning a variety of topics in a broad sense. The lab component will focus on practical immersion into a modern operating system, primarily FreeBSD. Students will be expected to complete a variety of labs concerning BSD, attaining experience on a Unix operating system.

### Text Book

The following Text is recommended, since a vast majority of topics will be chosen from it. It is the students responsibility to acquire a copy, electronic or otherwise. Google the ISBN and order from the supplier which best suits your price range.

The Design and Implementation of FreeBSD operations system (2nd Ed.) Marshall Kirk Mckusick, George V. Neville-Neil, Robert N.M. Watson. (ISBN 978-0-321-96897-5)

### MARKING SCHEME:

1. Quiz (4 x 5%, held in class TBA - or when you least expect it.) (See Note 1)
2. Weekly Assignments and Readings (30%, expect 4 to 6, mini assignments) (See Note 2)
3. Practical Lab (50%) (See Note 3)

### Notes:

1. Quizzes will be no more the 20min in length and will serve as a refresher for the previous week(s) lecture and assignment material. Quiz material may be taken from lectures or the assigned readings.
2. Mini assignments will follow assigned captures to be read from the text or other sources. It is expected that students complete the readings and the accompanying questions, as assigned from the end of the chapters.
3. Students will be given a modern PC (Dell Optiplex 990). FreeBSD will be installed and maintained by the individual. One 1 1/2 hr. lab period will be used for supervised instruction. Additional time on the computers may be needed and it is expected that students us out of class/lab time to complete tasks as required. At the end/(start of following) week, the instructor will inventory students progress, which will count toward the Practical Lab Mark.
4. The purpose of this course is to impart skills requisite to operating system design and implementation. It is therefore imperative that all students attend labs and complete the work as required. Assessment is largely based on the instructors subjective view on student participation.
5. It is strongly suggested that students with a laptop, bring these to lab, to serve as a reference source (Google will be your friend).

6. Plagiarism is frowned upon and will not be tolerated. End of chapter assignments are expected to be the work of individuals. Lab work may be collaborated on.

### Course Schedule

| Week | Date     | Chapt. | Lecture Topic                      | Lab Topic |
|------|----------|--------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1    | Sept. 10 | 1-2    | Intro - Design and Overview of BSD |           |
| 2    | Sept. 17 | 3 - 4  | Kernel Service & Process Mgmt.     |           |
| 3    | Sept. 24 | 4 - 5  | Process Mgmt & Security            |           |
| 4    | Oct. 1   | 6      | Memory Management                  |           |
| 5    | Oct. 8   | 6      | Memory Management                  |           |
| 6    | Oct. 22  | 7 - 8  | I/O & Devices                      |           |
| 7    | Oct. 29  | 8      | Devices                            |           |
| 8    | Nov. 5   | 9 - 10 | File systems                       |           |
| 9    | Nov. 12  | 10-11  | File systems & Network Filesystems |           |
| 10   | Nov. 19  | 12     | Interprocess Communications        |           |
| 11   | Nov. 26  | 13-14  | Network-Layer Protocols            |           |
| 12   | Dec. 3   | 14-15  | Transport-Layer and Boot Process   |           |

.\* Subject to change



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## Brock University - COSC 4P14 - Computer Networks - Fall 2017-18

**Instructor:** Earl Foxwell

**email:** efoxwell@brocku.ca

**Classes:** Wednesdays & Fridays, 3:30–5:00pm, WH208

This course provides an overview of the underlying mechanisms supporting modern day networking, with a focus on the TCP/IP Internet Stack, as well as application protocols utilizing it. Concepts will be introduced in lectures, and reinforced in assignments. Practical knowledge will be gained through labs and exercises. A broad range of topics will be covered, including low-level communications; socket programming; wireless considerations; and security-related issues such as authentication, encryption, and common forms of attack.

### **Course Materials:**

**Textbook:** Computer Networking: a top-down approach, J.F. Kurose, K.W. Ross  
Network Security Essentials, William Stallings, Prentice Hall

### **Evaluation:**

Labs:  $5 \times 4 = 20\%$

Lab Exercises:  $4 \times 5 = 20\%$

Assignments:  $3 \times 20 = 60\%$

Note: You are only eligible to receive credit for labs and lab exercises when you attend. Repeated absence may result in losing lab privileges.

i.e. Ditching your lab partner will not be beneficial to your grade.

### **Additional Notes:**

- If contacting your instructor via email, please include “COSC 4P14” in the subject line.
- All official correspondence for this course will be sent to your Brock email address. Please check this account regularly.
- Please read the department's policy on medical notes on the COSC home page. Other reasons may be used for granting extensions or other accommodations, at the instructor's discretion, but only if the instructor is contacted *in advance* of due dates.
- Plagiarism is a serious offense and will be treated accordingly. Phrase-matching software, such as MOSS, will be applied to compare submissions. For more information, please see <http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/about/policies/plagiarism> for details.
- As part of Brock University's commitment to a respectful work and learning environment, the university will make every reasonable effort to accommodate all members of the university community with disabilities. If you require academic accommodations related to a permanent disability to participate in this course, you are encouraged to contact the Student Development Centre Services for Students with Disabilities (4th Floor Schmon Tower ext. 3240) and also to discuss these accommodations with the instructor.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> is the last day for voluntary withdrawal without academic penalty. At least 15% of your final grade will be available by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.





# COSC 4P41 Course Outline



Instructor: Michael Winter, Office J323, Office Hours: Mon & Fri, 10:00am - noon, email: [mwinter@brocku.ca](mailto:mwinter@brocku.ca)

## Calendar description

Introduction to functional programming using the languages Haskell. Topics include all data types, type inference, pattern-matching, recursion, polymorphism, higher-order functions, lazy vs eager evaluation, modules and monads.

## Course Outline

| Week | Date          | Book / Chapter     | Topics  |
|------|---------------|--------------------|---|
| 1    | Jan 04/08     | [1] 1 - 3          | Introduction to Functional Programming          |
| 2    | Jan 11/15     | [1] 4 - 5          | Recursion and Data Types                        |
| 3    | Jan 18/22     | [1] 6 - 7          | Lists   |
| 4    | Jan 25/29     | [1] 9 - 10         | Patterns of Computation and Functions as Values |
| 5    | Feb 01/05     | [1] 12 - 13        | Overloading, Type Classes and Type Checking     |
| 6    | Feb 08/12     | [1] 14 - 15        | Algebraic Types                                 |
| 7    | Feb 22/26*    | [1] 16             | Abstract Data Types                             |
| 8    | Feb 29/Mar 04 | [1] 17             | Lazy Evaluation                                 |
| 9    | Mar 07/11     | [1] 18             | Programming with Actions                        |
| 10   | Mar 14/18     | [1] 8, 14.7 & 17.9 | Reasoning about Programs                        |
| 11   | Mar 21/28**   | [1] 8, 14.7 & 17.9 | Reasoning about Programs II                     |
| 12   | Apr 01/04     | [2] 7              | Language extensions, Review                     |

\* Feb 15-19 is Reading Week.

\*\* Mar 25 is Good Friday. Make-up on Apr 04.

## Texts

- [1] (required) *Haskell, The Craft of Functional Programming*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, S. Thompson, *Addison - Wesley* (2011), ISBN 0-201-88295-7
- [2] (recommended) *The Haskell 2010 Report*, Simon Marlow, online.
- [3] (recommended) *Real World Haskell*, Bryan O'Sullivan, John Goerzen, Don Stewart, *O'Reilly* (2009), ISBN 978-0-596-51498-3
- [4] (recommended) *The Haskell School of Expression*, P. Hudak, *Cambridge University Press* (2000), ISBN 0-521-64408-9

## Links

- [Haskell homepage](#)
- [GHC/GHCi Haskell Compiler and interpreter](#)
- [Introduction to Haskell](#) (online)
- [The Haskell API Search Engine](#)
- [Web site for the book](#): Haskell, The Craft of Functional Programming

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## Course Procedures



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### Marking Scheme

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Lab Test 1     | 20% |
| Lab Test 2     | 20% |
| Lab Test 3     | 20% |
| Final Lab Exam | 40% |

### Important Dates

#### Tests & Exam

|            |             |                  |
|------------|-------------|------------------|
| Lab Test 1 | February 01 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm  |
| Lab Test 2 | February 29 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm  |
| Lab Test 3 | March 21    | 2:00pm - 3:30pm  |
| Lab Exam   | April 06    | 10am-noon (D205) |

### Notes

- A mark of at least 40% on the final exam is required to achieve a passing grade in this course.
- Consideration regarding illness for test dates will **only** be considered if accompanied with the completed Departmental [Medical Excuse form](#).
- Academic misconduct is a serious offence. The principle of academic integrity, particularly of doing one's own work, documenting properly (including use of quotation marks, appropriate paraphrasing and referencing/citation), collaborating appropriately, and avoiding misrepresentation, is a core principle in university study. Students should consult Section VII, 'Academic Misconduct', in the "Academic Regulations and University Policies" entry in the Undergraduate Calendar, available at [brocku.ca/webcal](http://brocku.ca/webcal) to view a fuller description of prohibited actions, and the procedures and penalties.

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## Course Outline



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### [Calendar description](#)

### Course Outline

| Week | Lecture Dates  | Lecture Topic   | Lab Date | Lab Topic   |
|------|----------------|---|----------|---|
| 1    | Sep 07, 12     | Introduction  | Sep 08   | No lab  |
| 2    | Sep 14, 19     | First-order logic - Syntax and Semantics                              | Sep 15   | Introduction to Coq, Natural Deduction (propositional logic) in Coq |
| 3    | Sep 21, 26     | First-order logic - Natural Deduction                                 | Sep 22   | Natural Deduction (first-order logic) in Coq                        |
| 4    | Sep 28, Oct 03 | First-order logic - Soundness of Natural Deduction                    | Sep 29   | Test 1  |
| 5*   | Oct 05, 17     | Introduction of the Programming Logic IMP and Hoare Logic             | Oct 06   | Natural number and induction in Coq                                 |
| 6    | Oct 19, 24     | Programming Language IMP - Syntax and Operational Semantics           | Oct 20   | Hoare logic in Coq  |
| 7    | Oct 26, 31     | Programming Language IMP - Hoare Logic                                | Oct 27   | Test 2  |
| 8    | Nov 02, 07     | Programming Language IMP - Soundness of Hoare logic                   | Nov 03   | Hoare logic in Coq  |
| 9    | Nov 09, 14     | Algebraic Specifications - Motivation, Syntax and Semantics           | Nov 10   | Hoare logic (lists and pseudo-pointers) in Coq                      |
| 10   | Nov 16, 21     | Algebraic Specifications - Homomorphisms, Initial and Terminal Models | Nov 17   | Test 3  |
| 11   | Nov 23, 28     | Algebraic Specifications - Homomorphisms, Initial and Terminal Models | Nov 24   | Hoare logic (lists and pseudo-pointers) in Coq                      |
| 12   | Nov 30, Dec 05 | Selected topics, Review   | Dec 01   | Theories and Hoare Logic in Coq                                     |

\* October 09-13 is Reading Week, no classes.

### Supplemental Texts

- *The Formal Semantics of Programming Languages: An Introduction*, G. Winskel, *The MIT Press* (1993), ISBN 0-262-23169-7 (hc), 0-262-73103-7 (pb)
- *The Design of Well-Structured and Correct Programs*, S. Alagic & M.A. Arbib, *Springer-Verlag* (1978), ISBN 0-387-90299-6
- *Fundamentals of Algebraic Specifications I: Equations and Initial Semantics*, H. Ehrig & B. Mahr, *Springer-Verlag* (1985), ISBN 0-387-13718-1
- *Logic in Computer Science, 2nd edition*, M. Huth & M. Ryan, *Cambridge University Press* (2004), ISBN 0-521-54310-X

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## Course Procedures



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### Marking Scheme

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Test 1 (Sep 29)     | 20% |
| Test 2 (Oct 27)     | 20% |
| Test 3 (Nov 17)     | 20% |
| Final Exam (Dec 06) | 40% |

### Important Dates

| Test | Length  | Date/Time                     |
|------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 1    | 60 mins | Sep 29 (11:00am-noon) D205    |
| 2    | 60 mins | Oct 27 (11:00am-noon) D205    |
| 3    | 60 mins | Nov 17 (11:00am-noon) D205    |
| Exam | 90 mins | Dec 06 (09:15am-10:45am) D205 |

All tests and the exam will be held in D205.

### Notes

- A mark of at least 40% on the final exam is required to achieve a passing grade in this course.
- Consideration regarding illness for assignment submission or test dates will **only** be considered if accompanied with the completed Departmental [Medical Excuse form](#).

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# MATH 4P61: Theory of Computation

- Instructor: [Ke Qiu](#)
- Time and Location: Tu and Th., 5:00-6:30 PM, TH 245
- Office: J306
- Office Hours: TBA and by appointment.

## General Objectives

Introductions to formal languages, automata, and their relation, and theory of computation. In particular, we will cover the following topics:

preliminaries: induction, proofs, sets, countability, Cantor's theorem, technique of diagonalization;

regular sets, languages, and their closure properties, regular, grammars, and finite state machines;

context free languages and their closure properties, context-free grammars, push-down automata, normal forms;

Turing machines and general introduction to computations: recursive and recursively enumerable languages, (un)decidability, etc.

The Chomsky Hierarchy: relations between different classes of languages.

## Recommended Textbook

Introduction to Automata Theory, Languages, and Computation, John E. Hopcroft, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Rajeev Motwani, and Jeffrey Ullman, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company. A useful link to the book: <http://infolab.stanford.edu/~ullman/ialc.html>.

The first edition of this book is a classic and one of the best among the many books on this subject.

For both the midterm and the final exam, a cheat sheet is allowed. For the ultimate cheat sheet in theoretical computer science, see [here](#).

## Homework

Assignments are to be handed in by 5:00 PM on the due date specified. Late assignment will be accepted up to one day with a penalty of 50%.

You may discuss assignments with your fellow students. But, please remember not to share solutions. The work you submit must be your own. When submitting an assignment, please follow the general rules for computer science students. Specifically, a standard computer science [cover page](#) should be included.

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| Assignment | Out Date | Due Date | Solutions |
|------------|----------|----------|-----------|
|            |          |          |           |
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|            |          |          |           |
|            |          |          |           |

## Marking Scheme (tentative)

There will be one midterm (Oct. 26 in class) and a final exam.

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Assignments (4) | 25% |
| Midterm         | 25% |
| Final           | 50% |

## Cheating

Cheating and plagiarism as defined in the Academic Integrity section of the Calendar is strictly prohibited. Some forms of cheating are:

1. copying someone else's answer (including from the internet);
2. stealing, borrowing, or lending a program listing;
3. fabricating program output

*Cheating in any form will not be tolerated and will be dealt with severely.* The penalty is given as follows: Let  $n$  be the total mark for an assignment/exam, your mark for this assignment/exam will be  $-n$ . A second offence will result in a failing grade for the course. In both cases, the incident will be reported to the department and the registrar's office.

## Course Description

COSC 4P75 is an introduction to compilation and the art of compiler construction. The primary objective is that the student, upon successful completion of the course, be able to craft a compiler for a Java-like language. Students will develop a complete working compiler for a small Java-like language using recursive-descent parsing.

## Course Website

<https://lms.brocku.ca/portal/site/COSC4P75D02FW2015MAIN/>

## Instructor

Dave Hughes, J312, x3516, dhughes@brocku.ca

## Textbook

none

## Software

Students may use any Java development environment they choose as long as it can produce a java .jar file executable from the command line. Generated code will be tested using the Jamal interpreter.

## Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe the compilation process and its phases
- Explain the principles of language translation including lexical, syntactic and semantic analysis and code generation
- Describe one technique for error-recovery in each of syntactic and semantic analysis.
- Develop a compiler for a small Java-like language using recursive descent parsing
- Apply object-oriented techniques to a single-person, large-scale project
- Apply coding/documentation standards in project development
- Apply Intellectual Property rights in project development
- Apply appropriate testing techniques in project development

## Marking Scheme

|                    |                           |     |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| Lexical Analysis   | Oct. 19 @ 12:00 noon      | 20% |
| Syntactic Analysis | Nov. 16 @ 12:00 noon      | 30% |
| Semantic Analysis  | Dec. 10 @ 12:00 noon      | 30% |
| Code Generation    | Jan 18, 2016 @ 12:00 noon | 20% |

## Notes

- As part of Brock University's commitment to a respectful work and learning environment, the University will make every reasonable effort to accommodate all members of the University community with disabilities. If you require academic accommodations related to a permanent disability to participate in this course, you are encouraged to contact the Student Development Centre Services for Students with Disabilities (4th Floor Schmon Tower ext. 3240) and also to discuss these accommodations(s) with the professor/instructor.
- Assignments will be available on-line and are due at the times specified above. Late assignments will only be accepted upon pre-approval by the instructor and may be subject to a penalty.
- Assignments are submitted electronically to the course drop box and on paper to the instructor (or designate) and are returned in class.
- Assignments will be carefully examined regarding plagiarism. Cases of suspected plagiarism will be dealt with according to the University regulations and Departmental procedures. MOSS (Measure Of Software Similarity) may be used to electronically compare assignments for the purpose of detection and prevention.
- Consideration regarding illness in assignment submission will only be provided if accompanied with the completed Departmental Medical Excuse form (available on the COSC website). Forms must be submitted within 3 working days of return from illness.
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> is the last day for voluntary withdrawal without academic penalty, 15% of the final grade will be available to students by Nov. 3.
- **Note that assignment 4 is due at the beginning of the winter term. Students should recognize that this may have impact on their studies in winter term.**

## Lecture Schedule

| Date                                       | Topics   |
|--|--|
| Sept 10, 15                                | Introduction, compilation, syntax & semantics, compiler organization |
| Sept 16, 22                                | Lexical analysis   |
| Sept 23, 29, Oct 1, 6                      | Syntactic Analysis   |
| Oct 8, 20 <sup>1</sup> , 22, 27, 29, Nov 3 | Semantic Analysis  |
| Nov 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 <sup>2</sup>     | Code Generation  |

<sup>1</sup> Mid-term break is Oct. 12-16

<sup>2</sup> The final weeks are reserved for project development





# Machine Learning (COSC 4P76)

## **Brock University, Department of Computer Science**

Instructor: [Beatrice Ombuki-Berman](#) Office: J307, x3494, office hrs: Thu.: 1:00 - 2:00 pm E-mail: [bombuki@brocku.ca](mailto:bombuki@brocku.ca)

### Prerequisites:

COSC 3P71 (minimum 60 percent) or permission of the instructor

### Course Description

This course is designed for advanced undergraduate students who have basic knowledge about artificial intelligence. The primary objective of this course is to introduce and study some basic principles, techniques, and applications of a variety of learning models. Some of the areas we will cover in this course include learning as search, concept learning, inductive inference of decision trees, artificial neural networks, genetic algorithms, bayesian learning, computational learning, and reinforcement learning. The emphasis of the course is on teaching the fundamentals, and not on providing a mastery of specific commercially available software tools or programming environments. Written and programming assignments are used to help clarify basic concepts. The student will learn research skills applicable to other fields of computer science. Each student will be expected to understand and present a selected current machine learning research paper and complete a term project.

### Evaluation

- **Assignments (2) (30%)**
- **Test (15%)**
- **Seminar(20 %)**
- **Term project (25%)**
- **Participation in Class, Tutorials and Seminars (10%)**

### Notes

No end of term examination is scheduled for this course.

# COSC 4P76 Tentative Teaching Syllabus

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is machine learning?</li> <li>- Why machine learning?</li> <li>- Classification and machine learn?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instance based Learning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- k-Nearest Neighbor</li> <li>- Radial basis functions</li> <li>- Case-based reasoning</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept Learning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- concept space,</li> <li>instance space,</li> <li>hypothesis space, ...</li> <li>- inductive bias</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision Tree Learning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- representation</li> <li>- ID3</li> <li>- C4.5</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensemble Learning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bagging,</li> <li>Boosting,</li> <li>Classifier dependency, ...</li> <li>- inductive bias</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensemble Clsssification</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial Neural Nets             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- perceptrons</li> <li>- multilayer networks</li> <li>- backpropagation</li> </ul> <p>-self-organizing feature maps -evolving neural networks</p> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluating Hypotheses</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computational Learning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PAC learning</li> <li>- the VC dimension</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bayesian Learning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bayes Theorem</li> <li>- Bayes Optimal Classifier</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinforcement Learning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Q learnin</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rule based learning</li> </ul>   |

## Brock University - COSC 4P78 - Robotics - Winter Term, 2018

**Instructor:** Earl Foxwell

**email:** efoxwell@brocku.ca

**Classes:** Mondays 1900-2200 in **TH241**

This course will provide an introduction to robotics, including design, control, sensors and perception, and capabilities and limitations.

### **Course Materials:**

#### **Reference Materials:**

Introduction to AI Robotics, Robin, R. Murphy, The MIT Press, 2000

The Robotics Primer, Mataric, 2007

### **Evaluation:**

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Labs:            | 32% |
| Assignments (2): | 20% |
| Project:         | 20% |
| Final Test:      | 28% |

The final test will be written in-class, on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Note: to receive a credit for the course, you must meet the following criteria:

- A final grade of at least 40% on the final test
- A final grade of at least 40% on the project
- You must miss **no more** than **one** (1) lab

### **Course Topics:**

- Introduction
- Sensors
- Effectors and Actuators
- Navigation and Path Planning
- Control Systems
- Agents and Multiple Agents

### **Project:**

Students will complete a project. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with the course instructor prior to beginning work on their projects. Additional details will be provided on the course website.

### **Additional Notes:**

- Any physical submissions will only be graded if they include a signed, valid cover page stapled to the front. See the COSC home page to generate a cover page with barcode.
- Please read the department's policy on medical notes on the COSC home page. Other reasons may be used for granting extensions or other accommodations, at the instructor's discretion, but only if the instructor is contacted *in advance* of assignment due dates.
- All assignments will have a firm due date. Late dates will not be assigned, and late submissions will not be accepted.

- Electronic submission of assignments will be required, and programs will be carefully examined for plagiarism. Plagiarism is a serious offense and will be treated accordingly. See <http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/about/policies/plagiarism> for details.
- As part of Brock University's commitment to a respectful work and learning environment, the university will make every reasonable effort to accommodate all members of the university community with disabilities. If you require academic accommodations related to a permanent disability to participate in this course, you are encouraged to contact the Student Development Centre Services for Students with Disabilities (4th Floor Schmon Tower ext. 3240) and also to discuss these accommodations with the instructor.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> is the last day for voluntary withdrawal without academic penalty. 15% of the final grades will be available to students by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **COSC 4P80 Artificial Neural Network: Outline**

Department of Computer Science Brock University

Instructor: [Beatrice M.Ombuki-Berman](#) Office:J307, office hrs: TBAS (or appointment) E-mail:[bombuki@brocku.ca](mailto:bombuki@brocku.ca) Teaching Assistant: TBA E-mail:[TBA](#)

### **Course Description**

The goal of this course is to introduce students to practical problem solving using a powerful class of AI model, artificial neural networks. We begin with a brief introduction of a loose analogy to the brain to give some idea of the parallel and distributed nature of neural networks. An overview of various neural network models will be carried out by discussing the underlying principles, model architectures, behaviours and learning algorithms. Supervised learning, single- and multilayer feed-forward networks and backpropagation and refinements; recurrent neural networks; Hopfield networks and Boltzmann machines. Unsupervised learning, competitive learning, Kohonen map and self-organizing feature maps. A range of applications will also be discussed. The student will learn research skills applicable to other fields of computer science. Each student will be expected to understand and present a selected current neural networks research paper and complete a term project.

### **Prerequisites:**

Programming skills are assumed. Completion of [COSC 3P71](#) Introduction to Artificial Intelligence is highly recommended. Familiarity with linear algebra, basic calculus, probability theory and statistics is expected. Where necessary, and if possible, some fundamental refreshers on some of these will be provided via tutorials.

**Textbook & Assigned Reading :** There will be no main text. Assigned reading will be available online and at the library's reserve reading desk. Various useful textbooks and journal articles will be used.

### **Evaluation**

Assignments (2): 35%

Term Project: 25%

Seminars: 20%

Test: 15%

Participation: 5%

Note: Further details are found on the course web-page.

## COSC 4P81 AI Programming

### Optional texts:

1. *AI Application Programming 2e*, Tim Jones, Charles River Media (2005)
2. *Building Machine Learning Systems with Python*, W. Richert and L.P. Coehlo, Packt Pub, 2013.
3. Many free e-books on Prolog, Lisp, Expert systems.

**Overview:** This is a course in developing computer applications for AI problem solving. The course will explore different topics in AI software systems, and examine how different programming languages and paradigms can suit particular AI problem domains. Introductions to different AI languages (Prolog, Lisp, Python) will be briefly overviewed. However, the focus will be their use in AI problem solving, rather than to give comprehensive treatments of the languages.

### Topics:

1. Logic programming
  - Logic programming and its roots in artificial intelligence.
  - Introduction to Prolog
  - Expert Systems and expert system shells.
  - Natural language processing.
2. Functional languages and symbolic programming
  - Introduction to LISP.
  - applications in symbolic processing
3. Python and machine learning
  - Introduction to Python.
  - Machine learning: Neural networks, Bayesian learning, kNN clustering
4. Genetic programming and Java
  - Overview of evolutionary algorithms, genetic programming.
  - Implementing a genetic programming system in ECJ and Java.

### Evaluation:

- Assignments (4): 60%
- Final project: 40%

### Comments:

- The project is a more comprehensive implementation involving an AI application. Students would be free to choose their topic and language. It might involve taking an assignment and significantly expanding its scope. Projects can be done in groups of 2.
- Late assignments are not accepted.

- Plagiarism detection software may be used on all submissions.

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### OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course you should be able to

- Demonstrate familiarity with
  - Basic issues of artificial intelligence and data modelling, including the possibilities and limits of quasi-intelligent systems,
  - Problem solving techniques,
  - Principles of probability and methods of uncertainty handling,
  - Formal foundations of knowledge representation and rule based systems.



### CONTENT

The course will cover the areas listed below; this is a tentative programme, and may be changed.

- Topic 1      [Data models](#)
- Topic 2      [Strategies of problem solving a la Polya](#)
- Topic 3      [Uncertainty and principles of probability](#)
- Topic 4      [Bayesian reasoning](#)
- Topic 5      [Formal systems and grammars](#)
- Topic 6      [Propositional logics](#)
- Topic 7      [Rough set data analysis](#) and [Knowledge structures](#)



### COURSE MATERIAL



There will be no prescribed textbook. A full set of lecture notes will be made available.



## ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Lecture times  
and place:

Mon, Wed 12.30 - 14.00 MCA241, [tentative schedule](#)

Office hours:

By appointment

Assessment:

Two class tests (30% each) and a 30 min oral examination at the end of the course (40%) (tentative)



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## COSC 4P98 Topics in Computer Media and Digital Audio

Fall 2017

Instructor: *Brian Ross*  
Email: *bross@brocku.ca*  
Contact: *905 688 5550 ext 4284*

Lectures: Wednesday, Friday 8:00-9:30am, TH240

Course Prerequisites: three and one-half COSC credits or permission of instructor.

### Description:

The course explores topics in computer media, with an emphasis on computer audio and music. Topics that may be covered include:

- Fundamentals of audio:
  - basics, sampling, signal processing
- Sound analysis:
  - Fourier series, FFT
- Audio synthesis:
  - waveform generation, granular synthesis
- Computer music and MIDI
- Music and audio programming languages:
  - CSound, Processing, Beads, Supercollider
- Commercial music and audio applications
  - VST programming
- Computer composition
- Noise and Fractals
- AI and Music
- Visualization
- Arduino, Raspberry pi, and interactive installations
- ???

I will present some fundamental topics in these areas. A portion of the course will be seminar-oriented, in which the class will have the opportunity to research and present their own selected topics.

This course will rely on **individual research** into topics of interest. You will need to make use of research resources to find information about topics for your assignments, seminar and project. This will include the Internet, the library's collection of books (paper, electronic), journals, conference proceedings, and resources elsewhere.

**Seminars:** The seminars are intended to give you experience in independent research, as well as presenting technical material to the class. Seminars will be 20-25 minutes in duration (including 3-5 minutes questions). Your seminar can be in any suitable topic in computer audio and media. A topic might be a research paper you discovered from a

journal or proceedings, a section or chapter from a book, or information from a web site. Please run your topic idea by me beforehand to make sure it is appropriate. A schedule of seminar topics will be maintained online. I encourage you to send me topic ideas that others might like to consider!

A web page or PDF/Powerpoint file with the details of your seminar will be required. This will be made available to the class. Seminars will be given during the final weeks of the term.

### Project

- The project is in a topic in digital audio and computer media. Please have your project idea approved by me beforehand.
- The project requires an implementation and written report.
- You can work in groups of up to two on projects.
- The projects will be due at the end of the term in December.
- See the project description hand-out for details.

**Term Test:** A term test will be held in class near the end of the course, and before seminars begin. It will cover the lecture material.

### Recommended Texts:

- *Who is Fourier? A Mathematical Adventure*, Trans. College of LEX, LRF, ISBN 0-9643594-0-8.
- Other recommended reading will be mentioned in class and listed on the web site.

### Course Communications:

- <http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/Offerings/4P98/>
- Email communications will be sent to the course mailing list. Be sure to regularly check your Brock email for course news.

### Evaluation:

- Assignments (3): 35%
- Project: 25%
- Term test: 20%
- Seminar: 15%
- Seminar participation: 5%

### Late Submission Policy:

No late assignments will be accepted. Late penalty is 100%.

### Relationship between attendance and grades:

As is usually the case in university courses, attendance in class correlates with a good grade in the course. If you must miss a lecture, you are expected to obtain the material and other information from the lecture from another student (not the professor!).

The participation grade is given for attending all the seminar dates in the final weeks of the course. The 5% is allocated over the dates (not including your own seminar day). Attendance will be taken during the seminars.

**Important dates:** (check the [online University calendar](#) for makeup days due to holidays)

Last date to withdraw without academic penalty: Tuesday November 7, 2017  
Date you will be notified of 15% of your course grade: on or before Tuesday October 31, 2017

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### Academic Policies

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#### **Academic Integrity:**

Academic misconduct is a serious offence. The principle of academic integrity, particularly of doing one's own work, documenting properly (including use of quotation marks, appropriate paraphrasing and referencing/citation), collaborating appropriately, and avoiding misrepresentation, is a core principle in university study. Students should consult Section VII, "Academic Misconduct", in the "Academic Regulations and University Polices" entry in the Undergraduate Calendar, available at <http://brocku.ca/webcal> to view a fuller description of prohibited actions, and the procedures and penalties.

Turnitin.com may be used on final project submissions. If you object to uploading your work to Turnitin.com for any reason, please notify me within the first 2 weeks of the term to discuss alternative submissions.

Moss (programming code plagiarism checker) may be used on assignments and projects.

Assignments are to be done individually. You are not permitted to collaborate or share code or algorithms; use and/or modify code created by others; use programs submitted for credit in other courses; or copy and/or modify code found online, even if it is advertised as open source code. Note that citing source code means it may not be plagiarized; however, you may not receive marks for the assignment or project, since it is not your own work.

Projects may be done in groups of up to two people. Group members are expected to contribute equally to course projects. Grades will be assigned accordingly.

If you find libraries that help with your assignment or project, please ask me before using them. Some libraries may not be permitted, especially if they perform the majority of the content of an assignment or project! You must cite the sources of all libraries and ideas used in your work.

#### **Academic Accommodation Statement:**

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#### **Academic Accommodation due to Religious Obligations:**

Brock University acknowledges the pluralistic nature of the undergraduate and graduate communities such that accommodations will be made for students who, by reason of religious obligation, must miss an examination, test, assignment deadline, laboratory or other compulsory academic event. Students requesting academic accommodation on the basis of religious obligation should make a formal, written request to their instructor(s) for alternative dates and/or means of satisfying requirements.

#### **Medical Exemption Policy:**

The department's medical form can be found here: <http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/forms/medical>

**Brock University**  
**Department of Computer Science**  
**COSC 5P01 – Coding Theory**  
**Fall 2017**

**Instructor:**

Sheridan Houghten, J313

**Course Description:**

This course examines concepts, problems and applications of error-correcting codes.

**Textbook:**

There is no required textbook for this course. We will use material from various books and other sources. The following books will be on reserve in the library:

- Introduction to the Theory of Error-Correcting Codes, Vera Pless, Wiley & Sons (several editions exist).
- Introduction to Coding Theory, Ron M. Roth, Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- Fundamentals of Error-Correcting Codes, W.Cary Huffman and Vera Pless, Cambridge University Press, 2003.

Note that a number of relevant electronic resources are also available from the library.

**Mark Distribution:**

- Assignments: 20%
- Class Presentation: 15%
- Exam (Oral): 30%
- Project: 35%

**Tentative Outline:**

- Introduction: communication, redundancy, codes, distance, encoding/decoding
- Distance metrics: Hamming, edit, insertion-deletion, etc.
- Linear codes: generator matrices, weight, syndrome decoding, sphere packing bound, dual codes, families of linear codes and their constructions.
- Non-linear codes: bounds, optimal codes, constructions to improve bounds, families and examples of non-linear codes.
- Searches for codes, including how equivalence can be used.
- Optional topics: exact topics and depth will be chosen according to student interest, but some of the following will be included: cyclic codes, BCH codes, LDPC codes, applications to bioinformatics, applications to complexity theory.

## Important Dates:

- Last date for withdrawal without academic penalty: Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## Course Policies:

**Illness:** If you miss an assignment or other piece of work due to illness, you must submit a student medical certificate (<http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/forms/medical>) *within 3 days of the illness*, at the main office in the Computer Science department.

**Plagiarism:** The department views plagiarism as a serious issue. Students may visit <http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/about/policies/plagiarism> to view the department's policies on plagiarism. Plagiarism detection software may be used in this course.

## Assignments:

- Assignments must be completed individually.
- Due dates for assignments will be printed on the assignment text. No late assignments will be accepted except in the case of extreme circumstances; see above course policy concerning illness.
- *Assignments must be submitted both as hard copies AND electronically.*
- Hard copies of all assignments must be submitted to the instructor in an envelope with an attached, signed cover page. To generate the cover page, visit <http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/forms/cover>.
- Instructions on electronic submission will be provided on the assignment text.

**Class Presentations:** All students will choose one advanced topic to teach to their fellow students. The student should plan to use an entire class (60-75 minutes) to teach this topic. The topic is to be chosen in consultation with the instructor. The class presentation schedule will be determined by the instructor according to topic.

**Exam:** The exam will cover all class material including presentations by students. It will be an oral exam to be booked on an individual basis, either on the last day of class or after classes are finished.

**Project:** Students will complete a project (which includes complete documentation) on an advanced topic related to coding theory. Topics must be approved by the instructor. Students must submit a written proposal to the instructor; the instructor will consider approval based on this written proposal. The project may extend the topic chosen by the student for their class presentation or may be on a different topic, as desired.



# COSC 5P02 Course Outline



Instructor: Michael Winter, Office J323, Office Hours: Mon & Fri, 9:00am-11:00am, email: [mwinter@brocku.ca](mailto:mwinter@brocku.ca)

## Calendar description

A thorough introduction to mathematical logic, covering the following topics: propositional and first-order logic; soundness, completeness, and compactness of first-order logic; first-order theories; undecidability and Gödel's incompleteness theorem; and an introduction to other logics such as intuitionistic and modal logics. Furthermore, the course stresses the application of logic to various areas of computer science such as computability, programming languages, program specification and verification.

## Course Outline

| Week | Date              | Topics  |
|------|-------------------|---|
| 1    | Jan 09/11         | Introduction, Propositional Logic ( <b>no lab</b> ) |
| 2    | Jan 16/17/18      | Propositional Logic, Natural Deduction              |
| 3    | Jan 23/24/25      | Natural Deduction, Normal forms                     |
| 4    | Jan 30/31, Feb 01 | First Order Logic, ( <b>Test 1</b> )                |
| 5    | Feb 06/07/08      | First Order Logic, Natural Deduction                |
| 6    | Feb 13/14/15      | Natural Deduction, Intuitionistic Logic             |
| 7*   | Feb 27/28, Mar 01 | Decidability, Gödel's results, ( <b>Test 2</b> )    |
| 8    | Mar 06/07/08      | Modal Logic   |
| 9    | Mar 13/14/15      | Modal Logic   |
| 10   | Mar 20/21/22      | Modal Logic, decidability, ( <b>Test 3</b> )        |
| 11   | Mar 27/28/29      | Dynamic Logic                                       |
| 12   | Apr 03/05         | Program verification, review ( <b>no lab</b> )      |

\* February 19-February 23, 2018 is Reading Week, no classes.

## Texts

- [\*Logic in Computer Science\*, 2nd edition](#), M. Huth & M. Ryan, [\*Cambridge University Press\*](#) (2004), ISBN 0-521-54310-X
- [\*Mathematical Introduction to Logic\*, 2nd edition](#), H.B. Enderton, [\*Academic Press\*](#) (2001), ISBN 0-12-238452-0
- [\*Logic for Mathematics and Computer Science\*](#), S.N. Burris, [\*Pearson Education\*](#) (1998), ISBN 0-13-285974-2

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# COSC 5P02

## Course Procedures



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### Marking Scheme

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Term Test 1 | 20% |
| Term Test 2 | 20% |
| Term Test 3 | 20% |
| Final Exam  | 40% |

### Important Dates

**Term Test 1 (30 min):** January 31, 2018 (in lab)

**Term Test 2 (30 min):** February 28, 2018 (in lab)

**Term Test 3 (30 min):** March 21, 2018 (in lab)

**Final exam (oral, 45 min):** Wednesday, April 11, 2018, schedule tba

### Notes

- A mark of at least 40% on the final exam is required to achieve a passing grade in this course.
- Consideration regarding illness for assignment submission or test dates will **only** be considered if accompanied with the completed Departmental [Medical Excuse form](#).

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# Universal Algebra COSC 5P03

Ivo Düntsch

## Course outline

As the name suggests, Universal Algebra is concerned with the properties of general algebraic systems. According to Whitehead's description which he coined in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century,

“Universal Algebra is the name applied to that calculus which symbolizes general operations, defined later, which are called Addition and Multiplication. There are certain general definitions which hold for any process of addition and others which hold for any process of multiplication. These are the general principles of any branch of Universal Algebra.”

Constructs of Universal Algebra are at the basis of many areas of Computer Science, among which are Formal Methods, Type Theory, Specification, Complexity Theory, Computer algebra, Uncertainty Management and many more. Its equational formalisms are well suited for automated reasoning, and in the spirit and letter of the ACM's view that “The discipline of computing is the systematic study of algorithmic processing that describe and transform information” (2).

In this course, we will study the concepts and constructs of Universal Algebra, such as products, subalgebras, homomorphic images and congruences, term algebras, free algebras, its connections with Logic and Model Theory, decidability issues, lattices and relation algebras, and applications in Computer Science.

As a basic textbook we will use Burris' and Sankappanavar's “A Course in Universal Algebra” (1), which is available for download at

<http://www.math.uwaterloo.ca/~snburris/htdocs/ualg.html>.

This will be supplemented by further reading in special topics. As a teaching aid we may use the , [Universal Algebra Calculator](#) by R. Freese and E. Kiss.

## **Parallel Computation: Models and Algorithms** **COSC 5P04, Winter 2014**

Each student is to give a lecture and to do a project.

### **Lectures:**

Each lecture is roughly 1 hour and 20 minutes long (with some flexibility). The objective is to present a topic lecture style so that the audiences have a good understanding of the materials presented. It is important to select a proper topic so that people can actually understand the presentation. To this end, it is better not to be too ambitious. Each lecture should be similar to what we do in each class. You can use slides if you so prefer. Please provide students with notes/slides before your lecture. The lectures take place in the last two to three weeks of the term.

### **Projects:**

Each student is required to do a project and present your project which will take place at the end of the term or later. Each presentation will take roughly 45 minutes (35 minutes presentation plus a 10 minute question period). This will give you an opportunity to familiarize yourself with important stages in your research. A project report is also required. Your work can be one of the following:

- (a) Do a major critical literature survey on one particular subject.
- (b) Find a suitable problem and design your own parallel algorithm(s) to solve the problem.
- (c) Others (please let me know beforehand).

Of course, (b) requires that you find and read one or more (major) paper first, namely, the (a) part. Ideally, original research, namely (b) is preferred. It is even better if you could combine your project with your MSc. research. For example, if you are doing string algorithms for some bioinformatics problems, it would be a good idea to consider topics related to parallel string algorithms. This could be a survey type of work or better yet, work that either improves previous results or a completely new work no one has done (e.g. parallelizing some sequential algorithm, or a parallel algorithm on a model no one has considered before).

Please discuss your project idea with me once you have decided on what to do for your project and before you actually start.

Your report should be similar to a journal or conference paper consisting of the following: title, abstract, literature review, main results, conclusion, and bibliography.

### **Potential Topics**

#### **1. Algorithms:**

Parallel algorithms can be considered for all problems (sorting and searching, graph problems, string problems, optimization problems, problems in bioinformatics, numerical analysis, various data communication algorithms such as broadcasting, gossiping, generating combinatorial objects in parallel, number theoretic problems, etc.). You can also consider designing an algorithm to solve a problem and then implementing your algorithm on some parallel machines/systems, e.g. SHARCNET.

## 2. Properties of graphs/interconnection networks

### Journals and Conferences:

Here is a list of important journals and conferences on parallel computing in general. You may also find papers from the reference section of parallel computation books. The list is by no means complete. There are **numerous** other journals and conferences that are either exclusively devoted to parallel processing or contain parallel processing content. You are free to find your papers from other sources (simply do an internet search)

### Journals:

Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing  
Parallel Computing  
IEEE Trans. on Parallel and Distributed Systems  
IEEE Trans. on Computers  
Information Processing Letters  
Parallel Processing Letters  
Journal of Interconnection Networks  
Journal of Supercomputing  
Networks

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To find a proper lecture/project topic, one possible way is to go to these journals' websites and check the current and past issues and see which subject interests you. Then download the articles. The reference sections of these papers should lead you to more papers on the subject. In addition, once you know the general area of your topic, do a search (e.g. Google Scholar) to get papers.

### Conferences:

International Conference on Parallel Processing (ICPP)  
ACM Symposium on Parallelism in Algorithms and Architectures (SPAA)  
International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS)  
International Symposium on Parallel Architectures, Algorithms, and Networks (I-SPAN)  
International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Systems (ICPADS)

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# COSC 5P05 Course Outline



Instructor: Michael Winter, Office J323, Office Hours: Tue 1:00pm-3:00pm & Wed, 9:00am - 11:00am, email: [mwinter@brocku.ca](mailto:mwinter@brocku.ca)

## Calendar description

Introduction to typed and untyped lambda calculi and their semantics. Syntax of the lambda calculus, conversion, fixed points, reduction, Church-Rosser theorem, representation of recursive functions, lambda models. Category theory, cartesian closed categories and categorical models of lambda calculus.

## Course Outline

| Week | Date          | Topics   |
|------|---------------|--|
| 1    | Jan 06/08     | Introduction, Simply typed $\lambda$ -calculus with explicit pairs               |
| 2    | Jan 13/15     | Simply typed $\lambda$ -calculus with explicit pairs, Confluence (Church-Rosser) |
| 3    | Jan 20/22     | Categories, Morphisms  |
| 4    | Jan 27/29     | Constructions, Cartesian closed categories ( <b>Test 1</b> )                     |
| 5    | Feb 03/05     | Constructions, Functors and Adjunctions  |
| 6    | Feb 10/12     | Categorical semantics of the simply typed $\lambda$ -calculus                    |
| 7*   | Feb 24/26     | Variant types and recursion  |
| 8    | Mar 03/05     | Untyped $\lambda$ -calculus ( <b>Test 2</b> )                                    |
| 9    | Mar 10/12     | Recursive Domain Equations   |
| 10   | Mar 17/19     | Recursive Domain Equations (continued)   |
| 11   | Mar 24/26     | Algebras, primitive recursion and catamorphisms ( <b>Test 3</b> )                |
| 12   | Mar 31/Apr 02 | Second order $\lambda$ -calculus, Review   |

\* Feb 16-20 is Reading Week, no classes.

## Texts

- The main text book: [Categories, Types, and Structures](#)
- Additional Material on the lambda calculus: [Lambda Calculus](#)
- H. Barendregt: [Lambda Calculi with Types](#)

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# COSC 5P05

## Course Procedures



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### Marking Scheme

|             |     |
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| Term Test 1 | 20% |
| Term Test 2 | 20% |
| Term Test 3 | 20% |
| Final Exam  | 40% |

### Important Dates

**Term Test 1 (30 min):** January 29, 2015 (in class)

**Term Test 2 (30 min):** March 05, 2015 (in class)

**Term Test 3 (30 min):** March 26, 2015 (in class)

**Final exam (oral, 45 min):** Wednesday, April 08, 2015, Schedule tba

### Notes

- A mark of at least 40% on the final exam is required to achieve a passing grade in this course.
- Consideration regarding illness for assignment submission or test dates will **only** be considered if accompanied with the completed Departmental [Medical Excuse form](#).

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## COSC 5P71 – Genetic Programming

Instructor: Brian Ross  
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Phone: 688-5550 ext. 4284

**Objective:** An introduction to genetic programming: evolutionary computation, principles, methodology, technologies, and applications.

**Text:** *A Field Guide to Genetic Programming* by R. Poli, W.B. Langdon, N. F. McPhee. ISBN 978-1-4092-0073-4. 2008.

- Download free PDF here: <http://www.gp-field-guide.org.uk/>

**Reading:** Assigned reading will be available online and at the library reserve reading desk. Many useful references are currently available at the reserve reading desk.

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|--------------------|------------------|-----|
| <b>Evaluation:</b> | Assignments (2): | 30% |
|                    | Project:         | 40% |
|                    | Term test:       | 15% |
|                    | Seminar:         | 15% |

**Assignments:** The assignments will give you practical experience in applying evolutionary techniques in problem solving. Assignments will require you to use an existing genetic programming package. Details about assignment requirements will be given with the first assignment handout.

**Late assignments:** No lates accepted.

**Seminars:** Students will present a seminar on a topic in genetic programming. Although you can decide on your own topic, you should run it by me first. A list of broad topic areas is available online. When you have chosen a topic, please let me know, and give me any related papers you will be discussing. I will make it available to the class, preferably 1 week prior to your scheduled seminar.

**Project:** Please see the project handout for details. It will be due at the end of term (date TBA).

### Other comments:

- All assignments must include a department cover page.
- Please be familiar with the department and university policies on plagiarism.
- Please read the department's policy on medical notes, found on the web.



# COSC 5P73: Computer Vision



Winter 2017 Instructor: [Vlad Wojcik](#)



Assignments: **1** **2** +Project



## ● GOALS:

A branch of **Machine Learning**, Computer Vision aims at equipping computers with animal skills of vision, i.e. the ability to interpret perceived images in term of objects and their spatial and temporal relationships. This is a tall order, as full operational details of the animalian visual cortex remain poorly understood. Vigorous research continues in both directions.

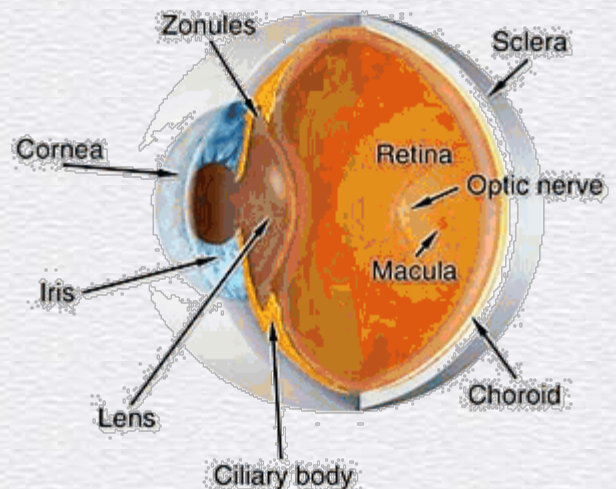
Does it all seem like we are trying to teach a computer something we do not know well ourselves? You are right. Worse still: We already know that your **brain** can see things your eyes can't. Unbelievable? **Check this out!** Now, get this: overrules what your eyes see ... Check this **girl** out: Does she stand on her left or right leg? How does she rotate? Left or right? Are you sure ??

Sometimes the damage to a part of **visual cortex** leads to total or partial blindness; at other times some cognitive disorders emerge. Go figure!

## ● COURSE TOPICS COVERED:

- **Basic optics**(a quick and dirty review)
- **Image formation and image models**  
Issues: Cameras, camera models, camera calibration, radiometry, light sources, shadows, shadings, colour.
- **Early vision: Just one image**  
Issues: Linear filters, edge detection, texture.
- **Early vision: Multiple images**  
Issues: Geometry of multiple views, stereopsis, affine and projective structures from motion.
- **Mid-level vision**  
Issues: Segmentation by clustering, by fitting a model. Segmentation and fitting using probabilistic methods. Tracking with linear dynamic models.
- **High-level vision: Geometric methods**  
Issues: Model-based vision, smooth surfaces and their outlines, aspect graphs,

Normal Eye Anatomy





range data.

- **High-level vision: Probabilistic and inferential methods**

Issues: Finding templates using classifiers, recognition by relations between templates, geometric templates from spatial relations.

- **Applications**

Issues: Searching image libraries, image-based rendering, etc.

- **RECOMMENDED READING:**

- D.A. Forsyth, J. Ponce: **Computer Vision: A Modern Approach**, 2nd ed., Prentice-Hall 2003, ISBN 9780136085928.
- R.O. Duda, P.E. Hart, D.G. Stork: **Pattern Classification**, 2nd ed., J. Wiley & Sons 2001, ISBN 0-471-05669-3.



- **MORE READING:**

1. **Mammalian Sensory Systems.**
2. **Cameras.**
3. **Colour.**
4. **Image Alignment (i.e. Registration).**
5. **Issues in Scene / Image Segmentation.**
6. **The Hyperball Concept** plus **FAQ.**
7. **Audio Pattern Recognition and Learning.**
8. **Visual Pattern Recognition and Learning.**
9. **Computer Vision On-Line:** The Evolving, Distributed, Non-Proprietary Compendium.
10. **Computer Vision Handbook.**
11. D.H. Ballard, C.M. Brown: **Computer Vision.**
12. Intel Corp.: Open Source **Computer Vision Library.**
13. Partial list of **Computer Vision Industry.**
14. V. Wojcik, **Recursive Problem of Calibration of Expert Systems,** January 1998.
15. V. Wojcik, **The Structure of the Brain and of the Adaptive Computer Architectures,** January 1998.

- **MARKING SCHEME:**

- Two assignments @ 15% each
- One mid-term test @ 30%
- One two-person project @ 40%

- **NOTES:**



In case a given mark is perceived unjust or unclear by a student, s/he is encouraged to see the instructor to discuss the issue. Depending on the case s/he is able to make, a mark can be modified. The deadline to contact the instructor on these matters is one week after the mark has been issued. Marks not disputed within this period will be considered final.


## ● PENALTIES:



Possible lateness in assignment submission is counted in days, each period of a day ending at 4 PM. The penalty for late submission of assignments is 25% up to three days (or a part of a day). After that period the penalty is 100%.

While honest cooperation between students is considered appropriate, the Department considers **plagiarism** a serious offense. For clarification on these issues you are directed to the statement of **Departmental Policies and Procedures**.



Instructor: Vlad Wojcik   
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## **COSC 5P74 Evolutionary Computation**

Department of Computer Science Brock University

Instructor: [B.M.Ombuki-Berman](mailto:bombuki@brocku.ca) Office:J307, office hrs: TBA E-mail:[bombuki@brocku.ca](mailto:bombuki@brocku.ca)

### **Objectives**

To provide a broad introduction to the field of evolutionary algorithms (EAs) from both theoretical and application viewpoint. This includes genetic algorithms, evolutionary strategies, genetic programming, problem representation, genetic operations, overall control, theory of EAs and various examples of important applications. Includes related bio-inspired sub-areas such as swarm intelligence, evolutionary robotics and evolving neural networks. To teach and show students how these paradigms exploit biological processes in nature to solve problems from various application domains. The course is suitable for students preparing for research in evolutionary computation, as well as other students who want to apply evolutionary computation techniques (and related areas) to solve problems in their fields of study. Comparisons with other meta-heuristics are included depending on the application domain.

### **Assigned Reading:**

There will be no main text. Assigned reading will be available online and at the library's reserve reading desk. Various useful textbooks and journal articles will be used.

### **Evaluation**

Assignments (2-3): 30%

Term Project: 30%

Seminars: 20%

Test: 20%

### **Assignments:**

The assignments are meant to augment the topics covered in class by providing you with practical applications of evolutionary computation strategies. All assignments are implementation based and hand-in will include a scientific report based on the IEEE format. Unless otherwise stated by the instructor: all assignments must be done entirely on your own.

### **Late Submission Policy**

No lates are accepted, except for medical reasons with valid medical report is submitted according to departmental policy.

**Project:**

The format and details of the end of term project are provided in class.

**Seminars:**

Each student will present a seminar on topics in evolutionary computation and related areas such as swarm intelligence and evolving neural networks. A list of suggested topics will be available, but you may choose a topic not on this list. As soon as you have chosen your topic, please let me know so that I announce it to the rest of the class. Furthermore, provide me with a copy of the paper you will be discussing a week prior to your seminar date so that I can avail to the rest of the class. Further details on seminars will be discussed in class.

**Lecture Notes**

Copies of some the lecture material will be available to you. However, not all the lectures will have electronic notes hence the students should be ready to take notes inside the lecture at any required time.

**Further Comments**

- All assignments and project must include a department cover page and should be submitted to me at the beginning of class.
- Please familiarize yourself on the department' policy on medical notes, found on the web.
- You also should be familiar with the department and university policies on plagiarism. Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before undertaking any academic work. Ignorance is not an acceptable defense and the penalties for academic dishonesty are severe.
- A variety of materials and announcements will be made available on the Class Home-page at <http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/Offerings/5P74/>. You are responsible for informing yourself on whatever information is posted there.

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## COSC 5P76 Winter 2015/16

### *Non-invasive data analysis*

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### OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course a student should, among others,

- Know and explain various approaches to data modelling,
- Know and explain the difference between risk and uncertainty.
- Know and explain the basic difference between quantitative and qualitative data analysis,
- Know, explain, and give examples for the basic constructs of rough set data analysis (RSDA) such as equivalence relations, information systems, rules, reducts, etc.,
- Find and interpret the approximation quality of a set of attributes with respect to a decision attribute,
- Be able to give a seminar on a research topic in the course area.
- Additional material to be announced.



### COURSE MATERIAL

Main text: [Rough set data analysis: A road to non-invasive knowledge discovery](#) Study material will be made available on the [resource page](#).



### ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

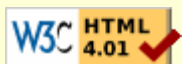
Lecture times  
and place:

Mon, Wed 13.30 - 14.00 ST105

Office hours: By appointment.

Assessment: To be determined.

Lecture Plan: [Tentative schedule](#)



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# COSC 5V90 Course Outline



Instructor: Michael Winter, Office J323, Office Hours: Mon & Fri, 9:00am - 11:00am, email: [mwinter@brocku.ca](mailto:mwinter@brocku.ca)

## Course description

Introduction to the dependently typed functional programming language of Coq as well as its formal language for mathematical definitions and theorems. Introduction to higher-order logic, interactive theorem proving. Development of verified software using the Coq system.

## Course Outline

| Week | Date           | Topics  |
|------|----------------|---|
| 1    | Jan 09/11      | Introduction, Principle of functional programming and interactive theorem proving |
| 2    | Jan 16/18      | Functions as proofs, Proofs as functions  |
| 3    | Jan 23/25      | Coq basics  |
| 4    | Jan 30, Feb 01 | Programming in Coq I  |
| 5    | Feb 06/08      | Programming in Coq II, ( <del>Test 1</del> )                                      |
| 6    | Feb 13/15      | Verification of functional programs in Coq I, (Test 1)                            |
| 7*   | Feb 27, Mar 01 | Verification of functional programs in Coq II                                     |
| 8    | Mar 06/08      | Verification of functional programs in Coq III                                    |
| 9    | Mar 13/15      | Algebraic theories in Coq I, (Test 2)   |
| 10   | Mar 20/22      | Algebraic theories in Coq II  |
| 11   | Mar 27/29      | Algebraic theories in Coq III   |
| 12   | Apr 03/05      | Further features of Coq, Review   |

\* February 19-February 23, 2018 is Reading Week, no classes.

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# COSC 5V90 Course Procedures



Instructor: Michael Winter, Office J323, Office Hours: Mon & Fri, 9:00am - 11:00am, email: [mwinter@brocku.ca](mailto:mwinter@brocku.ca)

## Marking Scheme

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Term Test 1 | 30% |
| Term Test 2 | 30% |
| Final Exam  | 40% |

## Important Dates

**Term Test 1 (60 min):** ~~February 08, 2018~~ February 13, 2018

**Term Test 2 (60 min):** March 15, 2018

**Final exam (90 min):** Tuesday, April 10, 2018, schedule tba

## Notes

- A mark of at least 40% on the final exam is required to achieve a passing grade in this course.
- Consideration regarding illness for assignment submission or test dates will **only** be considered if accompanied with the completed Departmental [Medical Excuse form](#).

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COURSE: Math/Phys 4P09/5P09 Solitons and Nonlinear Wave Equations

Time: T Fr 2-3:30pm TBA

Instructor: Prof. Stephen Anco

Office: J423 x3728 office hours by appointment

Recommended Reading: Drazin and Johnson, *Solitons: an introduction*

Webpage: [lie.math.brocku.ca/~sanco/solitons/index.php](http://lie.math.brocku.ca/~sanco/solitons/index.php)

Grading:

Homework (weekly) 40%

Midterm Quiz 15%

Seminar participation 15%

Final Exam OR Project and Presentation 30%

TOPICS:

Solitons and their properties.

1. Linear and nonlinear waves. Historical background on solitons. (Chapter 1)
2. Korteweg de Vries equation and other soliton equations. Traveling wave solutions. (Chapter 2)
3. Backlund transformations and nonlinear superposition. (Chapter 5)
4. Lax pairs and inverse scattering. (Chapter 5 and 6)
5. Zero curvature representation and the dressing method.
6. Conservation laws of soliton equations. (Chapter 5)
7. Hamiltonian formulation of wave equations. Bi-Hamiltonian structure of soliton equations.
8. Lagrangians and symmetries.

Lectures are based on the course notes provided in pdf format. You are responsible to:

- (i) bring a printed copy of the notes with you to each lecture;
- (ii) participate in the seminar discussion of the material in the notes during each lecture;
- (iii) review this material yourself after each lecture.

You may discuss homework problems together but all of the solutions you submit must be your own work.

Late homework or missed midterm will be accepted only if you get approval prior to the due date.



# MATHEMATICS 5P10 (Winter 2018)

## Modern Algebra

- Professor: Dr. Yuanlin Li  
Room MC J422  
Email: yli@brocku.ca  
Home Page: <http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~yli/5P10/5p10f15.html>
- Lectures: TR: 9:30 -11:00 am (J409)
- Office Hours: TR: 11:00 - 11:50 am or by appointment
- Textbooks:
1. *An Introduction to the Theory of Groups*, 4th edition, by Joseph J. Rotman, Springer-Verlag, New York, Inc. 1995 (**corrected second printing 1999**)
  2. *Algebra*, first edition, by Thomas W. Hungerford, Springer-Verlag, New York, Inc. 1974
  3. *An Introduction to Group Rings*, first edition, by Cesar Polcino Milies and Sudarshan K. Sehgal, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2002
- Prerequisite: MATH 3P13
- Marking Scheme:
- Three Assignments: 40%  
Midterm Exam: 30%  
Course Project (regarded as the final exam): 30%
- Course Content: This course covers some basic topics (groups, rings, modules and group rings) in algebra. The details are as follows:
1. Topics in Groups: Groups and Homomorphisms, The Isomorphism Theorems, Symmetric Groups and G-sets, The Sylow Theorems, Sub-normal and Normal Series, Solvable and Nilpotent groups, \*Free groups. (Chapters 1-6 in Rotman's book)
  2. Ring Theory: Rings and Homomorphisms, Ideals, Factorization in Commutative Rings, Rings of Quotients and Localization, Rings of Polynomials and Formal Power series. (Chapter 3 in Hungerford's book)
  3. Modules: Modules, Homs and Exact Sequences, Free Modules and Vector Spaces, Projective and Injective Modules, Tensor Products, Modules over PID. (Chapter 4 in Hungerford's book)
  4. Introduction to group rings. (Chapter 3 in Polcino Milies and Sehgal's book)

Course Project: This project will help you develop your research abilities. Students are expected to work on your own. Several topics will be given, and each student will choose a topic from the given list. No two individuals should choose the same topic. In order to complete the project, you will need to study reference books related to your chosen topic. Research papers and books can be found from the library, through an inter-library loan, through an internet search, or by using academic databases such as “mathscinet”. More detailed instructions will be given in class. An outline of your project is due on Feb. 2, a draft copy (optional) is due on Mar. 23, and the final copy is due on Mar. 30. Each student will also be expected to give a presentation of its project. Your marks for the project will be based on both your final copy and your presentation.

Exams and Assignments:

| Exam         | Date               | Mark     |
|--------------|--------------------|----------|
| Midterm      | Thursday, March. 8 | 30%      |
| AS #         | Due Date           | Mark     |
| 1            | Friday, Jan. 26    | 12%      |
| 2            | Friday, Feb. 16    | 14%      |
| 3            | Friday, Mar. 16    | 14%      |
| Project      | Due Date           | Mark     |
| Outline      | Feb. 2             | 2%       |
| Draft Copy   | Mar. 23            | optional |
| Final Copy   | Mar. 30            | 20%      |
| Presentation | Last week          | 8%       |

Notes:

(1) The Midterm exam will be 60 minutes long and held during the regular lecture time. There is no final exam and your research project will be regarded as the final exam.

(2) **This course also emphasizes good mathematical writing. Students will be expected to write their solutions to assignments using a very readable and logical mathematical style.** The assignments are due at 4 pm on the due dates. **No late assignments will be accepted.** The solution to each homework will be posted after the due date. Please attach a cover page to your assignment. This should bear (at the top) **your name, student number, course number and assignment number.** A sample cover page can be found in the **Course Home Page.**

(3) **Reading Week:** Feb. 19-23 (no classes).

**MATHEMATICS 5P11 (Winter 2010)**  
**An Introduction to Group Rings**

- Professor: Dr. Yuanlin Li  
Room MC J422  
Email: yli@brocku.ca  
Home Page: <http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~yli/5P11/5p11w10.html>
- Classes: Thursday: 1:00 - 4:00 pm (H313)
- Office Hours: Thursday 12:30 - 1:50; or by appointment
- Textbook: *An Introduction to Group Rings*, by C Polcino Milies and S. K. Sehgal, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2002
- Marking Scheme: Your final grade will be assigned based on the following:  
In class Presentations.  
Course Project or Report.
- Course Content: This course covers several fundamental topics in group rings and the details are listed below.

Group rings and their unit groups; Augmentation and other ideals; Algebraic elements; Several important types of units; Isomorphism problem; Free groups of units, Integral group rings and group algebras.

# Math 5P20: Computational Methods for Algebraic and Differential Systems

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course covers the algebraic back ground and computer algebra applications of solving systems of polynomial algebraic and differential equations.

## COURSE CONTENT

### 1. Gröbner Bases

Monomials, polynomials, affine space, zero functions, affine varieties, parametrizations of affine varieties, ideals, GCD of polynomials and their properties, Euclidean algorithm, monomial orderings, standard orderings, leading monomials, division algorithm, monomial ideals, Dickson's Lemma, Hilbert Basis Theorem, ideal of leading terms, Gröbner bases, S-polynomials, Buchberger's Algorithm, special ideals, primary decompositions, properties of Gröbner bases, ideal quotients, syzygies, modules, implicitization of parametrically described varieties, minimal and reduce Gröbner basis, Gröbner bases in Singular and Maple, improving efficiency.

### 2. Length Reduction of Systems of Equations

motivation, algorithm, vanishing multipliers, possibilities for speedup the order of pairings of equations, beneficial side effects

### 3. Differential Gröbner Bases

derivative terms, differential rings, differential ideals, orderings on differential polynomials, differential Gröbner bases definition / theory / properties, S-polynomials, linear systems, Kolchin-Ritt Algorithm, GAC algorithm, DIFFGBASIS algorithm.

### 4. Integration of Exact Differential Equations

motivation, the algorithm, non-integrability tests, termination, constants and functions of integration, a generalization,

### 5. Combining the Computation of Gröbner bases with Integrations

conservation laws of SYZYGIES, integrations based on SYZYGIES, comparison with integrating exact DE, integrations based on curls of SYZYGIES, problems with redundancy and usefulness

**TEXTBOOKS:** - David Cox, John Little Donal O'Shea: Ideals, Varieties, and Algorithms, Springer, 3rd Edition (if available, as the 2nd is full of typos).  
- Gert-Martin Greuel, Gerhard Pfister: A Singular Introduction to Commutative Algebra, ISBN: 3540428976 Springer.  
- Keith O. Geddes, Stephen R. Czapor, George Labahn. Algorithms for Computer Algebra. (October 1992) Kluwer Academic Pub; ISBN: 0-7923-9259-0  
- T. Becker, V. Weispfennig: Gröbner Bases. A Combinatorial Approach to Commutative Algebra. Springer, New York, 1993.  
- Teo Mora, Solving Polynomial Equation Systems I, Cambridge Univ Press, Brock library: QA 218 M64 2005  
- Teo Mora, Solving Polynomial Equation Systems II, Cambridge Univ Press, Brock library: QA 218 M64 2005

**LECTURES:** Lectures: Mon 8:00 - 11:00 in room MC J409A

**INSTRUCTOR:** Prof. Thomas Wolf, office J413, Ext 3803, email: [twolf@brocku.ca](mailto:twolf@brocku.ca),  
office hours: any time, e.g. Wed and Thu 1pm - 3pm.

**GRADING:** Assignments: 60%, 2 Term Tests each: 20%, Assignments handed in late will loose marks at a rate of 10% per day if the reason for delay was not discussed with the course organizer before. Submission of identical assignments will result in 0 marks for everyone involved. *It is a Brock regulation that the pass mark for an MSc course is 70% which applies to this course!*

**NOTES:** Teaching material will be provided through the web page

<http://lie.math.brocku.ca/twolf/htdocs/5P20/>

with user name: 5P20 and password: Groebner . Please send me an email from your most frequently read email account, so that I can add it to the course email list and email you about new material to download. Also, please let me know if the lecture time is ok with you or whether you need to move it.

Parallel Processing  
Architectures  
CIS\*6100 (W10)



High-Performance  
Computing  
MCSC 6030G (W10)



High-Performance  
Computing  
MATH 5P21 (W10)

## Course Outline

### General Information

*Regular classes: January 11, 2010 to April 9, 2010*

*Final Exam: N/A*

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| <b>Instructors :</b>      | <p><a href="#">Deborah Stacey</a>, School of Computer Science, University of Guelph<br/>[ REYN 222   x52250   e-mail: <a href="mailto:dastacey@uoguelph.ca">dastacey@uoguelph.ca</a> ]</p> <p><a href="#">David McCaughan</a>, SHARCNET<br/>[ REYN 210   x56467   e-mail: <a href="mailto:dbm@sharcnet.ca">dbm@sharcnet.ca</a> ]</p> <p><a href="#">William Gardner</a>, School of Computer Science, University of Guelph<br/>[ REYN 105   x52696   e-mail: <a href="mailto:wgardner@uoguelph.ca">wgardner@uoguelph.ca</a> ]</p> | <p><a href="#">Luciano Buono</a>, Faculty of Science, UOIT<br/>[ (905) 721-3111 x2938   e-mail: <a href="mailto:Pietro-Luciano.Buono@uoit.ca">Pietro-Luciano.Buono@uoit.ca</a> ]</p> <p><a href="#">Thomas Wolf</a>, Dept. of Mathematics, Brock University<br/>[ Math J413   x3803   e-mail: <a href="mailto:twolf@brocku.ca">twolf@brocku.ca</a> ]</p> |
| <b>Advising :</b>         | by appointment (or see one of us after class)  |  |
| <b>Lectures :</b>         | F 0900--1200 UoG: <a href="#">REYN 312</a>   UOIT: <a href="#">UA 4080</a>   Brock: <a href="#">MCF 313</a>  |  |
| <b>Discussion Forum :</b> | <a href="#">UoG CIS Moodle Server</a>  |  |
| <b>Web Page :</b>         | <a href="http://www.usrlocal.ca/~dbm/teaching/CIS6100/">http://www.usrlocal.ca/~dbm/teaching/CIS6100/</a>  |  |

### Overview

This course is intended to provide current or prospective SHARCNET researchers from all disciplines with an opportunity to explore issues of parallel design and programming at considerably more depth than can be offered in a workshop style setting. Since courses such as this represent the front lines in training the next generation of HPC

specialists, we also strive to consider cutting edge and non-traditional parallel architectures to maximize the breadth of experience offered to the student. Although designed with SHARCNET users in mind, any student with an adequate computational background is welcome to enroll.

Students entering this course are expected to have a good grasp of basic procedural programming in a language such as C or FORTRAN. A comfort level with C is particularly desirable as FORTRAN is not well supported in the emerging technologies (whereas C++ is becoming increasingly common) and the option to use the FORTRAN language may not always be available. This will serve as the base upon which we construct a working knowledge of parallel computing models as well as theoretical issues related to efficient parallel program design and implementation in both cluster and shared memory environments. Program development will be explored on local development clusters using the Message Passing Interface (MPI), POSIX threads, and other programming models germane to topics under consideration (Pilot, GP-GPU, Cell API, UPC, etc.).

The course will cover the following topics:

- Parallel computing architectures
- New programming models: Pilot parallel framework
- Parallel programming with MPI
- Thread-based parallelism
- New architectures: GP-GPU programming
- Design and performance analysis of parallel software
- Special topics (parallel complexity theory, MPI-2, etc.)

## Evaluation

- Assignments : 60% (4 x 15%)
- Course Project: : 40%

## Required Text

Barry Wilkinson and Michael Allen. *Parallel Programming: Techniques and Applications Using Networked Workstations and Parallel Computers (2e)*. Prentice Hall, 2005 (ISBN 0-13-140563-2).

## Suggested References

William Gropp, Ewing Lusk and Anthony Skjellum. *Using MPI: Portable Parallel Programming with the Message-Passing Interface (2e)*. MIT Press, 1999.

Peter S. Pacheco. *Parallel Programming with MPI*. Morgan Kaufmann, 1997.

Bradford Nichols, Dick Buttler, Jacqueline Proulx Farrell. *PThreads Programming: A POSIX Standard for Better Multiprocessing*. O'Reilly, 1996.

Raymond Greenlaw, H. James Hoover and Walter L. Ruzzo. *Limits to Parallel Computation: P-Completeness Theory*. Oxford Press, 1995.

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# Course Information

**Math 5P31 Ergodicity, Entropy and Chaos,**

**Fall 2017**

**Instructor:** Prof. Henryk Fukś (MCJ407, office hours M 13.00-14.00, Th 10.00-11.00)

**Textbook:** *Computational Ergodic Theory* by Geon Ho Choe.

**Lectures:** T Th 15.30-17.00 TH246

**Lab/Tutorial:** T 1000-1100 MCJ430

**Topics:** Introduction to ergodic theory, invariant measures, Birkhoff ergodic theorem. The first return formula, Kac's lemma, recurrence theorems. Entropy, coding maps, Shannon-McMillian Breiman theorem. Chaos, predictability, Lyapunov exponent, speed of divergence, Pesin theorem. Ergodicity, entropy and chaos in shift dynamical systems and cellular automata.

## Marking scheme:

- Four assignments, worth 8% each. 32%
- Midterm test (October 24) 28%
- Final examination (take home) 40%

*Note: you must obtain at least 30% on the final examination in order to pass the course.*

Assignments will include computer algebra component. You will have access to Maple computer algebra system in your lab/tutorial.

Assignments are due on the following dates: September 22, October 20, November 10, December 1. Drop your assignment in the box across J434, but *not later than on 12pm on the due date.*

## IMPORTANT:

- All students are required to become familiar with Brock's Academic Integrity Policy available at Brock's web page
- The date for withdrawal without academic penalty is November 7, 2017. You will receive marks from the first two assignments and the midterm test before this date.
- Late assignments will not be accepted (except for documented medical reasons)

## Course Information

### MATH 5P35 - Graph Theory

#### Instructor

Babak Farzad (bābāk fārzād)

Office: MC J-424

Phone: (905) 688-5550 ext. 3145

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#### Lectures

Mon, Wed 11:00 - 12:30 MC J-409

#### Office hours

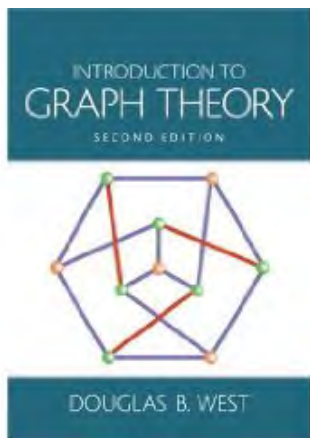
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You can also e-mail me to meet at a different time.

#### References and Textbooks

The official text for the course is

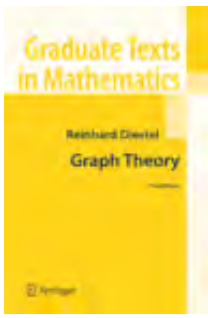
"Introduction to Graph Theory, 2/e", by Douglas B. West, Prentice Hall 2001.



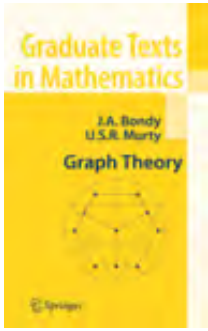
However, most of the content of the course can be found in any standard graph theory text (some notations might be different) including the following two:

"Graph Theory (Graduate Texts in Mathematics), 3/e", by Reinhard Diestel, Springer, 2006.

There is a free, searchable, and hyperlinked [electronic edition](#), which may be downloaded for offline use.



"Graph Theory (Graduate Texts in Mathematics)", by J.A. Bondy and U.S.R Murty, Springer, 2008.



### Grading Scheme

5 Assignments: 15% each  
1 Project: 30%

Yes, I know  $5 * 15 + 30 = 105$

### Assignments

Assignments are due by the beginning of the class on their due date. Solutions must be written clearly and neatly. An important aspect of the course is the clear presentation of solutions, which involves careful writing. You are encouraged to use LaTeX to write up your solutions. In particular, the last two assignments must be typed in LaTeX. Students can discuss assignment problems. Students should then write up clear and complete solutions on their own.

## MATH 5P36 – Algorithmic Game Theory

### Texts:

Algorithmic Game Theory by N. Nisan, T. Roughgarden, E. Tardos, and V. Vazirani  
[http://www.cambridge.org/journals/nisan/downloads/Nisan\\_Non-printable.pdf](http://www.cambridge.org/journals/nisan/downloads/Nisan_Non-printable.pdf)

Networks, Crowds and Markets by D. Easley and J. Kleinberg  
<http://www.cs.cornell.edu/home/kleinber/networks-book/>

Multiagent Systems: Algorithmic, Game Theoretic and Logical Foundations by Y. Shoham and K. Leyton-Brown  
<http://www.masfoundations.org/download.html>

### Course grades:

assignments (30%)  
presentations (40%)  
project (30%)

### Core Topics

- Introduction  
Nisan et al., Sections 1.1.1-1.3.5.  
Easley and Kleinberg, Chapter 6.
- Social Choice Theory: Arrow's Impossibility Theorem, The Gibbard-Satterthwaite Theorem, Characterisation via Independence of Irrelevant Alternatives.  
Nisan et al., Sections 9.1-9.2.  
Easley and Kleinberg, Chapter 23.  
Shoham and Leyton-Brown, Chapter 9.
- Mechanism Design: VCG mechanisms. Mechanism Design: Applications; Combinatorial Auctions.  
Easley and Kleinberg, Chapter 9.  
Nisan et al., Section 9.3.  
Shoham and Leyton-Brown, Sections 10.3-10.4.3.
- Mechanism Design: Applications of VCG; Combinatorial Auctions; the Revelation Principle; Practical problems with VCG.  
Nisan et al., Section 9.3.5, 9.4  
Shoham and Leyton-Brown, Section 10.2 and Section 10.4.5.  
Thirteen reasons why the Vickrey-Clarke-Groves process is not practical M. Rothkopf.  
[http://orforum.blog.informs.org/files/2007/04/rothkopf\\_article.pdf](http://orforum.blog.informs.org/files/2007/04/rothkopf_article.pdf)  
Nisan et al., Section 9.4.
- Mechanism Design: The Revenue Equivalence Theorem. Equilibria: Existence of Nash equilibria.  
Nisan et al., Section 9.6.  
Shoham and Leyton-Brown, Section 3.3.4.
- Equilibria: Lemke-Howson algorithm; Selfish Routing; Potential Functions and Pure NE.  
Nisan et al., Section 2.3.  
Shoham and Leyton-Brown, Section 4.2.2, 6.4  
Easley and Kleinberg, Chapter 8.
- Auctions: Sponsored Search Auctions. Online Auctions

Nisan et al., Sections 28.1-28.3 and 9.5.6.  
Easley and Kleinberg, Chapter 15.

- Cooperative Game Theory: the Core and Market games; Nash Bargaining.  
Shoham and Leyton-Brown, Section 12.2.2.  
[On market games](#) by L. Shapey and M. Shubik.

**Mathematics 5P40 (FALL 2017)**  
**Functional Analysis**

**Professor:** H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh  
Room MC J419  
Email: hmechaie@brocku.ca

**Lectures:** Reading Course

**Marking Scheme:**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| 4 Assignments @ 18% each:               | 72% |
| Course Project (Report + Presentation): | 28% |

**Course Description:** The basic theory of Hilbert spaces, including the Projection Theorem, the Riesz Representation Theorem and the weak topology; weak derivatives, Sobolev spaces and the Sobolev Imbedding Theorem; the variational formulation of boundary value problems for ordinary and partial differential equations, the Lax-Milgram Lemma and its applications; the finite element method.

**Reference Texts** (Public domain copies on Sakai)

- 1) **MH:** *Functional Analysis - An Elementary Introduction*, By Markus Haase (Delft Institute of Applied Mathematics)
- 2) **HB :** *Analyse Fonctionnelle*, Haim Brézis, Dunod

**Course Content:**

- **MH Chapter 1** (Inner products, Orthogonality, The Trigonometric System),
- **MH Chapter 2** (The Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality and the Space  $l^2$ , Norms, Bounded Linear Mappings)
- **MH Chapter 5** (Cauchy Sequences and Completeness, Hilbert Spaces, Banach Spaces, Series in Banach Spaces and Hilbert Spaces)
- **MH Chapter 8 and HB Chapter V** (Best Approximations in Hilbert Spaces, Orthogonal Projections, Projection on a closed convex subset of a Hilbert space, Dual of a Hilbert Space, Abstract Fourier Expansions, The Theorems of Stampacchia, Lax Milgram and Riesz Fréchet)
- **MH Chapter 10 and HB Chapter VIII** (Weak Derivatives, The FTC, Sobolev Space  $W^{1,p}$  (I), Sobolev Imbedding Theorem, Variational formulation of boundary value problems, the maximum principle,



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## **MATH 5P50 Algebraic Number Theory**

Lectures  
Monday: 13:00-16:00 MCD301

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Home Page: <http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~okihel>

Course description: This course provides a reasonable coverage for a one semester graduate course. Topics include the general theory of factorization of ideals in Dedekind domains as well as in the number field case, some calculations using Kummer's theory on lifting of prime ideals in extension fields, factorization of prime ideals in Galois extensions, local fields, the arithmetic of global fields.

Textbook: Number Fields by Marcus.

Prerequisites: MATH 3P13

|                    |                |     |
|--------------------|----------------|-----|
| Mark Distribution: | Assignments 2: | 40% |
|                    | Test           | 40% |
|                    | Presentation   | 20% |

COURSE: Math 5P60 Partial Differential Equations

Instructor: Prof. Stephen Anco  
Office: J423 x3728

Text: Evans, Partial Differential Equations

Grading:  
Homework & Seminar (weekly) 50%  
Midterm exam 15%  
Final exam 25%  
Presentation 10%

TOPICS:

1. Overview of PDE theory and examples of linear and nonlinear PDEs.
2. Basic types of linear PDEs: convective equation (2.1), heat equation (2.3), wave equation (2.4), Laplace equation (2.2); fundamental solutions (\*) and integral representation formulas for Cauchy problems.
3. General solution of linear and nonlinear PDEs: 1st order PDEs and characteristics (3.1–3.2), power series (4.6), Fourier transform (4.3), mappings (4.4), eigenfunction series with boundary conditions (\*).
4. Exact solution methods: separation of variables (4.1), similarity and group-invariant solutions (4.2\*).
5. Variational formulations: Lagrangians (8.1), conservation laws and Noether's theorem (\*), Hamiltonians (\*), gradient flows (\*).

Lectures are based on the course notes provided in pdf format. You have the responsibility to:

- (i) bring a printed copy of the notes with you to each lecture;
- (ii) participate in the seminar discussion of the material in the notes during each lecture;
- (iii) review this material yourself after each lecture.

You may discuss homework problems together but all of the solutions you submit must be your own work. Late assignments will not be accepted.



COURSE: MATH 4P64/5P64 Introduction to Mathematical Physics

Time: Lecture M, W 12:30-14:00; Lab T 14:00-15:00 (starting Sep 20)

Instructor: Prof. Alexander Odesskii

Office: J432, email: aodesski@brocku.ca, ext. 3297

Grading:

Labs/Homework (weekly) 30 %

Midterm 20 %

Final exam 50 %

TOPICS:

Calculus of variations, least action principle in physics, symmetries and conservation laws, differential-geometric structures (differential form, vector field, Riemannian metric). Applications to physics: electro-magnetic field as a one-form, gravity as a pseudo-Riemannian metric. Introduction to mathematical ideas of quantum mechanics.

Notes:

(1) The Midterm exam will be 75 minutes long and held during the regular lecture time in your classroom. The final exam will be of 3 hours duration. **No make up midterm will be arranged.** If a student misses the midterm exam for a very good reason (proof required), the weight will be added to the final exam.

(2) The homeworks are due in the next labs. **No late homeworks will be accepted.** You must attach a cover page to your homework. This should bear (at the top) **your name, student number, course number and homework number.**

(3) **Plagiarism:** You may discuss the problems with other students; however, **the final submitted work must be your own.** Any evidence of copying will result in a mark of 0.

(4) **Withdrawal Date:** Friday, November 4, 2011 is the **last date** for withdrawal from the course **without academic penalty.**

COURSE: MATH 5P66/PHYS 5P66 Matrix groups and linear representations

Time: Lecture W F 1230-1400;

W: MCA241, F: MCJ404

Instructor: Prof. Alexander Odesskii

Office: J432, email: aodesski@brocku.ca, ext. 3297

TA: HamidReza Nayeri (hn15ir@brocku.ca)

Grading:

Labs/Homework (weekly) 20 %

Midterm 20 %

Oral presentation 10 %

Final exam 50 %

TOPICS:

Abelian groups, permutation groups, rotation groups. Representations of discrete and continuous groups by linear transformations (matrices). General properties and constructions of group representations. Representations of specific groups. Lie groups and Lie algebras.

Notes:

(1) The Midterm exam will be 75 minutes long and held during the regular lecture time in your classroom. The final exam will be of 3 hours duration. **No make up midterm will be arranged.** If a student misses the midterm exam for a very good reason (proof required), the weight will be added to the final exam.

(2) **No late homeworks will be accepted.** You must attach a cover page to your homework. This should bear (at the top) **your name, student number, course number and homework number.**

(3) **Plagiarism:** You may discuss the problems with other students; however, **the final submitted work must be your own.** Any evidence of copying will result in a mark of 0.



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## PHYS 4P10/5P10 - Introduction to Scientific Computing

Instructor: [E. Sternin](#)

### Latest news

- » [MSc progress report template](#) on overleaf.com
- » Please submit your homework via email to edward dot sternin at brocku dot ca. Attach (do not include in the body of the message) \*.m,\*.c, Makefile \*.ipynb etc. files as necessary. Make sure the comments contain your Brock email as the identifier of the author.
- » Late homework submissions are penalized by a sinking cap of 15%/day, so assignments that are 2 days late cannot get a grade higher than 70, etc.
- » Monitor your grades through the [Marks](#) link on the left.
- » Lectures will be posted in [Lectures](#), both as .ipynb notebooks and as [non-interactive] .html files, if you do not have jupyter installed.
- » This course can be taken as PHYS 5P10 or MATH 5P69, and by undergraduates as PHYS 4P10. The courses will be differentiated by level-appropriate expectations in the preparation of reports and projects.
- » Be sure to review this [statement on academic integrity](#)
- » You are expected to prepare your homework and reports using LaTeX. It is available on all computers in Physics labs, and online at [overleaf.com](#). In preparation for the lectures students are encouraged to open overleaf accounts. Some useful resources for writing reports are [here](#), and will be reviewed in class.

### — Course outline

What [Brock calendar entry](#) says (slightly revised for the current calendar):

- » Survey of computational methods and techniques commonly used in condensed matter physics research; graphing and visualization of data; elements of programming and programming style; use of subroutine libraries; common numerical tasks; symbolic computing systems. Case studies from various areas of computational physics. Discipline-specific scientific writing and preparation of documents and presentations.

What do I need to bring into the course?

- » This course is a core course of the MSMP program, and is recommended to all Physics graduate students. Basic familiarity with Linux is assumed, and will be reviewed briefly.

### Course Goals

- » to develop a working knowledge of interactions with Linux OS
- » to become proficient in experimental data graphing and numerical analysis
- » to gain working knowledge of program development
- » to become familiar with one or several interpreted programming environments, and to acquire basic scripting skills
- » to become proficient in LaTeX and use it for scientific papers and presentations

### Textbook

There is no formal textbook for the course. A number of online resources are available and can be used as reference material for the lectures. Some of these are:

- » [Computational Physics](#) by Morten Hjorth-Jensen ([a local copy](#))([a tar file of programs](#))

from the text)

- » [Scientific Computing: An Introductory Survey](#) by Michael T. Heath
- » [A Survey of Computational Physics](#) by Rubin H. Landau, Manuel Jose Paez and Cristian C. Bordeianu ([a local copy](#))
- » [Scientific Computing](#) by Jeffrey R. Chasnov ([a local copy](#))
- » [Principles of Scientific Computing](#) by David Bindel and Jonathan Goodman ([a local copy](#))
- » [An Introduction to Computer Simulation Methods Third Edition](#) by Harvey Gould, Jan Tobochnik, and Wolfgang Christian ([a local copy](#))
- » [Numerical Recipes](#) by William H. Press, Saul A. Teukolsky, William T. Vetterling, and Brian P. Flannery
- » [Introduction to Programming with Fortran](#) by Ian Chivers and Jane Sleightholme ([a local copy](#))
- » [Numerical Methods and Computing](#) by Ward Cheney and David Kincaid

This list will grow as the course progresses.

#### — Grade composition

| Component          | % of the final mark | Notes  |
|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Homework           | 30%                 | Weekly problem sets in the first half of the course. Solutions should be submitted to the instructor during the lecture period on the due date. Late submissions are capped at -15% per day.       |
| Projects           | 45%                 | Three (or four, time-permitting) extended projects in the second half of the course. Project papers in the form of a scientific journal submission, using Elsevier or <i>Can. J. Phys.</i> format. |
| Final presentation | 25%                 | One of the three projects (selected at random) presented as a research seminar.  |

#### — Topics to be covered

This is an approximate outline. Topics not on this list may get covered as time permits.

##### » A common toolbox

- » interacting with the OS; CLI vs GUI
- » Linux as a collection of small tools + pipes between them
- » the basics of programming: shell, C, scripting languages
- » code development: edit, compile, run, make and Makefile structure, elementary debugging, linking to program libraries
- » visualization with gnuplot and other graphing tools

##### » Numerical methods

- » Numerical differentiation: finite differences, interpolation, root finding
- » Numerical integration: special functions and quadrature
- » Solution of Ordinary Differential Equations: Euler-Cromer, Runge-Kutta
- » Linear algebra: methods of solving systems of equations and eigenvalue problems
- » Stochastic Methods: Random number generators, importance sampling, Molecular dynamics, Monte-Carlo techniques

##### » Case Studies/Projects

- » Least-squares problem: experimental noisy data, noise distribution and filtering, importance of baseline, assumption of Gaussian noise, chi-squared; classification of LS problems, regularization and selection of lambda. Test case: a spectrum of exponential relaxation rates
- » Molecular modeling: protein database data, force fields, GROMACS simulation package. Test case: a lipid bilayer with cholesterol guests (T.Harroun)
- » Models of solids: Ising model, magnetic moment, temperature, heat capacity, Metropolis' algorithm. Test case: magnetic transitions in an Ising lattice (B. Mitrovic/S. Bose)
- » Image Analysis: filtering to remove noise, segmentation to isolate regions and

objects of interest, regional and spectral analysis to extract statistical data. Test case: spatial frequency distribution of a line image

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# Welcome to Math 5P70

## Topology

**Instructor: Professor B. Ralph (J428)**

### **Course Text**

Introduction to Topology, Adams and Franzosa

### **Topics**

Topological Spaces; Interior, Boundary, Closure; Subspace, Quotient Space, Product Topology; Continuous Functions and Homeomorphisms; Metric Spaces; Connectedness; Compactness

### **Undergraduate Grading**

There will be:

2 midterms                      15% each

4 assignments                  8 % each

Final Exam                      38%

### **Graduate Grading**

There will be:

2 midterms                      10% each

4 assignments                  6% each

Final Exam                      36% (Extra Questions for Grad Students)

Final Presentation              20%

### **Tests and Labs**

Tests, labs and presentations will be held in the Thursday 3-5 timeslot.  
Leave it open

### **Midterm Schedule**

The midterms will be held in class on Thursday February 7th and March 14th.

### **Assignments**

Assignments are due at the start of class on Jan. 31, Feb. 14, March 21 and April 4. This course will emphasize good mathematical writing. Students will be expected to write solutions using a very readable and logical mathematical style.

### **Graduate Presentations and Submission**

20 minute presentation followed by questions. Topics could be any of Chapters 10-14 of text or other approved topics. Choice of topics must be unique. Presentations will be given in the last 4 weeks of classes.

**MATH 4P81/5P81 SAMPLING THEORY**

Lecture Hours: M W 9:30 - 11:00 TH246  
 Lab Hours: W 13:00 - 14:00 MC J430

Prerequisites: MATH 2P82

Instructor: M. L. Huang, [mhuang@brocku.ca](mailto:mhuang@brocku.ca)

Office: MC J411. Office hour: Monday 13:00 – 14:00

Telephone: (905) 688-5550 Ext. 4255

Textbook: *Sampling Techniques*, Third edition. W. G. Cochran, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1997.

T.A.: Jenny Tieu, [jt12cc@brocku.ca](mailto:jt12cc@brocku.ca)

Topics, Schedule, Grades

| Week        | Date<br>Fall 2017                              | Topics         | Assignments  |          |                                 |     | Lab Time                                | Test %   |
|-------------|--|----------------|--|----------|---------------------------------|-----|---|--|
|             |  |                | No.  | To you   | Due                             | %   |   |  |
| 1, 2<br>3   | 9/ 6 - 9/15<br>9/18 - 9/22                     | Chapters 1, 2  | #1   | Sept. 11 | Sept. 25                        | 6%  | 9/20 Lab#1                              |  |
| 4<br>5      | 9/25 - 9/29<br>10/ 2 - 10/ 6                   | Chapters 3, 4  | #2   | Sept. 27 | Oct. 6<br>(12pm Prof. Office)   | 6%  | 9/27 Lab#2                              |  |
| 6<br>7<br>8 | 10/16 -10/20<br>10/23 - 10/27<br>10/30 - 11/ 3 | Chapter 5      | #3   | Oct. 4   | Oct. 25                         | 6%  | 10/ 4 Lab#3<br>10/18 Lab#4              | Test 24%<br>November 8,<br>J430<br>12:00-14:00<br>(Chapters 1-5) |
| 9           | 11/ 6 - 11/10                                  | Chapter 6      | #4   | Oct. 25  | Nov. 24<br>(12:00 Prof. Office) | 6%  |   |  |
| 10<br>11    | 11/13 - 11/17<br>11/20 - 11/24                 | Chapters 7,8,9 | Case Study<br>Give Outline: Oct. 25<br>Presentations: Nov. 20<br>Submission: Nov. 22 |          |                                 | 12% | 11/15 Lab<br>J430 Prepare<br>Case study |  |
| 12          | 11/27 - 12/ 1                                  | Review         |  |          |                                 |     |   |  |
|             | December                                       | Final Exam     |  |          |                                 |     |   | 40%  |

Note

1. Mark distribution: Test (1) 24%  
 Assignments (4) 24%  
 Case Study (1) 12%  
 Final Exam (1) 40%
2. A student must obtain 30% of marks on the final examination to pass the course.
3. In general assignments are due lecture or lab. Instructor will give help, but late assignments will NOT be accepted (zero mark)
4. Test will be written in regular class time. NO make-up tests are provided for students who miss writing a test at the scheduled time.
5. Statistical packages SAS will be used for assignments in the labs. To labs, you should bring
  - (a) The code of SAS;
  - (b) Your assignment.
6. The purpose of the case study is to develop the student's abilities in statistical applications.

(Note: graduate students will add theoretic studies in the test, exam and case studies) **MATH 4P815P81**



# **SAMPLING THEORY**

## **1. Depth and Breadth of Knowledge**

Motivate students to learn sampling theory by using many examples of its applications in Biology, Health Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Economics, Business, Education, Engineering and other academic disciplines. Help students to understand the concepts, theorems and methods of sampling theory, and how to deal with efficiency and precision of estimates in real world practice. Develop students' thinking abilities about new ideas of sampling. Develop students' sampling survey allocation abilities. Develop students' computational skills using calculator and computer software. Develop Students communication skills.

## **2. Knowledge of Methodologies**

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**Motivate students to learn sampling theory and its applications.**

- a. Introduce the **history** of sampling theory dealing with efficiency and precision of estimates.
- b. Introduce the **significant impact** of sampling theory in Biology, Health Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Economics, Business, Education, Engineering and other academic disciplines, and give many examples of its real world practice.
- c. Introduce recent developments of sampling theory and its **future** in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Assist students to understand the following sampling concepts, theorems and techniques.**

**a. Simple Random Sampling** (Weeks 1,2)

- (1) Sample random sampling, characteristics of population and sample.
- (2) Estimators of population mean and variance and their expected values and variances.
- (3) Random sample with replacement.
- (4) Selection of a random sample.

**b. Sampling Proportion** (Week 3)

- (1) Estimation of a proportion and its expected value and variance.
- (2) Exact and Approximate Confidence intervals for a population proportion.

**c. Estimation of Sample Size** (Week 4)

- (1) Sample sizes for estimating a population mean using a given tolerance limit and a risk.
- (2) Sample sizes for estimating a population proportion using a given tolerance limit and a risk.
- (3) Sample sizes determination using a given cost function or a loss function

**d. Stratified Random Sampling** (Weeks 5, 6, 7)

- (1) Stratified random sample; stratified random sample mean and its expected value and variance.
- (2) Stratified estimator of population proportion and its expected value and variance.
- (3) Optimal allocation of sample sizes.
- (4) Comparison of precision of the estimators for population mean and proportion by using stratified random sampling or simple random sampling.

**e. Ratio Estimators** (Weeks 8, 9)

- (1) Population ratio and sample ratio.
- (2) Ratio estimators for population mean, total and their expected values, variances and biases.
- (3) Ratio estimators in stratified random sampling: combined and separated methods.
- (4) Comparisons of precision of the five estimators studied for estimating a population mean.

**f. Regression Estimators** (Weeks 10, 11)

- (1) Population linear regression and sample linear regression.

- (2) Linear regression estimators for population mean, population total and their expected values, variances and biases.
- (3) Regression estimators in stratified random sampling: combined and separated methods.
- (4) Comparisons of precision of the eight estimators studied for estimating a population mean.

**g. Systematic Sampling and Cluster Sampling (Week 12)**

- (1) Systematic Sampling, systematic random sample mean and its expected value and variance.
- (2) Cluster Sampling, cluster random sample mean and its expected value and variance.
- (3) Comparisons of precision of the ten estimators studied for estimating a population mean.

**h. Sampling Errors and Others (Week 12)**

**Develop students' thinking abilities about new ideas of sampling.**

- a. Discuss how sampling models and techniques above were developed.
- b. Encourage students to discuss new ideas of sampling.

**Develop students' sampling survey abilities by using the knowledge above**

- a. **Assignments:** Let students use sampling skills to solve problems and prove basic theoretical problems.
- b. **Case Studies (one week):** See Section 3.

### **ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**Develop students' computational skills using computer software.**

**Computer Lab:** Use SAS, MAPLE or EXCEL to run the sampling techniques for the assignments and case studies.

### **MINIMAL SKILLS**

Students are expected to perform the mathematical proofs and computational skills (by calculator and SAS or MAPLE) on the following topics:

- ◆ Selection of a random sample with replacement and a simple random sample (random sample without replacement).
- ◆ Estimators of population mean, variance, proportion and their expected values and variances by using a simple random sample.
- ◆ Optimal sample size for a simple random sample.
- ◆ Estimators of population mean, variance proportion and their expected values and variances by using a stratified random sample.
- ◆ Optimal allocation of sample sizes for a stratified random sample. Neyman allocation.
- ◆ Estimator of population mean by using ratio estimators, regression estimators of a simple random sample or a stratified random sample.
- ◆ Estimator of population mean by using systematic random sampling, and cluster random sampling.
- ◆ Comparisons of the precision of the ten estimators studied of population mean.
- ◆ Sampling survey techniques.

**Textbook (suggested):** **Sampling Techniques**, W. Cochran, third edition, John Wiley, New York, 1997.

**Prerequisite:** Math 2P82.

**Lecture & Tutorial Hours:** Lectures, 3 hours per week, Lab (or Tutorial), 1 hour per week

### **3. Application of Knowledge**

For developing students' sampling survey application abilities by using the knowledge in Section 2, students perform **Case Studies** (one week): Let students design (in groups or individually) realistic and useful sampling projects. Require the students to identify any simplifying assumptions and to determine sample sizes

then collect raw data, and finally compare the precision of estimates to give an optimal design of the sampling survey. The outline is as follows:

**(1) Main methods and analysis (50%)**

a. **Statement of a survey problem** (*a practical and useful problem*).

b. **Objective of the survey.**

c. **Sampling methods:** Note: (i) **A real data collection must be performed.**

(ii) **A pilot survey may be required.**

- **Population** (*units, characteristics: Mean, total, proportion, etc.*);

- **Sample Factors** (*units and frame, questionnaire, precision, cost function*);

- **Sampling methods:**

- (i) **Simple random sampling** (*sample size estimated, normality test is needed*)

- (ii) **Stratified random sampling** (*proportional allocated*)

- (iii) **Stratified random sampling** (*Neyman allocated*)

- **Data table.**

d. **Analysis:**

- **Estimations** (*for population mean, total or proportion*) **by using three sampling methods;**

- **Compare the precision of the estimations;**

- **Conclusions of the survey.**

**(2) Organization and creativity (10%)**

**(3) Talk (10%)**

**(4) Asking and answering questions (10%)**

**(5) Report (20%)**

*Report format: Title, names, abstract, key words, text, references*

*(SAS program and output should be attached)*

**(6) Students and teacher evaluate for each study project.**

#### **4. Communication Skills**

*In Case Studies (Section 3), students work in groups to discuss, present, evaluate and write reports.*

#### **5. Awareness of Limits of Knowledge**

*The knowledge in Math 4P81 consists of basic sampling theory and techniques. The limitations are:*

a) *Models are basic.*

b) *Mathematical derivations are basic.*

c) *Applications are limited.*

#### **6. Autonomy and Professional Capacity**

a) The knowledge of methodologies in this course will lead to further studies of advance sampling survey theory and methodologies.

b) The knowledge of methodologies in this course may apply to other disciplines and real-world problems. The course provides basic sampling theory and skills for a professional statistician.

c) A base course for the “Knowledge and Ability Test for Mathematical Statistics Test” of Statistics Canada.

d) A core course for the Associate Statisticians Accreditation of the Statistical Society of Canada.

**MATH 4P82/5P82 NONPARAMETRIC STATISTICS**

Lecture Hours: T TH 15:30 - 17:00 TH 240

Lab Hours: M 17:00 - 18:00 MC J430

Prerequisites: MATH 2P82

Instructor: M. L. Huang, [mhuang@brocku.ca](mailto:mhuang@brocku.ca)

Office: MC J411, Office hour: Monday 14:00 – 15:00

Telephone: (905)688-5550 Ext.4255

Textbook: *Practical Nonparametric Statistics*, third edition. W. J. Conover, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1999.

T.A.: Jenny Tieu, [jt12cc@brocku.ca](mailto:jt12cc@brocku.ca)

*Topics, Schedule, Grades*

| Week  | Date<br>Winter 2018 | Topics        | Assignments  |          |                | Lab Time                       | Test %                       |
|-------|---------------------|---------------|--|----------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
|       |                     |               | No.  | To you   | Due %          |                                |                              |
| 1     | 1/ 8 - 1/12         | Chapter 1,2,3 | #1   | Jan. 9   | Feb. 1         | 6%                             | 1/22, Lab #1                 |
| 2     | 1/15 - 1/19         |               |  |          |                |                                |                              |
| 3     | 1/22 - 1/26         |               |  |          |                |                                |                              |
| 4     | 1/29 - 2/ 2         | Chapter 4     | #2   | Feb. 1   | Feb. 26        | 6%                             | 1/29, Lab #2<br>2/12, Lab #3 |
| 5     | 2/ 5 - 2/ 9         |               |  |          | (Labtime, 6pm) |                                |                              |
| 6     | 2/12 - 2/16         |               |  |          |                |                                |                              |
| 7     | 2/26 - 3/ 2         | Chapter 5     | #3   | Feb. 27  | March 13       | 6%                             | 2/26, Lab #4<br>3/19, Lab #5 |
| 8     | 3/ 5 - 3/ 9         |               |  |          |                |                                |                              |
| 9     | 3/12 - 3/16         |               | #4   | March 13 | March 29       | 6%                             |                              |
| 10    | 3/19 - 3/23         | Chapter 5, 6  | Case Study   |          |                | Prepare Case study<br>Lab 3/19 | 12%                          |
| 11    | 3/26 - 4/ 1         |               | Give Outline: March 6<br>Presentations: March 22<br>Submission: March 26 |          |                |                                |                              |
| 12    | 4/ 2 – 4/ 6         | Review        |  |          |                |                                |                              |
|       |                     |               | Total  |          |                | 24%                            | 36%                          |
| April |                     | Final Exam    |  |          |                | 40%                            |                              |

*Note*

1. Mark distribution : Test (1): 24%  
Assignments (4) 24%  
Case Study (1) 12%  
Final Exam (1) 40%
2. Must obtain 30% of marks on the final examination to pass the course.
3. In general assignments due class time. Instructor will give help, but late assignments will NOT be accepted (zero mark).
4. Test will be written in regular class time. NO make-up tests are provided for students who miss writing a test at the scheduled time.
5. Statistical packages SAS will be used for assignments in the labs. To labs, you should bring  
(a) The code of SAS;  
(b) Your assignment.
6. The purpose of the case study is to develop the student's abilities in statistical applications.  
(Note: graduate students will add theoretic studies)

# MATH 4P82/5P82 NONPARAMETRIC STATISTICS

## 1. Depth and Breadth of Knowledge

Motivate students to learn nonparametric statistics by using many examples of its applications in Biology, Health Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Economics, Business, Education, Engineering and other academic disciplines. Help students to understand the concepts, theorems and methods of nonparametric statistics, and how to deal with statistical inference for non-normal populations or distribution-free populations in real world practice. Develop students' thinking abilities about new ideas of nonparametric statistics. Develop students' problem solving abilities. Develop students' computational skills using calculator and computer software. Develop student communication skills.

## 2. Knowledge of Methodologies

### COURSE CONTENT

**Motivate students to learn nonparametric statistics and its applications.**

- Introduce the **history** of nonparametric statistics dealing with statistical inference for non-normal population or distribution-free population.
- Introduce the **significant impact** of nonparametric statistics in Biology, Health Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Economics, Business, Education, Engineering and other academic disciplines, and give many examples of its real world practice.
- Introduce recent developments of nonparametric statistics and its **future** in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Assist students to understand the following concepts, theorems and techniques.**

- Review statistical inference (Weeks 1/2)**
  - Estimation.
  - Hypothesis testing; power of a test; unbiased test; significance level.
- Binomial Tests – using binomial distribution and its approximation (Weeks 1, 2, 3)**
  - Binomial test and confidence interval for probability: Theorems and examples.
  - Point estimation, hypothesis testing and confidence interval for population quantiles (discrete and continuous cases): Order Statistics, theorems and examples.
  - Tolerance limits: Theorem and examples.
- Contingency Tables – using multinomial distribution and its approximation (Weeks 4, 5, 6)**
  - 2 x 2 contingency tables: method and theorem.
  - r x c contingency tables: chi-square tests for differences of probability or independence.
  - Exact and approximate distributions of r x c contingency tables with fixed or random margins.
  - Median test.
  - Chi-square goodness-of-fit test.
  - Cochran's test and McNemar's test.
- Rank Tests - using rank distribution and its approximation (Weeks 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)**
  - The Mann-Whitney test for two independent samples: Theorems, methods and Examples.
  - The Kruskal-Wallis test for several independent samples: Theorems, methods and examples.
  - Measures of rank correlation: Spearman's Rho and Kendall's Tau.
  - Nonparametric linear regression method: Test for slope and confidence interval for slope.
  - The Wilcoxon signed ranks test for one-sample matched-pairs case: Theorems, method and examples.
  - The Friedman test and Quade test for several related samples case: Theorems, methods and examples.
- Statistics of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov type (Week 12)**

- (1) The Kolmogorov goodness-of-fit test.
- (2) The Lilliefors test and the Shapiro-Wilk test for normality.
- (3) The Smirnov test on two independent samples.

**Develop students' thinking abilities about new ideas of nonparametric statistics.**

- a. Discuss how nonparametric statistics methods above were developed.
- b. Encourage students to discuss new ideas of nonparametric statistics.

**Develop students' nonparametric statistics inference abilities by using the knowledge above**

- a. **Assignments:** Let students use nonparametric statistics skills to solve problems and prove basic theoretical problems.
- b. **Case Studies (one week):** See Section 3.

### **ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**Develop students' computational skills using computer software.**

**Computer Lab:** Use SAS, MAPLE or EXCEL to run the nonparametric statistical methods above for the assignments and case studies.

### **MINIMAL SKILL SET**

Students are expected to perform the mathematical proofs and computational skills (by calculator and SAS or MAPLE) on the following topics:

- ◆ Binomial test.
- ◆ Order statistics for confidence interval and tolerance limits.
- ◆ Estimation and hypothesis test on a population quantile: discrete and continuous cases.
- ◆ The  $r \times c$  contingency tables: chi-square tests for differences of probability or independence.
- ◆ Exact and approximate distributions of  $r \times c$  contingency tables with fixed or random margins.
- ◆ Median test.
- ◆ The Chi-square goodness-of-fit test.
- ◆ The Cochran's test and McNemar's test.
- ◆ The Mann-Whitney test for two independent samples.
- ◆ The Kruskal-Wallis test for several independent samples.
- ◆ Measures of rank correlation: Spearman's Rho and Kendall's Tau.
- ◆ Nonparametric linear regression method: Test for slope and confidence interval for slope by using Spearman's Rho and Kendall's Tau.
- ◆ The Wilcoxon signed ranks test for one-sample matched-pairs case.
- ◆ The Friedman test and Quade test for several related samples case.
- ◆ The Kolmogorov goodness-of-fit test, the Lilliefors test and the Shapiro-Wilk test for normality.
- ◆ The Smirnov test on two independent samples.

**Textbook (suggested):** **Practical Nonparametric Statistics**, W. J. Conover, third edition, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1999.

**Prerequisite:** Math 2P82.

**Lecture & Tutorial Hours:** Lectures, 3 hours per week, Lab (or Tutorial), 1 hour per week.

### **3. Application of Knowledge**

For developing students' nonparametric statistics inference application abilities by using the knowledge in Section 2, students perform **Case Studies** (one week): Let students design (in groups or individually) realistic and useful projects which deal with non-normal populations. Require the students to identify any

simplifying assumptions on the population, collect raw data and perform statistical inference. The outline is as follows:

**(1) Main methods and analysis (50%)**

**a. Statement of a problem;** *(Give a set of non-normal data, and a practical and useful problem)*

**b. Test data for normality;** *(Use Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, and use SAS check)*

**c. Data table;**

**d. Use nonparametric methods to analyze data;**

**ANOVA:**

- Hypothesis tests;
- Multiple comparisons;
- Confidence intervals

**REGRESSION**

- Least squares estimation;
- Hypothesis test for slope;
- Confidence interval for slope.

**e. Use parametric methods to analyze data;**

**ANOVA:**

- Hypothesis tests;
- Multiple comparisons;
- Confidence intervals.

**REGRESSION**

- Least squares estimation;
- Hypothesis test for slope;
- Confidence interval for slope.

**f. Compare the results in (e) and (d).**

**(2) Summary (10%)**

- *“Parametric and Nonparametric Methods in the Case Study”*  
*(Give comparisons of assumptions,  $H_0$ , Test statistics, power, C.I., etc.)*

**(3) Talk, Organization and creativity (10%)**

**(4) Asking and answering questions (10%)**

**(5) Report (20%).**

*Report format: Title, names, abstract, key words, text, references.*

*(SAS program and output should be attached)*

**(6) Students and teacher evaluate for each study project.**

#### **4. Communication Skills**

*In Case Studies (Section 3), students work in groups to discuss, present, evaluate and write reports.*

#### **5. Awareness of Limits of Knowledge**

*The knowledge in Math 4P82 consists of basic nonparametric statistics theory and methods. The limitations are:*

- a) Models are basic.*
- b) Mathematical derivations are basic.*
- c) Applications are limited.*

#### **6. Autonomy and Professional Capacity**

- The knowledge of methodologies in this course will lead to further studies of advance nonparametric statistics inference methodologies.
- The knowledge of methodologies in this course may apply to other disciplines and real-world problems. The course provides basic nonparametric statistics theory and skills for a professional statistician.
- A base course for the “Knowledge and Ability Test for Mathematical Statistics Test” of Statistics Canada.
- A core course for the Associate Statisticians Accreditation of the Statistical Society of Canada.

e) A possible base course for the Examinations of the Society of Actuaries.



**Math5P83** Linear Models

**Instructor:** Xiaojian Xu, MCJ412. **e-mail:** xxu at brocku dot ca

**Lectures:** MCC400. Tuesdays and Thursdays: 3:30pm-5:00pm.

**Office hours:** Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:00pm and Fridays 2:30pm-4:00pm, or by appointment

**Course web page:** <http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~xxu/5P83All.html>

This page may contain the course outline, homework problems, data sets, announcements, and so on. Please check it on a regular basis.

**Textbook:** Linear Models in Statistics, Second Edition. Alvin Rencher. Wiley.

**Prerequisite:** This course discusses the mathematical and statistical theory behind the statistical techniques used for fitting models in which the expected relationship is expressed by a linear equation in the model parameters. The emphasis is on carefully laying down the foundations using vector space theory and principles of statistical inference. Students are expected to have had a course in Linear Algebra such as Math 2P12, as well as an advanced course in Applied Statistics such as MATH3P86.

**Assessment:**

Assignments: 40%; Midterm exam: 25%, TBA (Note: **no make-up exam will be arranged**). If a student misses the test for a good reason (proof is required), the weight will be added to the final exam; Final exam: 35%, TBA. There are 4 assignments in total which are equally weighted. For written assignments, you are expected to comprehend what you are writing, not merely the answers. Assignments should be submitted before the beginning of class on the announced due date. **Late assignments will not be accepted.**

**Course description:**

[http://www.brocku.ca/webcal/2017/graduate/MATH.html#MATH\\_5P83](http://www.brocku.ca/webcal/2017/graduate/MATH.html#MATH_5P83)

**Important dates:**

<https://brocku.ca/important-dates/graduate-studies/>

**Academic Integrity Policy:** Academic misconduct is a serious offence. The principle of academic integrity, particularly of doing one's own work, documenting properly (including use of quotation marks, appropriate paraphrasing and referencing/citation), collaborating appropriately, and avoiding misrepresentation, is a core principle in university study. Students should consult Section XVII, "Academic Misconduct", in the "Academic Regulations and University Policies" entry in the Graduate Calendar, available at <http://brocku.ca/webcal> to view a fuller description of prohibited actions, and the procedures and penalties.

**Outline of Topics:**

- Introduction to linear models.
- Generalized inverses; derivatives of linear functions and quadratic forms.
- Random vectors and matrices; distribution of quadratic forms.
- Simple and multiple linear regressions.
- (Generalized) least squares, estimable functions, and the Gauss-Markov theorem.
- Hypothesis tests and confidence sets.
- Analysis of variance and analysis of covariance.
- Random effect, and mixed models.
- Generalized linear models.

MATH 5P84 – Time Series Analysis and Stochastic Processes  
Course Outline

**List of topics:**

- Multivariate Normal distribution; marginal and conditional distribution; partial correlation coefficient
- Autoregressive and Moving Average models; stability analysis; serial correlation; correlogram; forecasting
- Parameter estimation; large-sample theory
- Spectral analysis; periodogram; filtering; smoothing a spectrum; spectral and lag windows

**References:**

1. Vrbik J, Vrbik P: Informal Introduction to Stochastic Processes with Maple (last chapter only), Springer, 2013
2. William W S Wei: Time Series Analysis (Univariate and multivariate methods), 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Pearson (Addison-Wesley), 2006
3. Peter J Brockwell, Richard A Davis: Introduction to Time Series and Forecasting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Springer text in Statistics, 2002

**Marking scheme:**

Weekly assignments: 60%  
In-lab 3 hour final exam: 40%

# Brock University

## MATH 5P85, Winter 12-13

### Mathematical Statistical Inference

### Course Outline

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**Instructor:**

Wai Kong (John) Yuen

**Lectures:**

T R 1230-1400 TH254 =20

**Course Web page**

There is a web page for this course which = contains the=20 course outline, homework problems, and solutions to exams. = Announcements=20 made in class will be posted there and will not be repeated in class. = The=20 address of this web page is: <http://sparta= n.ac.brocku.ca/~wyuen/M5P85/main.html>

**Office hours:**

T R 1400-15:30

**Text:**

Statistical Inference by George Casella and Roger L. = Berger, 2nd=20 Edition. We will quickly review Chapter 1-5 and study parts of Chapter = 6-10 in=20 detail.

**References:**

Useful graduate-level probability and mathematical=20 statistics books in the library are:

- Mathematical Statistics by Keith Knight=20
- Introduction to Mathematical Statistics by Robert V. Hogg, Joseph = W.=20 Mckean, Allen T. Craig, 6th edition=20
- An Introduction to Probability Theory and its Applications Vol II = by=20 William Feller=20
- A First Look at Rigorous Probability Theory by Jeffrey Rosenthal=20

Useful undergraduate-level probability and books in the = library=20 are:

- Mathematical Statistics with applications by Dennis D. Wackerly, = William=20 Mendenhall III, Richard L. Scheaffer=20
- John E. Freund's Mathematical Statistics with Applications by = Irwin=20 Miller, Marylees Miller=20
- Probability and Statistics : the science of uncertainty by Michael = J.=20 Evans and Jeffrey S. Rosenthal.=20
- An Introduction to Probability Theory and its Applications Vol I = by=20 William Feller=20
- Probability and Random Processes by Geoffrey Grimmett, David = Stirzaker=20
- and many others you can find in the library.

## Grading:

- 30% Midterm exam (1 in-class midterm, Mar 5)=20
- 25% Assignments
  - There will be four assignments in total, with due dates being = Feb 1, Feb=20 15, Mar 15 and Apr 8 at 12:30pm.=20
  - You can discuss the assignments together but you MUST understand = and=20 write your own solutions.
- 45% Final exam

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## Course description:

Revision of probability theory, convergence = of=20 random variables, statistical models, sufficiency and ancillarity, point = estimation, likelihood theory, optimal estimation, Bayesian methods,=20 computational methods, minimum variance estimation, interval estimation = and=20 hypothesis testing, linear and generalized linear models, = goodness-of-fit for=20 discrete and continuous data, robustness, large sample theory, Bayesian=20 inference.=20

## Missed exams:

There will be no make-up exam for missed in-class = exam.=20 Upon presentation of documentation of a valid excuse, the corresponding=20 percentage of the final mark

will be forwarded to the final exam. With = no=20 presentation of such documentation a grade of zero will be entered for = the=20 missed exam.

### **Important dates:**

Add deadline: Thursday, January 17

Drop = deadline:=20 Friday, March 8

**Math5P86 -- MULTIVARIATE STATISTICS****Instructor:** Xiaojian Xu, MCJ412**Lectures:** WH202, Mondays and Fridays 10:00am--11:30am**Office hours:** MCJ412: Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 1:00pm--2:30pm.**e-mail:** xxu at brocku dot ca**Course web page:**<http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~xxu/5P86All.html>

This page contains the course outline, homework problems, data sets, announcements, and so on. Please check it on a regular basis.

**Text:** Applied Multivariate Statistical Analysis; 6th edition; R.A. Johnson and D.W. Wichern; Prentice-Hall.**Prerequisite:** Students will be expected to be familiar with the techniques of linear algebra (e.g. Math 2P12), mathematical statistics (e.g. Math 2P82), and basics introduced in undergraduate course of multivariate analysis (e.g. Math 3P86). Some experience with the use of statistical softwares (e.g. S-plus) will be helpful.**Assessment:**

Assignments: 40%.

Midterm exam: 25%, Oct. 20, Friday, 2017; WH202, 10:00am--11:30am.

**No make up test will be arranged.** If a student misses the test for a good reason (proof required), the weight will be added to the final exam.

Final exam: 35%, TBA.

**Assignments:** There are 4 assignments in total which are equally weighted. For written assignments, you are expected to comprehend what you are writing, not merely the answers. Assignments should be submitted before the beginning of class on the announced due date. **Late assignments will not be accepted.****Course description:**[http://www.brocku.ca/webcal/2017/graduate/math.html#MATH\\_5P86](http://www.brocku.ca/webcal/2017/graduate/math.html#MATH_5P86)**Important dates:**<https://brocku.ca/important-dates/graduate-studies/#fw-msc>**Main topics (subject to change due to students' level of preparation):**

## 1. REVIEW and INTRODUCTION

- Analysis techniques: Univariate v.s. Multivariate
- Expectation and covariance of random vectors and matrices
- Definition and properties of multivariate normal distribution
- Estimation of mean and variance
- Assessing the assumption of multivariate normality
- Detecting outliers and cleaning data
- Transformations to near normality

## 2. ONE-SAMPLE INFERENCE FOR A MEAN VECTOR

- Inference about mean vectors when some observations are missing

- EM algorithm

### 3. INFERENCE ON MEAN VECTORS FOR TWO OR MORE SAMPLES

- Comparing several multivariate means: one-way MANOVA
- Profile analysis
- Testing for equality of covariance matrices
- Two-way MANOVA

### 4. FACTOR ANALYSIS

- Orthogonal factor models
- Estimation methods
- Factor scores

### 5. CLUSTER ANALYSIS

- Introduction to the problem
- Measures of similarity
- Hierarchical clustering
- Non hierarchical clustering

If time permits, we will also cover the following topics:

### 6. MULTIVARIATE LINEAR REGRESSION

### 7. CANONICAL CORRELATION ANALYSIS

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# Brock University

## MATH 5P87 Fall 12-13

### Probability and Measure Theory

### Course Outline

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**Instructor:**

Wai Kong (John) Yuen

**Lectures:**

MF 1400-1530 MCJ404

**Course Web page**

There is a web page for this course which contains the course outline, homework problems and solutions. Announcements made in class will be posted there and will not be repeated in class. The address of this web page is: <http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~wyuen/M5P87/main.html>

**Office hours:**

TBA

**Text:**

Probability and Measure by Patrick Billingsley, Anniversary Edition. We shall cover selected topics from Chapter 1-4.

**References:**

Useful graduate-level probability books in the library are:

- A First Look at Rigorous Probability Theory by Jeffrey Rosenthal.
- A Course in Probability by K. L. Chung



- An Introduction to Probability Theory and its Applications Vol II by William Feller
- Probability and Measure Theory by Robert B. Ash
- Probability Theory by S.R.S. Varadhan
- A User's Guide to Measure Theoretic Probability by David Pollard

Useful undergraduate-level probability books in the library are:

- An Introduction to Probability Theory and its Applications Vol I by William Feller
- Probability and Statistics: the Science of Uncertainty by Michael J. Evans and Jeffrey S. Rosenthal.
- Probability and Random Processes by Geoffrey Grimmett, David Stirzaker
- and many others you can find in the library.

### **Grading:**

- 5% Attendance
  - You are only allowed to miss a total of 3 lectures (arriving 30 minutes late is considered a missed lecture). Each additional missed lecture will cost 1% each.
- 10% Class Participation.
  - To obtain full credits, you need to attempt to answer questions during lectures, ask questions of your own and give good comments when appropriate.
- 45% Assignments
  - There will be three assignments in total, with due dates being Oct 5, Nov 9 and Dec 7 at 2pm.
  - You can discuss the assignments together but you **MUST** understand and write your own solutions.
- 40% Presentation
  - You will need to give a presentation of 30 mins on a topic of your choice, probably selected from the textbook.

All students should become familiar with Brock's Academic Integrity Policy (<http://www.brocku.ca/academicintegrity/>).

### **Course description:**

An introduction to a rigorous treatment of probability theory using measure theory. Topics include probability measures, random variables, expectations, laws of large numbers, distributions and discrete Markov chains. Selected topics from weak convergence, characteristic functions and the Central Limit Theorem.

### **Important dates:**

Add deadline: Monday, September 24, 2012.

Drop deadline: Friday, November 2, 2012.

MATH 5P88 – Advanced Statistics  
Course Outline

- Generating random numbers from various distributions
- Monte Carlo techniques; Metropolis sampling
- Multiplicative and linear congruential generators of uniform random numbers
- Estimating distribution and probability density functions
- Large-sample theory applied to random independent samples
- Edgeworth-series expansion of a probability density function
- Computing cumulants of maximum-likelihood estimators
- Constructing  $1/n$ -accurate approximation to a sampling distributions

Marking Scheme: Assignments 60%, Final Exam 40%

**MATH 4P92/5P92 Topics in Number Theory**

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|--|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Lectures</b><br>Monday: 12:30-2:00<br>Wednesday: 12:30-2:00<br>Room: TH246  | <b>Lab/Tutorial</b><br>Monday: 2:00-3:00<br>Room: MCJ202   |                          |
| <b>Instructor:</b><br><b>Office:</b><br><b>Phone:</b><br><b>Email:</b><br><br><b>Home Page:</b><br><br><b>Textbook:</b><br><br><b>Topics to be covered:</b><br><br><b>Prerequisites:</b> | Omar Kihel<br>J-425<br>905-688-5550 ext. 3295<br><a href="mailto:okihel@brocku.ca">okihel@brocku.ca</a><br><br><a href="http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~okihel">http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~okihel</a><br><br>There is no textbook. I will use different textbooks.<br><br>Introduction, Elementary Number Theory, Applications to Cryptography, Elliptic Curves, Cryptography using Elliptic Curves.<br><br>MATH 1P11 or 1P12; one of MATH 2P12, 2P81, 2P92 (2P71), 3P12. Background that is useful for this course includes elementary number theory, algebra, probability, and combinatorics. |                          |
| <b>Mark Distribution:</b>  | Assignments (3 assignments)<br>Presentation<br>Test1 (October 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015)<br>Test2   | 15%<br>15%<br>35%<br>35% |
| <b>Comments:</b> Late assignments will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the student to check the course webpage.   |  |                          |





Winter 2011

**MATH 5P94**

Lectures  
Wednesday: 15:30-17:00 MCD301

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| Instructor : | Omar Kihel  |
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| Sep 28       | Tariq   |
| Oct 5        | Neil  |
| Oct 12       | Majid   |
| Oct 19       | Prof. Alexander Odesski   |
| Oct 26       | Prof. Babak Farzad/ Prof. Chantal Buteau  |
| Nov 2        | Prof. Chantal Buteau/ Prof. Babak Farzad  |
| Nov 9        | Tariq   |
| Nov 16       | Neil  |
| Nov 23       | Majid   |

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| Mark Distribution: | Presentation 1 | 40% |
|                    | Presentation 2 | 40% |
|                    | Participation  | 20% |

## **Mathematics 4/5P96 (Fall 2016)**

### **Technology and Mathematics Education**

Instructor: Dr. C. Buteau  
Room MC J427  
Email: cbuteau@brocku.ca

Lectures: Monday 13:00 - 15:00 in J404

Labs: Wednesday 12:00 - 14:00 in MC J430

Office Hours: Mo 11:00-12:00; Tu 9:45-10:45; Wed 14:00-15:00 (TBC) or by appointment

#### **Course Objective**

The main objective of this course is to develop an understanding and critical appraisal of mathematics teaching and learning with digital technology.

#### **Course Description**

Contemporary research concerning digital technologies, such as Computer Algebra Systems, Dynamic Geometry Software, online applets, Learning Objects, programming, and Wolfram Alpha, in learning and teaching mathematics. This includes topics such as the history of technology use in mathematics education, an international/national/provincial perspective on practices and research, digital technology use in assessment, implementation in the classroom, mathematics computer games, mathematics learning objects and online systems, technology in mathematical modeling\*, technology use in probability & statistics, and dynamic geometry. Design of an educational tool.

\* if time permits.

#### **Grading**

- a) A presentation about a research paper (in teams of 3 – *individual for 5P96*): 8%
- b) A final exam (in a computer lab): 35%\*\*
- c) An original project with presentation (in teams of 2– *individual for 5P96*): 22%
- d) Lab participation (weeks 1-10): 15%
- e) Weekly lab reports (weeks 1-10): 20%

\*\* a minimum of 40% on the exam is required to pass the course.

#### **Format for the original project and penalties**

The original project consists of a technology-based mathematics educational tool together with a written report (19%), and a presentation (3%). The tool is to be put on a CD or USB that is clearly labeled with your name and ID. The CDs or USBs and written reports or the essay are to be put into **8.5 x 11 inch envelopes** also labeled with your name and ID. The sealed envelope is to be deposited on the due date and time: December 2 at 3:00pm (TBC). Late final project (tool and written report or essay) will receive a mark of 0% for the tool and written report or essay component.

## Notes:

(1) Each student is expected to attend and participate in all the first 10 **weekly labs**. Participation grades in each lab will be based on the engagement in the mathematical activities and discussions. Participation at each lab session is worth of 1.5%. If a student misses a lab session for a good reason (proof required), the weight will be added to the final exam. ***No make up lab will be arranged.*** Labs start on Wednesday September 7, 2016.

(2) **The lab reports**, each worth 2.5% for a total of 20%, are due at the beginning of the lab in the following week. Only the eight best reports (out of 10) will be recorded. The reports might contain parts done in team, as a such, the grading will then be comprised of an individual grade (for the individual section) and a team grade. If a student misses a lab, the team section of the lab report must then be completed individually. You must attach a cover page to your lab reports with: **course name and number, lab session name and number, your name(s), and student number(s)**. Your work must be one-sided only. A penalty of up to 5% might be deducted on your lab report if this format is not fully respected. There will be a **penalty of 20% for late report** and more than one day late (i.e., after Thursday 12:00) will result in 0%.

(3) The final exam will take place in a computer lab during the final exam period. **To pass the course** both a passing mark and a score of at least 40% on the final exam are required.

(4) The **project presentations** will take place during the last lecture day on December 5. If a student misses the presentation for a valid reason (proof required), the weight (3%) will be added to the final exam.

(5) The assignment of research papers and dates for the **presentation** will be assigned in the week of September 12. The presentation, in teams of 3, will be 12-15 minutes long. There will be presentations all along the term, with the first one on September 26 (TBC). The grading will consist of an individual grade and a team grade.

(6) **Use your Brock Email Address ONLY for all your electronic communication.** Be aware that emails not stemming from a Brock electronic address (hotmail, yahoo, gmail, ...) may NOT be responded to.

(7) **Plagiarism:** You may discuss the problems with other students. However, **the final submitted work must be your own (or from your own team for team work components)**. Any evidence of copying will result in a mark of 0.

(8) **Withdrawal Date:** Tuesday, 8 November, 2016 is the last date for withdrawal from the course without academic penalty.

# Appendix C

## Program Governance & Unit Rules and Regulations



## Appendix C: Program Governance & Unit Rules and Regulations

### C.1 General regulations

The authoritative source of regulations for the administration of the Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science is the Faculty Handbook, and in particular Section 3B (Graduate Academic Regulations): <https://brocku.ca/university-secretariat/faculty-handbook/section-3/>

Rules regarding the selection of Graduate Program Directors can be found in the current BUFA Agreement.

### C.2 Program Governance

The Department of Computer Science and Department of Mathematics and Statistics will jointly govern the program. Joint governance implies the coordination of the program between the graduate program directors, chairs, and graduate program committees of each department, as well as the Dean's office and the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Both departments have agreed upon the general requirements, rules, and regulations governing the program, as listed below in section C.3. Other administrative aspects of the program will be divided between the departments, primarily based upon the home department of the supervisor(s) of a student. For example, a (non-exhaustive) list of administrative duties that will be managed independently by each department includes the following:

- Selection of each department's graduate program director.
- Admission standards
- Selection of students by supervisors and departmental graduate program committees.
- Selection of thesis supervisory committees.
- Student office/lab allocation.
- Computer resource allocation and maintenance.
- TA management and funding.
- Course offerings, scheduling and timetabling.
- Comprehensive examination preparation, scheduling, assessment.
- Defense administration (with the Faculty of Graduate Studies)

Faculty from each department may be invited to participate in the Ph.D. administration of students from either department. Students may also take courses from the offerings of each department, subject to supervisor and instructor approval.

### C.3 Rules and Regulations at the Unit Level

#### C.3.1 Entrance requirements

The program will normally follow a three-stage procedure. First, students will take courses in the graduate program. Then they will complete a comprehensive examination. Students will then perform their doctoral thesis research, and write and defend their thesis. The details of the program are as follows.

There are three ways in which students may be admitted, and these options will determine the duration of the program:

- a) An MSc. in Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics, or a closely related discipline with a minimum 80% overall average from an accredited institution.
- b) Students currently in the M.Sc. program may apply to transfer into the Ph.D. program after one year of study if they have completed the required number of courses in their program with an average of at least 80% and have shown significant research progress as determined by their supervisory committee and graduate program committee.
- c) In very exceptional cases, students may be admitted into the Ph.D. program with a four-year Honours Bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, with an overall average of at least an 85%. These students must demonstrate high research potential adjudicated by the graduate program committee.

### **C.3.2 Length of Study**

For full-time students, the program is normally a 12 term or four-year program. For M.Sc. students transferring into the Ph.D. program (option b), the program is normally a 15 term or five-year program, which includes the time spent in the master's program. Full-time students must complete all degree requirements within 6 years from the date of first registration. Part-time students must complete all degree requirements within 8 years from the date of first registration.

### **C.3.3 Course Requirements**

Students admitted through option (a) or (b) (C.3.1) must complete a total of 6 half-credit courses (this includes transfer credits undertaken during M.Sc. studies for option b students). Students entering under option (c) must complete a total of 8 half-credit courses. Courses selection is done in consultation with the supervisor, and is regulated by the following points:

- Required courses for all students: ISDS 7P75 Ph.D. Seminar and ISDS 5N01 Scientific Writing (normally taken together in the same term, see also Section 3.1 and 4.2).
- One half credit graduate course can be from a different department related to applications of modeling with mathematics or statistics, or applied computing, with the approval of the supervisor and course instructor.
- All other courses must be COSC/MATH half-credit courses at the 5(alpha)00 or above level.
- Exceptions to the above regulations have to be approved by the student's supervisor and the Graduate Program Committee.

The course offerings are based on the current offerings in the graduate programs in each department. The determination of Core or Elective courses will be determined by the supervisor. The courses are listed in the Graduate Calendar.

The following courses are compulsory in the program:

- ISDS 5N01 – Scientific Writing
- ISDS 7P75 – Ph.D. Seminar

ISDS 5N01 will be taught by instructors from Brock Student Development Centre.

The remaining courses are electives. The student may select from take any course in the course bank, under the advice and approval of the student's supervisor. The host departments' contributions to the course bank cover the following major research areas of computer science, mathematics, and statistics:

- *Formal methods*: COSC 5P02, COSC 5P03, COSC 5P05
- *Algorithms*: COSC 5P01, COSC 5P04, COSC 5P76
- *Computational intelligence*: COSC 5P71, COSC 5P74
- *Computer and Software Systems*: COSC 5P06, COSC 5P72, COSC 5P73
- *Methods of applied mathematics, differential equations and dynamical systems*: MATH 5P20, MATH 5P30, MATH 5P60, MATH 5P09, MATH 5P31, MATH 5P64
- *Statistical methods*: MATH 5P81, MATH 5P82, MATH 5P82, MATH 5P83, MATH 5P84, MATH 5P85, MATH 5P86, MATH 5P87, MATH 5P88
- *Graph and game theory*: MATH 5P35, MATH 5P36

In addition to the above, students can select courses from other areas of mathematics, including algebra and number theory (MATH 5P10, MATH 5P10 60, MATH 5P10 66, MATH 5P10 15, MATH 5P10 92), functional analysis and topology (MATH 5P40, MATH 5P70) and technology in math education (MATH 5P96).

### **C.3.4 Comprehensive Examination**

After all course requirements have been completed, but within the first 24 months of the program, all students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination. Prior to the exam, the student must submit a written proposal of research in the form of an NSERC grant application (PGS D). The student will be guided by the supervisor and the supervisory committee while preparing this application. The examination committee consists of a Graduate Program Director or designate, the supervisory committee, and one additional faculty member. The additional faculty member and one member of the supervisory committee will each provide a topic different from the student's research area together with sufficient study material at least 3 months prior to the examination. The examination will start with a presentation by the student about his/her research, followed by questions from the examination committee about this research. The examination concludes with questions about the topics provided by the two members of the examination committee. The examination can be repeated once within four months.

### **C.3.5 Submission for Publication, Thesis Submission, and Defense**

Detailed regulations governing thesis formatting and Ph.D. defenses are found in the Faculty Handbook.

Before the thesis is submitted for defense parts of the thesis have to be published in, or at least have to be submitted to, an international journal or conference. The supervisory committee will decide whether a thesis is ready for defense. The examination committee is chaired by the Dean of Graduate Studies or designate, and consists of the supervisory committee, an internal examiner (from outside the graduate program but within Brock University), and an external examiner. The defense is open and will start with a presentation by the student about his/her research, followed by questions from the examination committee.

**Computer Science**  
**Departmental Procedures**  
**Departmental Committee**  
**(Article 16)**

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**Composition**

The Departmental Committee comprises:

- all full-time faculty (BUFA members)
- 2 undergraduate student representatives (selected by the CSC annually with term length one year)
- 1 graduate student representative (overseen by the GPD with term length one year)
- full time staff
- others as approved by the full-time BUFA members

The Administrative Assistant shall serve as recording secretary.

**Operation**

The Departmental Committee shall operate in a manner consistent with Article 16 and Article 18 of the Collective Agreement between Brock University and Brock University Faculty Association 2017-2020. On questions of appointment, reappointment, promotion, tenure, leaves and election of chairs, only full time probationary and tenured BUFA members (henceforth referred to as the voting members) may vote, although all members of the Departmental Committee may take part in the discussion. Votes in the above matters shall be by secret ballot (16.03d).

For all departmental meetings and subcommittee meetings, the quorum is 50%+1 where for all votes in departmental meetings, the number of tenured and tenure-track faculty members should be no less than 50%+1 of the total number of attendees who are departmental committee members.

The departmental committee is to hold at least one meeting each term in the Fall and Winter. All minutes of the meetings will be made available.

**Appointment of Chair (Article 27.03)**

The department shall meet during the Fall term of the final year of a Chair's term to make a choice of a Chair for the subsequent year. Any tenured, full-time faculty member (BUFA) of the Department normally at the rank of Associate or above may declare themselves as a candidate or be nominated as a candidate. A candidate may refuse nomination or withdraw at any time. A Chair's term may be renewed. A renewal will be considered in the same manner as a vote for selection. After the candidate(s) have had an opportunity to provide information to the Committee and answer questions, they will be excused. After non-voting members have had an opportunity to be part of the discussions, they will also be excused from the meeting. The voting members will then vote, by secret ballot, for the choice of a Chair. The current chair will forward the result of the vote to the Dean.

**Departmental Procedures**  
**Appointment of Graduate Program Director (Article 16A)**  
**Department of Computer Science**

*Approved by department 22/10/2018*

The department shall meet during the fall term of the third and final year of a GPD's term of service to make a choice of a GPD for the subsequent three years. Any tenured, full-time faculty member (BUFA) of the Department normally at the rank of Associate or above may declare themselves as a candidate or be nominated as a candidate. A candidate may refuse nomination or withdraw at any time. After the candidate(s) have had an opportunity to provide information to the Departmental Committee and answer questions, they will be excused. After non-voting members have had an opportunity to be part of the discussions, they will also be excused from the meeting. The voting members will then vote, by secret ballot, for the choice of a GPD. The chair will forward the result of the vote to the Dean.

## Departmental Procedures

### Procedures for Hiring, Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion, and Sabbatical leaves Department of Computer Science Brock University

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The subcommittee for the hiring, reappointment, tenure and promotion, and sabbatical leaves consists of the tenured and tenure-track faculty members.

#### Hiring (Articles 19, 19.10 c, and 20.02.a.iii)

It is the responsibility of this Subcommittee to

- review the Department's Employment Equity Plan and propose amendments if necessary
- monitor the application of the Employment Equity Plan
- prepare a draft advertisement
- evaluate and respond to replies to the advertisement
- request further information and recommendations from the applicants
- make the dossiers of the applicants available to the departmental committee members (note that reference letters are only available to the BUFA members)
- prepare a short list of candidates to be invited for interviews:

At the departmental committee meeting for the purpose of selecting the short list, everyone would have an opportunity to give their comments on the candidates to the Subcommittee. After non-voting members have had an opportunity to be part of the discussions, they will be excused from the meeting. The Subcommittee will continue discussions in this and subsequent Subcommittee meetings as required and then vote by secret ballot.

- submit the short list with all necessary files such as the Employment Equity Plan and candidates' CV's to the Dean and JCEE for approval
- arrange for interviews with the department and the Dean and BUFA
- make a hiring recommendation to the Dean.

Visits of short-listed candidates will be arranged so as to provide an opportunity for all members of the Department to meet them and/or attend a lecture or presentation. The candidate will present both a teaching and a research presentation. In scheduling the visit, the meeting with the BUFA Hiring Advice Committee member will be included.

Once the interview process is completed, discussions of the merits of the candidates shall take place *in camera* in meeting(s) of the Subcommittee. One of these meetings will include the

Departmental Committee at large, in which the Subcommittee can receive opinions and advice of all department members on the merits of the candidates. Minutes shall be kept of all such meetings. The Subcommittee will vote by secret ballot its recommendation regarding the appointment. After the hiring procedure is completed, copies of the approved minutes shall be filed in the office of the Dean.

The Chair shall forward the decision of the Subcommittee to the Dean (19.10.o), including a minority report should a minority viewpoint be expressed (19.10.p).

Specifically, all recommendations regarding the position to be filled, including any changes in the job description, shall be recorded, circulated to, and confirmed by the Department and forwarded to the Dean for approval.

The Chair shall write a report stating the recommendation of the Departmental Committee which accurately and fully represents the views of the Department and shall include a minority report, if a minority viewpoint has been expressed. The Chair will make the report available to the Departmental Committee for three (3) working days, during which time Subcommittee members may make suggestions for revision. After this period, and within one (1) week of the Department reaching a recommendation, the Chair/Director shall forward the recommendation and report to the appropriate Dean.

In the interest of openness and transparency, members will declare any relationship to the candidates. Conflict of interest will be handled according to Article 18. Discussions may ensue.

### Reappointments (Article 19.12)

The application for reappointment will be made available to the Departmental Committee members (19.12.a.i). The Chair will consult with the members of the department. If no Subcommittee member views the reappointment as problematic, the Chair shall make a recommendation to reappoint to the Dean.

If a minority of at least two (19.12.a.i) Subcommittee members view the reappointment as problematic, they may request an email ballot of the Subcommittee members on the question of holding a reappointment review (19.12.a.i, 19.12.a.ii). If a majority believes a reappointment review should be held, the Chair will collect evidence of the member's performance and schedule a meeting of the Departmental Committee to discuss the issue. After the meeting, the candidate will be informed of the areas of concern and invited to present evidence at a subsequent meeting, accompanied by an academic colleague or a BUFA representative, to present evidence and answer questions. The member shall then be excused. After non-voting members have had an opportunity to be part of the discussions, they will also be excused from the meeting. The Subcommittee members will continue discussions as required and then vote by secret ballot on the reappointment recommendation. The Chair will forward the recommendation, result of the vote, and appropriate documentation to the Dean (19.12.a.iii).

## Tenure and/or Promotions (Article 21)

A candidate may be nominated by a Department member or may apply on his/her own. A candidate may refuse nomination or withdraw at any time.

The candidate should seek advice of the BUFA Promotion and Tenure Advice Committee and will compile a dossier (21.09, 21.11). The Chair will check the completeness and accuracy of the dossier that will then be open to all members of the Department (21.14).

The candidate will propose a list of external referees which shall be distributed to all Subcommittee members via email (21.38.e). Should any member disagree with the list, a meeting will be held to discuss the list. Should no agreement on the list be forthcoming, the candidate and the Chair, on behalf of the department, will submit separate lists to the Dean. Otherwise the Chair shall submit the agreed list to the Dean.

The Chair will consult any faculty members on leave.

The Departmental Committee, meeting *in camera* without the candidate, will consider the application. After non-voting members have had an opportunity to be part of the discussions, they will be excused from the meeting. The Subcommittee members will continue discussions as required and then vote by secret ballot whether the tenure and/or promotion should be recommended (21.15).

If the department requires further information or is considering a negative recommendation, the Chair will inform the candidate of the specific questions or concerns and the candidate may respond in writing and/or attend a subsequent Departmental Committee meeting accompanied, if so desired, by a BUFA representative. The Departmental Committee will meet, *in camera*, a second time to consider the case. The candidate will be allowed to present information and answer questions and then shall be excused. After non-voting members have had an opportunity to be part of the discussions, they will also be excused from the meeting. The Subcommittee members will continue discussions as required and then vote by secret ballot (21.20).

The Chair will write a report stating the recommendation of the Subcommittee, the reasons for the recommendation, the recorded vote and the minority view, if any, and reasons for the minority view. The Chair will make the report available to the Departmental Committee for 10 working days, during which voting members may make suggestions for revision. After this period, the Chair will forward the recommendation and report to the candidate and the Dean (21.24).

Should the candidate be applying for both promotion and tenure, the questions will be treated as one issue (21.22).

## Sabbatical Leaves (Article 34.03)

The applicant(s) will prepare and submit a dossier (34.03.d) to the Chair who will then make it available to the Department.

The Department will meet to consider the application(s) *in camera* without the applicant (34.03.e). After non-voting members have had an opportunity to be part of the discussions, they will be excused from the meeting. Should more information be required, or if a negative decision is being considered, the Chair will inform the applicant of the specific questions or concerns and the applicant may respond in writing and/or attend a subsequent Departmental Committee



meeting accompanied, if so desired, by a BUFA representative. The Departmental Committee will meet, *in camera*, a second time to consider the case. The applicant will be allowed to present information and answer questions and then shall be excused. After non-voting members have had an opportunity to be part of the discussions, they will also be excused from the meeting. The Subcommittee members will continue discussions as required and then vote by secret ballot (34.03.f).

The Chair will inform the applicant(s) and forward the supporting documentation and recommendation(s) to the University Subcommittee on Academic Leaves.

The departmental recommendation on sabbatical shall be on the basis of merit only. Should the number and timing of sabbaticals be problematic regarding departmental staffing, the Chair shall present the issues to the Dean. The Dean may negotiate a postponement (34.02.k) or delay (34.03.a) of a sabbatical with the applicant to meet the Department's needs.

## Departmental Procedures

*Approved by department: 22/10/2018*

### EMPLOYMENT EQUITY PLAN, Department of Computer Science

The Department is committed to hiring persons in academic positions based on merit, including demonstrated or potential ability in teaching, scholarly attainment and professional distinction (as per [Article 19.02](#) of the Collective Agreement). Recognizing all efforts should be made to ensure that designated groups, including women, Aboriginal peoples, members of visible minorities, people with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ), are better represented in the Department and University as a whole, the following goals will inform the hiring process in the Department:

1. The Department seeks to achieve gender balance, as defined in [Article 20.01 \(ii\)](#);
2. Any Department with more than 40% representation of women (i.e. women hold more than 40% of the probationary and tenured/permanent positions in the Department) will be deemed to have achieved a gender balance and, in this instance, the employment equity procedures in [Article 20](#) will apply to candidates from the other designated groups (i.e. Aboriginal peoples, members of minorities, people with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ)).
3. In developing its curriculum and program requirements, the Department will consider their implications for attracting members of designated groups.

#### I. Advertisement

The Department will take the following steps during the hiring process, as elaborated in [Article 20.02 a. \(i. - iii.\)](#):

1. Distribute a draft of the proposed advertisement to the Department for formal approval before external circulation;
2. Where possible, ensure that at least one member of the Department Selection Committee is from a designated group (or appointed one from outside of the Department with full voting rights).

In addition to the above, the Department will take the following steps with a view to eliminating barriers to employment of designated groups:

#### II. Recruitment

1. Advertise the position widely in a variety of media, including the Department website, the electronic list-serve for the discipline and related sub-fields, the Association website related to the discipline, Career Opportunities page at Brock, the Canadian Association of University

Teachers Bulletin, and University Affairs ;

2. Contact the Chairs of appropriate universities with a high number of PhDs, seeking them to encourage persons in designated groups to apply.
3. The following is included in the ad: “Candidates who wish to have their application considered as a member of one or more designated groups should fill out the Self-Identification Form available at <https://brocku.ca/human-resources/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/SelfIdentificationForm.doc> and include the completed form with their application.” so that these forms will be part of the applications that will be reviewed.

### III. Shortlisting

1. Consider carefully the applications of all self-identified persons from designated groups, according to the merit considerations spelled out in [Article 19.02](#);
2. Candidates for probationary and tenured appointments are to be selected for the shortlist on the basis of the criteria in [Articles 19.02 \(a\), 19.02 \(b\) and 20](#) Employment Equity.

### IV. Selection

In accordance with [Article 20.01\(a\) i](#), recommend for appointment a person from a designated group, where that person is equally qualified as the best candidate, or is not substantially apart in qualifications from the best candidate.

### V. Summary of Current Probationary and Tenured Members

A summary of the current number of probationary and tenured members in the Department, as well as the number of self-identified members of each designated group, is given below. Please note that one person is counted twice both as a woman and visible minority.

|                  | Women | Visible Minorities | Aboriginal Peoples | People with Disabilities | LGBTQ | Total |
|------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Tenured (9)      | 2     | 2                  | 0                  | 0                        | 0     | 4     |
| Probationary (1) | 0     | 0                  | 0                  | 0                        | 0     | 0     |

### VI. Equity Related Goals for Hiring

We aim to recommend a person from a designated group, provided that the person is equally qualified as the best candidate, or is not substantially apart in qualifications from the best candidate. In accordance with [Article 20.01\(a\) and \(b\)](#), we will first

address the gender imbalance in the department, followed by the considerations of other designated groups.

## **Departmental Procedures**

### **Procedures for Adjunct Appointments Department of Computer Science Brock University**

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An adjunct appointment is made on the recommendation of the department and must be approved by the Dean and the President.

#### **Procedure for approval of an initial adjunct appointment**

A person wishing to hold an adjunct appointment within the department will request the appointment by sending a letter to the chair of the department. This letter should indicate the reasons for the request and anticipated future contributions to the department, as well as any existing collaborations with members of the department and/or relationship to the department. The applicant should enclose a CV. The applicant will normally be invited to present a research seminar to the department.

The application will be circulated to the departmental committee. The department, meeting in camera, will consider the application. The voting members of the department will then vote, by secret ballot, on whether they wish to recommend an adjunct appointment. After the vote, the chair will forward the recommendation to the Dean's office.

The recommendation will include the following information, which is to have been discussed by the department:

- The effective dates of the appointment. This will normally be for 3 years, however a shorter term may be recommended if the department feels it is warranted.
- Rank.
- Specific duties and responsibilities.
- Special conditions, if any.

#### **Procedure for renewal of an adjunct appointment**

A person already holding an adjunct position within the department may wish to renew their appointment when the term expires. The procedures for renewal are the same as for the initial appointment, with the exception that the candidate should specify in their letter that the request is for renewal. Such a request should normally be made at least 2 months prior to the expiry of the appointment. If no such request is made then the appointment will lapse.

## **Departmental Procedures**

### **Course Evaluation Procedures** **(Articles 12.04.a.v, 12.07, 16.03.h)**

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1. Course evaluation instrument is approved by department committee and available both in a paper version and an online version.
2. The instructor informs the Administrative Assistant by the end of week eight if they are using the hard copy evaluation and will provide the course configuration (i.e. lecture, lab, tutorial, seminar), and the date on which the course evaluation is to be conducted. The Chair will send a timely reminder to instructors in regard of this matter.
3. Course evaluation is performed by either one of the following two methods:
  - a. Paper system:
    - The course evaluation is performed in class normally during the last two weeks of term.
    - Instructor will ask another instructor or a volunteer from the class to conduct the evaluation. The instructor will not be present during the evaluation.
    - Volunteer oversees course evaluation, collects forms and returns forms to Administrative Assistant at the first available opportunity.
  - b. Online system:
    - The online system will provide both restricted access (to the students registered in the course) and anonymity of respondent.
    - When the evaluation is prepared, the students are informed and reminded that the online evaluation is available for two weeks.

NOTE: The following Procedures apply to the hard copy course evaluations. The Centre for Pedagogical Innovation administers the current online evaluations,

4. The Administrative Assistant prepares the course evaluation packages including the appropriate question sets based on the course configuration and notifies the instructor when the evaluation is available.
5. The Administrative Assistant collates and prepares the comments for course evaluations.
6. For non-BUFA instructors, Administrative Assistant places course evaluation packages in Chair's mailbox and emails summary to the Chair.
7. For TAs/Lab Demonstrators, Administrative Assistant places the TA/Lab Demonstrator evaluation packages in the Senior Lab Demonstrator's mailbox and

- emails the summary, if available, to the instructor, Senior Lab Demonstrator and Chair.
8. When instructor submits final marks, Administrative Assistant places the instructor course evaluation package in members' mailboxes (BUFA) and emails comments and data to the instructor (BUFA and non-BUFA). If a TA wishes to see their own evaluations they may see them after this time.
  9. The Administrative Assistant deletes summaries and retains no copies of course evaluations or summaries in departmental files for BUFA members unless requested by the member in writing. The BUFA member is solely responsible for the archiving of course evaluations. Course evaluations for non-BUFA instructors are maintained in departmental files.
  10. BUFA members will make the results of the course evaluations available to the Dean as part of the Performance Review process (12.07.d)

**Department of Computer Science**  
**Normal Workload Standard**  
**2018/19**  
**(Articles 24 and 21.06)**

*Approved by Department: 22/10/2018*

### **Preface**

Members are entitled to equitable workloads (Article 24.01) and have the right and responsibility to devote time to the three components of academic workload: Teaching, Research/Scholarly/Creative Activity and Service, normally in the ratio 40/40/20 (Article 24.03.a).

Various circumstances may lead to (24.03.b, 24.03.d, 24.04.b, 24.04.c, 24.05.b) workload redistributions or reductions. Workload redistribution is negotiated with the Dean and typically leads to a different ratio of workload components. Leaves, phased-in retirement, etc. generally lead to a reduced total workload measure but usually retain the same ratio for remaining workload components.

Certain positions (e.g. Chair) have teaching relief. This relief is partial compensation for additional administrative loads carried by these positions. The following list enumerates common teaching release, but is not intended to be exhaustive.

- Chair = Normally minimum 2 half course reduction in base scheduled teaching amount (Article 27.02.b).
- GPD = Normally minimum 1 half course reduction in base scheduled teaching amount (Article 27.02.c).

The Annual Workload Plan (AWP) defines the actual distribution (normally 40/40/20) and the total workload each of which may differ from the NWS (24.02.b, 24.04.bc) and/or exhibit minor variation year-to-year (24.05.b).

### **Teaching Commitment**

Teaching activities include those described in Articles 24.02.a and 21.06.a. Teaching commitment normally consists of a maximum of 4 scheduled half courses (base scheduled teaching amount, 24.04.a (iv)) plus a combination of the following, amounting to 4.5 half course equivalents of total teaching commitment:

- additional consideration for scheduled teaching factors including but not limited
- to extra contact hours, high enrollment and courses new to the instructor (24.04.c)
- supervision of graduate students (equivalent to 0.5 half-course per student)
- reading courses (equivalent to 0.20 half-course per student)
- supervision of projects:
  - 4F90 (equivalent to 0.20 half-course per student)
  - 3P99 or 2P99 (equivalent to 0.10 half-course per student)
- MSc supervisory committees (equivalent to 0.1 half-course per student, and not including student supervision)
- other teaching activities

If unscheduled teaching (including carryover from a previous year) equals or exceeds 1.5



half-course equivalents in a given year, scheduled teaching is normally reduced by a maximum of 1.0 half courses for that year.

Once teaching reductions have been taken into account, any additional unscheduled teaching (including carryover from a previous year) in excess of 0.5 half-course equivalents will be carried over to the subsequent year. Carryover is limited to 1.0 half-course equivalent.

### **Research/Scholarly/Creative/Professional Activity Commitment**

All faculty members are normally expected to be active in research/scholarly/creative activity, make attempts to obtain funding (if relevant to their scholarly activity), and disseminate the results of their work.

Research/scholarly/creative and professional commitment normally consists of a combination of activities as described in Articles 24.02.b and 21.06.b amounting to 40% of total workload including, but not limited to:

- discovery-based research as evidenced by, *inter alia*, journal and conference publications
- applied research as evidenced by, *inter alia*, patents, industrial research/development contracts
- contributions to the discipline as evidenced by, *inter alia*, books, case studies, monographs, contributions to edited books, panels, workshops, clinics, editorial duties, refereeing duties
- software/hardware/equipment development as evidenced by, *inter alia*, commercial products, industrial contracts, tools in use in educational or other areas
- pedagogical development as evidenced by, *inter alia*, curriculum design, learning object development, books, case studies, monographs, contributions to edited books, panels, workshops, clinics, editorial duties, refereeing duties
- scholarly/professional contributions as evidenced by, *inter alia*, consultation with government, professional or related agencies; instructional, clinical, curriculum or policy development
- attempting to secure funding for research/scholarly or creative activities
- other activities appropriate to research/scholarship or creative work

It is understood that in the field of Computer Science a refereed conference publication is considered equivalent to a refereed journal publication.

### **Service Commitment**

All faculty members are normally expected to participate in service activities, which include those described in Articles 24.02.c and 21.06.c. Service commitment normally consists of membership in the Departmental Committee and a combination of other activities, amounting to 20% of total workload, including but not limited to:

- union/Senate/university committees
- faculty/department committees
- departmental responsibility
- professional service
- community service
- other service activities

## Department of Mathematics and Statistics

### Rules of Procedure for the Academic Year 2018/2019

#### I. Departmental Assembly

1. The Departmental Assembly shall operate in a manner consistent with Article 16 of the Collective Agreement.

2. The Departmental Assembly comprises:

- (1) all full-time faculty members;
- (2) the staff instructor, the Online Course Developer/Administrator, and the Mathematics Development Programs Coordinator;
- (3) ILTA members (if any).

All members listed in (2) shall have full voting rights, except as limited by the restrictions of Sections 16.02 (a) and (c) and 16.03 (b), (c) and (d), and also limited to exclude all matters of academic program policy and direction and all hiring/promotion of faculty.

3. The Department Chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the Departmental Assembly in accordance with Article 27.03 of the Collective Agreement. Normally the Chair serves for three years.

4. The Department Chair or his/her delegate chairs the Departmental Assembly meetings; the administrative assistant takes minutes.

5. The Departmental Assembly shall meet at least once in each of the fall and winter terms. Additional meetings will be at the call of the Chair or by the call of at least two members of the Assembly.

6. The Department Chair shall give all members at least seven days advance notice of the date called for a meeting, unless the Departmental Assembly agrees unanimously to an earlier date. All major items normally shall be communicated at least four days before the meeting.

7. Meetings shall be scheduled during business hours when all members are free from teaching duties and other university service duties. If this is not possible, then meetings shall be scheduled outside of business hours at days/times approved by a Department email vote.

8. A meeting shall be cancelled if a majority of full-time faculty members are not present (excluding any members on sabbatical).

#### II. Procedures for Departmental Votes

1. Votes shall normally be held during Assembly meetings. Members not in attendance for a vote, including any members on sabbatical, shall be allowed to cast a ballot within a week.

2. Votes on any important business shall be conducted by secret ballot. Any voting member of the Departmental Assembly may call for a secret ballot on any vote. The administrative assistant shall collect and count the ballots. The ballots shall be tallied and recorded only after all ballots, including any cast by absent members, are received by the administrative assistant, or after one week from the day of the vote.

3. Email votes are permissible for routine or minor business or if an urgent deadline arises. Members will be given a clear deadline (with a reasonable period of time) for submission of a vote. All votes will be tallied and counted by the administrative assistant. Any member may call for a regular vote in place of an email vote.

4. A vote passes if and only if a majority of the Departmental Assembly voting members (specified under I.2) vote "yes" or "in favour". Any member on sabbatical who does not opt out of a vote is included as a voting member when counting if a majority has been obtained. Sabbatical members can opt out of any vote by notifying the Departmental

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Chair. For votes on important business, the Department Chair shall send a reminder message to all absent sabbatical members.

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5. Exceptional requests by any individual member of the Departmental Assembly will be resolved by the following procedures:

- (1) the member will prepare a short written document if necessary, containing only facts relevant to the request;
- (2) the member will be given time to speak about the request in a meeting of the Departmental Assembly;
- (3) without the member present, the request will be discussed and a vote taken if necessary;
- (4) normally any request will be approved only by establishing reasonable criteria that apply to all similar members of the Departmental Assembly (rather than just to a specific individual).

### III. Procedures and Criteria for Promotion and Granting of Tenure

1. The Department shall operate in accordance with Article 21 of the Collective Agreement, including all procedures and criteria.

2. Votes on Promotions and Tenure shall be conducted using the wording:

- (1) "The Department recommends ... be granted Promotion to Full Professor"; or
- (2) "The Department recommends ... be granted Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor".

3. If the vote on an application for Tenure does not pass, then in accordance with Articles 21.15 and 21.66, a second vote shall be held using the wording:

"The Department recommends an extension of the probationary period for ... year(s)", where the period cannot exceed two years for a first probation and one year for a second probation.

### IV. Procedures for Annual Performance Review and Teaching Evaluations

1. Faculty members are responsible to submit an annual report to the Department Chair. Numerical summary pages of a member's teaching evaluations shall be submitted directly to the Dean.

2. To comply with Article 27.01(o) of the Collective Agreement, the Department Chair shall advise the Dean on performance review of faculty members solely at the Dean's request and based solely on criteria established by the Departmental Assembly.

[Note: The department will need to decide on "criteria" for performance review. Until this is done, the default criteria will be "past practice".]

3. Course evaluations for each faculty member and each staff instructor shall be kept private from other members and from administrative staff, including the Department Chair. The administrative assistant shall receive and distribute all course evaluations.

### V. Procedures for Scheduling of Teaching Assignments & Course Offerings

1. In preparing the Department's Annual Workload Plan, the Department shall use the following procedures for assigning teaching and offering courses:

- (1) The Department Chair shall circulate the Department's Course Offering Schedule, after consultation with the Department on the offering of upper year courses and consultation with the Graduate Program Director on the offering of graduate courses.
- (2) The Department Chair shall ask each faculty member and staff instructor for preferences for his/her own teaching assignment.
- (3) The Department Chair shall prepare and circulate a preliminary teaching deployment that adheres to (1) and (2).
- (4) Any unresolved disputes that may arise between faculty members or staff instructors or with the Department Chair regarding a member's own teaching assignment shall be settled in consultation with the Office of Human

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Rights and Equity Services or with the Dean.

(5) Enrollment minimums and procedures for cancellation of low enrollment courses are specified in Appendix 1.

(6) The final teaching deployment, and any subsequent changes to it, shall be passed by a Departmental vote.

(7) The membership continues until membership reassignment is approved by the departmental committee for the following academic year or until the member resigns.

### VI. Committee Procedures

1. Departmental committees shall be struck, restructured, or disbanded only by a Departmental vote.

2. The Department Chair or any other member of the Departmental Assembly may propose striking, restructuring, or disbanding a committee.

3. Membership in all Departmental committees and Faculty of Mathematics & Science committees shall be established annually by the following procedures:

(1) The Department Chair shall ask each member for preferences of which committee(s) the member will serve on, consistent with the Department's Normal Workload Standard.

(2) Each of the five program concentrations (Applied Mathematics, Mathematics Education, MICA, Pure Mathematics, Statistics) shall form a standing committee.

(3) Major committees shall include, if at all possible, one representative from each of the five program concentrations.

(4) The Department Chair shall prepare and circulate a preliminary committee membership list that adheres to (1), (2), (3).

(5) Any unresolved disputes that may arise between faculty members or other assembly members or with the Chair regarding a member's own committee assignment(s) shall be settled in consultation with the Office of Human Rights and Equity Services or with the Dean.

(6) The final committee membership list shall be passed by a Departmental vote.

4. No one shall chair the same Departmental committee for more than three consecutive years.

5. No one shall serve on the same Departmental committee for more than three consecutive years, except for standing members as listed in the Normal Department Workload Standard and except for extraordinary circumstances.

6. Each Departmental committee shall elect its own committee chair.

7. Committee meetings are called by the committee chair or by any two committee members, with at least seven days advance notice unless the committee unanimously agrees to an earlier date.

8. Meetings shall be scheduled during business hours when all members are free from teaching duties and other committee meetings and university service duties.

9. A meeting shall be cancelled if a majority of members are not present.

10. Committee votes shall normally be held during committee meetings. Members not in attendance for a vote shall be allowed to cast a ballot within a reasonable period of time. Any member may call for a secret ballot on any vote.

11. Email votes are permissible for routine or minor business or if an urgent deadline arises. Members will be given a clear deadline (with a reasonable period of time) for submission of a vote.

12. A vote passes if and only if a majority of the committee members vote "yes" or "in favour" (including any absent members).

### VII. Procedures of Conduct for the Departmental Assembly and Departmental Committees

1. The complete agenda (except for minor "Other Business") for a meeting shall be distributed to all members at

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least two business days ahead of the meeting.

2. The first item on the agenda shall be approval of the agenda. The chair shall call for changes/additions/objections and the final agenda shall be approved by either unanimous consent or a vote if called by the chair or any member. Absent members are not entitled to vote on the agenda.

3. Minutes of previous meetings shall be typed and circulated to all members by the administrative assistant, or a delegated member, within a reasonable period of time. Minor corrections to the minutes shall be conducted by email. Minutes normally do not require approval, however, any member may call for a vote on approval of the minutes.

4. Votes on major business shall be placed on the agenda only in advance or by unanimous consent of all members during the meeting. Votes on routine and minor business can be added/deleted from the agenda by a motion during the meeting.

5. Motions can be tabled by any voting member in attendance at a meeting. Once a motion is on the table, the chair shall call for a discussion. Votes on any important business require a motion to be tabled.

6. A motion must be seconded by a voting member before it can be put to a vote. The chair shall allow equal time for every interested member to speak before the vote is called.

7. Members shall speak one at a time, by raising a hand and waiting for the chair to give the floor to the member. Members shall address only the agenda items under discussion. Any member can call a point of order if any rule is not being followed in a meeting.

8. The role of the chair of a committee shall be primarily to:

- (1) provide all information/documents relevant to the agenda items;
- (2) guide the discussion and seek consensus among members whenever possible;
- (3) give the floor to members in the order in which they raise a hand to speak;
- (4) ensure that the agenda is followed and that every member has an equal chance to speak.

9. The chair may speak as an equal departmental colleague to state an opinion on the business under discussion.

10. All members shall act collegially and not raise their voices or create a hostile atmosphere. Any member, including the chair, who engages in uncollegial behaviour shall be dismissed from the meeting.

### VIII. Duties and Role of the Departmental Chair

1. Administration Duties:

- (1) supervise the administrative assistant, including year-end job performance evaluation;
- (2) evaluate staff members;
- (3) review Departmental Budget (annually and as needed) with the administrative assistant and the Dean's budget officer.

2. Signing Authority:

- (1) course grades;
- (2) Change/Add Majors forms (prepared by the administrative assistant);
- (3) course substitutions (forms prepared by the administrative assistant);
- (4) Transfer Credits and Letter of Permission (forms prepared by the administrative assistant);
- (5) Degree Audit Reports (prepared by the administrative assistant);
- (6) email accounts for Part-Time Instructors and Visiting Scholars (inputted by the administrative assistant);
- (7) Standing Review forms and Approve Continuance in Program forms (prepared by the administrative assistant);
- (8) CUPE TA/Part-Time Instructor Job Postings (inputted by Dorothy);
- (9) CUPE Allocation of Hours Forms for TAs (prepared by Dorothy);
- (10) TA/Part-Time Instructor Contracts (inputted by the administrative assistant);

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- (12) special requests by Faculty for travel or conference funds;
- (13) departmental expenses/expenditures (forms prepared by the administrative assistant);
- (14) APC submission forms for graduate and undergraduate calendar (inputted by the administrative assistant).

### 3. Major Responsibilities:

- (1) attend Dean's meeting of Chairs & Directors;
- (2) report Departmental motions, concerns, questions to the Dean;
- (3) communicate the Dean's instructions and tasks or concerns to the Department Assembly;
- (4) advocate for quality and integrity of the Department's programs in meetings with the Dean and the University administration;
- (5) reply to inquiries from the Dean's Office, Human Resources, and the University administration (routine inquiries including phone messages are handled by the administrative assistant);
- (6) convene and facilitate Departmental meetings;
- (7) make sure all Department business is conducted transparently, collegially, and democratically;
- (8) make sure all procedures for sabbatical and promotion and tenure applications are conducted according to the Collective Agreement;
- (9) facilitate passing the Annual Workload Plan including the list of Departmental/University Committees and membership;
- (10) oversee changes/amendments to the Departmental Rules of Procedure and the Normal Workload Standards proposed by the Departmental Assembly;
- (11) bring any major expenditures or major budget items to the Departmental Assembly for discussion and approval;
- (12) adjudicate student complaints and cases of academic misconduct by students;
- (13) help resolve disputes among Department members;
- (14) assist Human Resources and the Dean with resolving CUPE grievances and handling administrative problems with Part-Time instructors.

### 4. Committee Roles:

- (1) chairs Departmental hiring committees for administrative staff members; normally shall not serve as chair of any other major Departmental committee;
- (2) may serve on other Departmental/University committees.

## IX. Duties and Role of the Service Course Coordinator

### (a) Principles of Coordination

- i) Collegiality: all decisions concerning the course's delivery are made after consultation with, call for input from, and timely approval of all instructors and adhere to the recommendations and curriculum set by the Service Course Committee and Curriculum Committee.
- ii) Fairness: No section shall be favoured by the choice of assigned work or access to information pertaining to testing.
- iii) Transparency: The coordinator will ensure that all matters pertaining to the course will be presented in an open and transparent way to all instructors and that they are provided with a forum in which to discuss all the issues that arise.
- iv) Efficiency: It is expected that the course coordinator will optimize the flow of materials and ideas in such a way as to be a real benefit to both teachers and students.

(b) Responsibilities: The Course Coordinator is responsible for the effective and smooth running of the course. This includes

- i) Administering the online section of the course.
- ii) Chairing the meetings of instructors.
- iii) Communicating with the Manager, Academic Support and the Mathematics Development Programs Coordinator on matters related to the course.
- iv) Supporting students.

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- v) Establishing grading and marking schemes for both versions of the test, and distributing these to the TAs.
- vi) Submitting final exam scantrons to ITS for grading, receiving the results afterwards and importing into Gradebook.

### (c) Duties:

- i) Calling meetings of the instructors and setting the meeting agendas.
- ii) Creating a schedule of assignments.
- iii) Organizing students into appropriately sized drop-boxes, rotating the TAs through different drop-boxes for each assignment, posting final versions of each assignment on all course Sakai pages, as well as releasing assignment solutions when applicable.
- iv) Writing solutions for both versions of the test and posting to Sakai.

### (d) Duties (cannot be overridden):

- i) Ensuring that all course materials seen by students use correct English and standard mathematical language and terminology.
- ii) Entering student information, assisting with technical difficulties and ensuring content correctness.
- iii) Providing assignment extensions for all students if/when required, and downloading grades and importing into Gradebook.
- iv) Preparing drafts and final versions of review material to all sections in Sakai.
- v) Making sure deadlines are respected.
- vi) Resolving grading issues and ensuring that grades are entered correctly.
- vii) Handling all requests for test accommodation due to medical illness or extenuating circumstances. This involves collecting, reviewing and approving medical certificates, booking a room for the secondary test sitting, and emailing students to confirm room location.
- viii) Handling all interactions with SSWD/SAS, including inputting test/exam information onto the OASIS system, and receiving/redistributing to the TA's all test/exams written with SSWD.
- ix) Posting general announcements regarding test information (such as room assignments, relevant chapters, etc.), and any other information to be circulated to the entire class.
- x) Collating all the questions received from the instructors and generating the pdf file of assignments, term tests and final exam.
- xi) For term tests, if a secondary term test sitting was required (due to medical illness or other accommodations), the Course Coordinator is responsible for creating an alternate version of the term test.

### (e) Duties (cannot be overridden after consultation with and approval by the Service Course Committee):

- i) Creation of WeBWorK assignments.
- ii) Selecting the textbook for the next session/year (after consultation with the Chair of the Service Course Committee who will consult a member of either the Statistics or Mathematics Committee).
- iii) Reviewing all submitted questions for content, level of difficulty, appropriate language and notation, etc; selecting questions to put on the test, and/or creating questions to cover missing content or unsatisfactory questions; creating a second version of the test.

(f) Course Outline & Syllabus: Before the start of the course, the Course Coordinator will call a meeting with all instructors to unanimously agree on a schedule of assignments & tests, which must be approved by the Service Course Committee. It must contain:

- i) The textbook(s) (if any).
- ii) A detailed table of contents with a corresponding timetable and corresponding textbook(s) sections.
- iii) Instructions and guidelines (e.g. penalties for late work, formats for submitted work, format and expectations for labs and tutorials, disclaimer on plagiarism, etc.)



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(g) Content of Assigned Work: The Course Coordinator shall abide by the following guidelines:

- i) Each instructor will be required to prepare one or more assignments for the course, proportional to the number of sections being taught. At the first course meeting, instructors will choose the assignment(s) for which they will be responsible.
- ii) An assignment draft must be available for all instructors to review at least 3 days prior to the assignment being posted to Sakai. If an instructor fails to send comments, it will be assumed that the instructor approves of the draft. Once a final version has been established, the assignment must be posted by the Coordinator a minimum of 10 days prior to its due date.
- iii) No work shall be assigned to students without being approved by all instructors who have responded to the Course Coordinator's invitations for input and approval. Under no circumstances will an instructor be asked to agree to any kind of assessment that they have not been invited to review. This assumes a reasonable amount of assigned work material to be reviewed prior to selection and publication.
- iv) The Course Coordinator will invite questions from instructors for each test and the final exam.
- v) The final examination will contain a selection of questions from each instructor.
- vi) The Course Coordinator will set a deadline for submission of changes to the final exam after which no changes can be made. Instructors must then unanimously agree on the final version that is to be sent for printing.

### Appendix 1. Procedures & options for low-enrollment courses

The Dean establishes the minimal acceptable enrollment for various categories of courses in a given academic year. Such requirement shall be followed:

(1) When the Annual Workload Plan is prepared, Department members who request to teach a course that may get an enrollment (based on projections/estimates from previous years) below the minimum will be notified by the Departmental Chair. If necessary, these courses will be listed and circulated to the whole Department by the Departmental Chair before the final AWP is put to a vote.

(2) Once the enrollment period for courses is nearing a close, the Departmental Chair will notify any Department members whose upcoming courses have enrollment below the minimum.

(3) If a course does not have the minimum enrollment, then the Department member scheduled to teach that course will be notified and must choose one of the following options:

- (a) teach a TBA course for the coming term;
- (b) teach a TBA course for the next term or spring term;
- (c) negotiate with the Dean to teach an extra course in the following year.

The only way a department member could avoid the options (a), (b), (c) is by voluntarily going to a 5-3 load in advance by teaching an extra course and then postponing the reduced load as a cushion for a future year.

(4) If a student is in need of a course for fulfilling degree requirements, but the course is not run either as a regular course or a reading course, then the Departmental Chair (in the case of an undergrad student) or the GPD (in the case of a grad student) will authorize a substitution in the courses needed for the student to complete a degree.

(5) The Department will put in place a 2-year schedule of course offerings, both undergrad and grad, where courses will be divided into three categories: (I) runs every year; (II) runs in alternate years; (III) runs occasionally (at least once every 3-5 years) based on student demand or other considerations. This schedule will be revised as needed when the AWP is prepared and will be made available on the Department website to assist students with planning their course schedules and completing degree requirements.

### Appendix 2. Procedures regarding departmental documents

(1) All department documents must be circulated after final approval and should be available from the administrative assistant for any member of the department to access.

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(2) All department documents must show a date of last revision and a date of last approval.

### Appendix 3. Coordination of Multi-Section Courses

1. Service courses Math 1P97 and Math 1P98 will follow the coordinated administration of the Service Course Coordinator.

2. Any instructor (part-time, staff, faculty) who wishes to teach a section of service courses Math 1P97 and/or 1P98 agrees to follow the coordinated administration of the Service Course Coordinator. The instructor shall agree, by signature, that he/she has been informed of and will respect all matters that are explicitly listed in the Service Course Coordinator's duties (d, e).

### Appendix 4. Miscellaneous Procedures

1. Accommodation of Visitors:

The department is happy to accommodate visitors subject to availability of space and resources. Departmental office space, email access, access to department's computers, etc. will be provided only to visitors who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- (a) the visitor is actively working on research with a faculty member in the department;
- (b) the visitor will be teaching a course as approved by the department at the time of the invitation;
- (c) the visitor has some institutional connection with Brock through the visitor's home institution (e.g. scholar exchange program, VIS program).

2. Student Surveys in Courses:

(1) In any service course and any regular course taught by a part-time instructor, if complaints arise or other evidence of a problem emerges, then the department has a right to intervene by conducting a survey or suggesting changes to the grading pattern. This applies to any instructor: faculty member, staff member, or part-time.

(2) If necessary, CPI can be consulted regarding survey questions, and the Associate Dean Undergraduate Programs can be consulted regarding changes to grading pattern. Both the instructor and the department have to approve both the questions on a survey and/or changes to a grading pattern.

3. Policies on Misconduct and Medical Notes in Courses:

For all courses, the Course Outline and Syllabus must include a reference to the Brock Policies on Academic Misconduct and Medical Notes. Instructors cannot make changes to those policies without prior consent of the Department and the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies.

# Appendix D

## Draft Calendar Entry

# Intelligent Systems and Data Science

## Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Data Science

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## **Program Description**

The Department of Computer Science and Department of Mathematics and Statistics offers a program leading to the Doctor of Intelligent Systems and Data Science (PhD) degree. The program offers a strong research theme into the complementary roles of intelligent systems and data science, and their role in solving complex real-world applications. Graduate research topics may be conducted in a number of broad areas, including artificial intelligence, smart systems, and data science. Please see department web pages for a listing of faculty and their specific research interests.

## **Admission Requirements**

There are three ways in which students may be admitted: (i) An M.Sc. in Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics, or a closely related discipline with a minimum 80% overall average from an accredited institution. (ii) Students currently in the M.Sc. program may apply to transfer into the Ph.D. program after one year of study if they have completed the required number of courses in their program with an average of at least 80% and have shown significant research progress as determined by their supervisory committee and graduate program committee. (iii) In very exceptional cases, students may be admitted into the Ph.D. program with a four-year Honours Bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, with an overall average of at least an 85%. These students must demonstrate high research potential adjudicated by the graduate program committee.

The Graduate Admissions Committee will review all applications and recommend admission for a limited number of suitable candidates.

Part-time study is available.

## **Degree Requirements**

All candidates must fulfil course requirements, a comprehensive examination, and thesis requirements.

Course Requirements: Students admitted through option (i) or (ii) must complete a total of 6 half-credit courses; students using option (iii) must complete a total of 8 half-credit courses. Courses selection is done in consultation with the supervisor. Required courses for all students: ISDS 7P75 Ph.D. Seminar and ISDS 5N01 Scientific Writing (normally taken together in the same term). One half credit graduate course can be from a different department related to applications of modeling with mathematics or statistics, or applied computing, with the approval of the supervisor and course instructor. All other courses must be COSC/MATH half-credit courses at the 5(alpha)00 or above level.

Comprehensive Examination: After all course requirements have been completed, but within the first 24 months of the program, all students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination. Prior to the exam, the student must submit a written proposal of research in the form of an NSERC grant application (PGS D). The student will be guided by the supervisor and the supervisory committee while preparing this application. The examination committee consists of a Graduate Program Director or designate, the supervisory committee, and one additional faculty member. The additional faculty member and one member of the supervisory committee will each provide a topic different from the student's research area together with sufficient study material at least 3 months prior to the examination. The examination will start with a presentation by the student about his/her research, followed by questions from the examination committee about this research. The examination concludes with questions about the topics provided by the two members of the examination committee. The examination can be repeated once within four months.

Thesis and Thesis Defense: Before the thesis is submitted for defense parts of the thesis have to be published in, or at least have to be submitted to, an international journal or conference. The supervisory committee will decide whether a thesis is ready for defense. The examination committee is chaired by the Dean of Graduate Studies or designate, and consists of the supervisory committee, an internal examiner (from outside the graduate program but within Brock University), and an external examiner. The defense is open and will start with a presentation by the student about his/her research, followed by questions from the examination committee.

## Facilities

A campus-wide fiber optic network links all of the university's academic computing facilities. The departments' computers form an integral part of this resource. All faculty and graduate students are provided with an account on the departmental and/or university servers. Most computers on campus can be accessed from microcomputers in any of the laboratories.

Brock is also a full member of the SHARCnet consortium with access to all its high performance clusters of powerful workstations.

In addition to three servers, the departments maintain several PC based labs and UNIX workstations for teaching and research.

## Course Descriptions

Note that not all courses are offered in every session. Refer to the applicable timetable for details

Students must check to ensure that prerequisites are met. Students may be deregistered, at the request of the instructor, from any course for which prerequisites and/or restrictions have not been met.

### ISDS 5N01

#### Scientific Writing

The organizational and stylistic skills of writing and referencing a scientific document. Examples from the various literature forms such as primary journals, reviews, reports, and theses, as well as presentations and seminars. Database use and reference citation, and use of figures and graphs to illustrate data.

*Note*: Normally taken in conjunction with ISDS 7P75.

### ISDS 7P75

#### PhD Seminar

The preparation of a thesis proposal, including a written document and public presentation. Successful completion will indicate a student is adequately prepared to commence thesis research.

*Note*: Normally taken in conjunction with ISDS 5N01

### ISDS 7F90

#### PhD Research and Thesis

Original theoretical and/or experimental research and thesis. An external examiner will participate in the final thesis defence to evaluate the student's performance in this course.

### COSC 5P01

#### Coding Theory

The main concepts, problems and applications related to error-correcting codes. Different classes of codes and their properties. Emphasis on algorithms relating to codes, examination of algorithms for encoding and decoding, together with algorithms that may be used in computer searches for specific classes of codes.

### COSC 5P02

#### Logic in Computer Science

A thorough introduction to mathematical logic, covering the following topics: propositional and first-order logic; soundness, completeness, and compactness of first-order logic; first-order theories; undecidability and

Gödel's incompleteness theorem; and an introduction to other logics such as intuitionistic and modal logics. Furthermore, the course stresses the application of logic to various areas of computer science such as computability, programming languages, program specification and verification.

### **COSC 5P03**

#### **Universal Algebra for Computer Science**

The study of the concepts and constructs of Universal Algebra, such as products, subalgebras, homomorphic images and congruences, term algebras, free algebras, its connections with Logic and Model Theory, decidability issues, lattices and relation algebras, and applications in Computer Science such as Type Theory, Specification, Complexity Theory, Uncertainty [Management](#) and others.

### **COSC 5P04**

#### **Parallel Algorithms**

Introduction to parallel processing, various parallel computational models including both shared-memory and distributed-memory models, speed-up, cost, design and analysis of parallel algorithms and data structures for a variety of problems in searching, sorting, graph theory, computational geometry, strings, and numerical computation; brief introduction to parallel complexity.

### **COSC 5P05**

#### **Introduction to Lambda Calculus**

Introduction to typed and untyped lambda calculi and their semantics. Syntax of the lambda calculus, conversion, fixed points, reduction, Church-Rosser theorem, representation of recursive functions, lambda models. Category theory, cartesian closed categories and categorical models of lambda calculus.

### **COSC 5P06**

#### **Principles of Mobile Cloud Computing**

Fundamentals supporting Mobile Cloud Computing, including task offloading, connectivity of mobile networks, and remote storage. Study of the basics and recent research advancements on principles of mobile computing, distributed applications and services, Cloud computing and virtualization, management and use of resources offered by Cloud service providers, computation offloading and thin-client computing, and application scenarios and selected use cases.

### **COSC 5P71**

#### **Genetic Programming**

The synthesis of computer programs using evolutionary computation. The study of different representations, including tree, linear, grammatical. Theoretical analyses, including the effects of operators, representations, fitness landscapes. Practical applications in problem solving, decision making, classification, computer vision, design.

### **COSC 5P72**

#### **Robot Control Architectures**

Survey of approaches to control in single and multi-robot systems. Examination and study of different mobile robot control architectures, including deliberative, reactive and hybrid with focus on the issues of resolving the fundamental conflict between thinking and acting, i.e., high-level deliberation and real-time control. Other relevant topics including communication techniques in multirobot systems and safety characteristics of the studied control architectures.

### **COSC 5P73**

#### **Computer Vision and Visual Computer Learning**

Introduction to computer vision and pattern classification. The problems of WHAT and WHERE. The issue of knowledge representation and performance. Knowledge consolidation models. The concept of recursive (i.e. evolutionary) computer learning. Visual learning. Guided learning from infallible and fallible experts. Autonomous learning and experimentation. Analysis of HPC architectures conducive to visual computer learning.

### **COSC 5P74**

#### **Evolutionary Computation**

Study of basic concepts of evolutionary algorithms (EAs) from a theoretical and application viewpoint. This includes genetic algorithms, evolutionary strategies, genetic programming, problem representation, genetic operations, overall control, theory of EAs and various examples of important applications. Includes related bio-inspired sub-areas such as swarm intelligence, and evolutionary robotics.

### **COSC 5P75**

#### **Directed Reading**

A reading course designed for the individual student and subject to final approval by the department graduate committee. Usually offered by the student's thesis supervisor but may also be offered by other faculty members after consultation with the supervisor.

### **COSC 5P76**

#### **Non-invasive Data Analysis**

A study of data analysis using information from the given data based on the rough set data model. Includes an overview of the data modeling process, principles of probability, non-parametric significance testing, data filtering and discretization, model selection, rule validation, case studies.

### **COSC 5V90-5V99**

#### **Selected Topics in Computer Science**

Various advanced topics in computer science offered by faculty members.

### **MATH 5P09**

#### **Solitons and Nonlinear Wave Equations**

(also offered as [PHYS 5P09](#))

Introduction to solitons: Linear and nonlinear travelling waves. Nonlinear evolution equations (Korteweg de Vries, nonlinear Schrodinger, sine-Gordon). Soliton solutions and their interaction properties. Lax pairs, inverse scattering, zero-curvature equations and Backlund transformations, Hamiltonian structures, conservation laws. Note: taught in conjunction with MATH 4P09.

### **MATH 5P10**

#### **Groups, Rings, and Groups Rings**

Advanced group theory and ring theory, such as group actions, p-groups and Sylow subgroups, solvable and nilpotent groups, finiteness conditions in rings, semisimplicity, the Wedderburn-Artin theorem. Introduction to group rings, such as unit groups, augmentation ideals, several important types of units, and the isomorphism problem.

### **MATH 5P11**

#### **Advanced Algebraic Structures**

Topics may include: Algebraic coding theory; Combinatorial group theory; Advanced structures in ring theory. Note: Taught in conjunction with either 4P11 or 4P13

### **MATH 5P20**

#### **Computational Methods for Algebraic and Differential Systems**

(also offered as [PHYS 5P20](#))

Computer algebra applications of solving polynomial systems of algebraic and differential systems of equations are covered, including the necessary algebraic background. Polynomials and ideals, Groebner bases, affine varieties, solving by elimination, Groebner basis conversion, solving equations by resultants, differential algebra, differential Groebner bases.

### **MATH 5P21**

#### **High Performance Computing**



Parallel computing architectures, new programming models, pilot parallel framework, parallel programming with MPI, thread-based parallelism, and a final project regarding the application of parallel computing to a mathematical problem.

Note: Students entering this course are expected to have a good grasp of basic procedural programming in a language such as C or FORTRAN.

### **MATH 5P30**

#### **Dynamical Systems**

(also offered as [PHYS 5P68](#))

Introduction to dynamical systems and their applications in mathematical modeling. Linear flows, local theory of nonlinear flows, linearization theorems, stable manifold theorem. Global theory: limit sets and attractors, Poincaré-Bendixson theorem. Structural stability and bifurcations of vector fields. Low dimensional phenomena in discrete dynamics. Chaotic dynamics: routes to chaos, characterization of chaos and strange attractors.

### **MATH 5P31**

#### **Ergodicity, Entropy and Chaos**

Introduction to ergodic theory, invariant measures, Birkhoff ergodic theorem. The first return formula, Kac's lemma, recurrence theorems. Entropy, coding maps, Shannon-McMillian Breiman theorem. Chaos, predictability, Lyapunov exponent, speed of divergence, Pesin theorem. Ergodicity, entropy and chaos in shift dynamical systems and cellular automata.

### **MATH 5P35**

#### **Graph Theory**

Basic definitions, paths and cycles, connectivity, trees and forests, bipartite graphs, Eulerian graphs; Matchings in bipartite graphs and in general graphs; Planar graphs, Euler's formula and Kuratowski's theorem. Graph colourings, Brooks' and Vizing's theorem and colouring of planar graphs; Network flows, Min-Max Theorem.

### **MATH 5P36**

#### **Algorithmic Game Theory**

Basic definitions, games, strategies, costs and payoffs, equilibria, cooperative games; Complexity of finding Nash equilibria; Mechanism design; Combinatorial auctions; Profit maximization in mechanism design; Cost sharing; Online mechanisms; Inefficiency of equilibria; Selfish routing; Network formation games; Potential function method; The price of anarchy; Sponsored search auctions.

### **MATH 5P40**

#### **Functional Analysis**

The basic theory of Hilbert spaces, including the Projection Theorem, the Riesz Representation Theorem and the weak topology; weak derivatives, Sobolev spaces and the Sobolev Imbedding Theorem; the variational formulation of boundary value problems for ordinary and partial differential equations, the Lax-Milgram Lemma and its applications; the finite element method.

### **MATH 5P41**

#### **Nonlinear Functional Analysis**

Topological fixed point theory with applications to dynamical systems and optimization. Topics include the theorems of Brouwer, Borsuk, Schauder-Tychonoff, and Kakutani as well as the Knaster-Kuratowski-Mazurkiewicz principle. Applications of these landmark results to the solvability and qualitative analysis of dynamical systems as well as convex and non-convex optimization are discussed.

### **MATH 5P50**

#### **Algebraic Number Theory**

An introduction to algebraic aspects of number theory. Topics include the general theory of factorization of ideals in Dedekind domains and number fields, Kummer's theory on lifting of prime ideals in extension fields, factorization of prime ideals in Galois extensions, local fields, the proof of Hensel's lemma, arithmetic of global fields.

### **MATH 5P60**

#### **Partial Differential Equations**

(also offered as [PHYS 5P60](#))

Review of linear and nonlinear equations in two variables. Existence and uniqueness theory, fundamental solutions, initial/boundary-value formulas for the heat equation, wave equation, Laplace equation in multi-dimensions. Exact solution techniques for 1st and 2nd order linear and nonlinear equations. Analysis of solutions, variational formulations, conservation laws, Noether's theorem.

### **MATH 5P64**

#### **Differential Geometry and Mathematical Physics**

(also offered as [PHYS 5P64](#))

Topics may include: Lagrangian and Hamiltonian mechanics, field theory, differential geometric structures, Lie groups and Lie algebras, G-bundles, manifolds, introduction to algebraic topology. Applications to theoretical physics.

### **MATH 5P66**

#### **Matrix groups and linear representations**

(also offered as [PHYS 5P66](#))

Abelian groups, permutation groups, rotation groups. Representations of discrete and continuous groups by linear transformations (matrices). General properties and constructions of group representations. Representations of specific groups. Lie groups and Lie algebras. Applications in various areas of Mathematics, including invariant theory and group algebras, and Theoretical [Physics](#), including crystallography and symmetries in quantum systems.

### **MATH 5P69**

#### **Introduction to Scientific Computing**

(also offered as [PHYS 5P10](#))

Survey of computational methods and techniques commonly used in condensed matter physics research; use of common subroutine libraries; symbolic computing systems; case studies from various areas of computational science; an independent- study term project. Use of graphing and visualization software. Numerical differentiation and integration. Use of special functions. Monte Carlo and molecular dynamics simulation of structure, energetic and thermodynamic properties of metallic, semiconducting and ionic solids and nanoparticles.

### **MATH 5P70**

#### **Topology**

An introduction to point set topology concepts and principles. Metric spaces; topological spaces; continuity, compactness; connectedness; countability and separation axioms; metrizable; completeness; Baire spaces.

### **MATH 5P81**

#### **Sampling Theory**

Theory of finite population sampling; simple random sampling; sampling proportion; estimation of sample size; Stratified sampling; optimal allocation of sample sizes; ratio estimators; regression estimators; systematic and cluster sampling; multi-stage sampling; error in surveys; computational techniques and computer packages, and related topics. Case studies.

Note: taught in conjunction with MATH 4P81.

### **MATH 5P82**

#### **Nonparametric Statistics**

Order statistics; rank tests and statistics; methods based on the binomial distribution; contingency tables; Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistics; nonparametric analysis of variance; nonparametric regression; comparisons with parametric methods. Computational techniques and use of SAS, Maple or other statistical packages, Case Studies.

Note: taught in conjunction with MATH 4P82.

### **MATH 5P83**

#### **Linear Models**

Classical linear model, generalized inverse matrix, distribution and quadratic forms, regression model, nested classification and classification with interaction, covariance analysis, variance components, binary data, polynomial data, log linear model, linear logit models, generalized linear model, conditional likelihoods, quasi-likelihoods, estimating equations, computational techniques and related topics.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 3P86 (or equivalent) or permission of the instructor.

### **MATH 5P84**

#### **Time Series Analysis and Stochastic Processes**

Time series, trend, seasonality and error, theory of stationary processes, spectral theory, Box-Jenkins methods, theory of prediction, inference and forecasting. ARMA and ARIMA processes, vector time series models, state space models, Markov processes, renewal process, martingales, Brownian motion, diffusion processes, branching processes, queueing theory, stochastic models, computational techniques and related topics.

Note: Math 5P84 has been approved by the VEE (Validation by [Education](#) Experience) Administration Committee of the Society of Actuaries. To receive VEE credit, candidates will need a grade of 70 or better.

### **MATH 5P85**

#### **Mathematical Statistical Inference**

Revision of probability theory, convergence of random variables, statistical models, sufficiency and ancillarity, point estimation, likelihood theory, optimal estimation, Bayesian methods, computational methods, minimum variance estimation, interval estimation and hypothesis testing, linear and generalized linear models, goodness-of-fit for discrete and continuous data, robustness, large sample theory, Bayesian inference.

### **MATH 5P86**

#### **Multivariate Statistics**

Theory of multivariate statistics, matrix algebra and random vector, sample geometry and random sampling, multivariate normal distribution, inference about means, covariance matrix, generalized Hotelling's T-square distribution, sample covariance and sample generalized variance, Wishart distribution, general hypothesis testing, analysis of variance and linear regression model, principle components, factor analysis, covariance analysis, canonical correlation analysis, discrimination and classification, cluster analysis and related topics.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 3P86 (or equivalent) or permission of the instructor.

### **MATH 5P87**

#### **Probability and Measure Theory**

An introduction to a rigorous treatment of probability theory using measure theory. Topics include probability measures, random variables, expectations, laws of large numbers, distributions and discrete Markov chains.

Selected topics from weak convergence, characteristic functions and the Central Limit Theorem.

### **MATH 5P88**

#### **Advanced Statistics**

Topics may vary year to year. Advanced methods and theory in statistical inference, survival analysis, risk analysis, sampling techniques, bootstrapping, Jackknife, generalized linear models, mixed models, modern computational statistics, quality control, life data modeling, biostatistics, multivariate analysis, time series analysis and related topics.

### **MATH 5P92**

#### **Cryptography and Number Theory**

Topics may include RSA cryptosystems, ElGamal cryptosystem, algorithms for discrete logarithmic problem, elliptic curves, computing point multiples on elliptic curves, primality testing and factoring algorithms.

Note: taught in conjunction with MATH 4P92.

### **MATH 5P95**

#### **Statistics Seminar**

Independent study and presentation of major research papers in areas of specialization.  
Note: this course will be evaluated as Credit/No-Credit.

### **MATH 5P96**

#### **Technology and Mathematics Education**

Topics may include contemporary research concerning digital technologies, such as computer algebra systems and Web 2.0, in learning and teaching mathematics; design of educational tools using VB.NET, HTML, Geometer's Sketchpad, Maple, Flash, etc.; critical appraisal of interactive learning objects in mathematics education.

Note: taught in conjunction with MATH 4P96.

### **MATH 5P99**

#### **Major Research Paper**

Students will complete a survey paper on a topic chosen in consultation with a supervisor from one of the research areas of specialization.

### **MATH 5V75-5V79**

#### **Selected Topics in Mathematics and Statistics**

An investigation of a specific area or group of related topics in mathematics or statistics.

# Appendix E

## Faculty CVs

## Personal Information

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## Research Interests

Large-Scale Distributed Systems  
Cloud Computing and Networking  
Performance Modeling and Simulation  
Computer Networks  
Vehicular Networks and Intelligent Transportation  
Distributed Collaborative Virtual Simulation Systems  
High Performance Computing

## Formal Education

- 2007 - 2012 **PhD in Computer Science**, *University of Ottawa*, Ottawa, Canada,  
Title: *Dynamic Load Balancing Schemes for Large-Scale HLA-based Simulations*  
Supervisor: *Prof. Azzedine Boukerche*.  
Areas: *Distributed Systems and Networks; High Performance Computing*
- 2005 - 2006 **MSc in Computer Science**, *Federal University of São Carlos*, São Carlos, Brazil,  
Title: *A System Integrating Privacy Protection Techniques for Allowing Service Personalization*  
*“Sistema de Integração de Técnicas de Proteção de Privacidade que Permitem Personalização”*  
Supervisor: *Prof. Sérgio Donizette Zorzo*.  
Areas: *Software Design; Distributed Systems and Networks; Privacy and Security*
- 2001 - 2004 **BSc in Computer Science**, *Federal University of São Carlos*, São Carlos, Brazil.

## Professional Experience

- 2017 **Assistant Professor**, *Department of Computer Science*, St. Catharines, ON, Canada.
- 2016 - 2017 **Network Manager**, *NSERC CREATE TRANSIT Strategic Network*, Ottawa, Canada.  
Manager of the NSERC TRANSIT (Training and Research in Advanced Network Systems for Intelligent Transportation).
- 2013 - 2016 **Network Manager**, *NSERC DIVA Strategic Research Network*, Ottawa, Canada.  
Manager of the NSERC DIVA (Developing Next Generation Intelligent Vehicular Networks And Applications) Strategic Research Network.
- 2012 - 2013 **Postdoctoral Fellow and Research Associate**, *University of Ottawa*, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2007 - 2012 **Research Assistant**, *University of Ottawa*, Ottawa, Canada.

2005 - 2006 **Research Assistant**, *Federal University of Sao Carlos*, Sao Carlos, Brazil.

### **Industry**

2007 - 2007 **Software Developer**, *Federal University of Sao Carlos*, Sao Carlos, Brazil.

2004 - 2005 **Software Developer**, *Aptor Software*, Sao Carlos, Brazil.

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### **Honors and Awards**

2012 **Best Paper Award**, *16th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Distributed Simulation and Real Time Applications*.

2010 **Excellence Research Award**, *PARADISE Research Laboratory, Canada*.

Ph.D. Award granted to a Laboratory member with outstanding performance in the period of 2009-2010.

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### **Mentoring and Training**

#### **Ph.D. Students**

2013 - 2015 **Hengheng Xie**, *(completed)*.

Thesis: Towards a Distributed TCP Improvement through Individual Contention Control in Wireless Networks

Thesis Defence: July 2015

2013 - 2015 **Maram S. B. Younes**, *(completed)*.

Thesis: Efficient Fault Tolerant Distributed Path Recommendation Protocol for Vehicular Networks

Thesis Defence: January 2015

#### **MSc Students**

2014 - 2017 **Dan Liu**, *(completed)*.

Thesis: Enabling Interoperability for Large-Scale Distributed Systems through OCCI

Thesis Defence: November 2017

2014 - 2016 **Tao Zhang**, *(completed)*.

Thesis: Vehicular Cloud: Stochastic Analysis of Computing Resources in a Road Segment

Thesis Defence: June 2016

2014 - 2016 **Ali AlBuhussain**, *(completed)*.

Thesis: Design and Analysis of an Adjustable and Configurable Bio-inspired Heuristic Scheduling Technique for Cloud Based Systems

Thesis Defence: June 2016

2013 - 2015 **Torki Alghamdi**, *(completed)*.

Thesis: Enhancing Load Balancing Efficiency based on Migration Delay for Distributed Virtual Simulations

Thesis Defence: June 2015

2012 - 2014 **Shichao Guan**, *(completed)*.

Thesis: A Multi-layered Scheme for Distributed Simulations on Cloud Environments

Thesis Defence: December 2014

2012 - 2014 **Raed Alkharboush**, *(completed)*.

Thesis: Improved Prediction-based Dynamic Load Balancing Systems for HLA-Based Distributed Simulations

Thesis Defence: October 2014

#### **Undergraduate Students**

2016 - 2016 **Yuhan Lee**, *(completed)*.

Project: Intelligent Transportation System Models for Traffic Solutions in Urban Areas

- 2016 - 2016 **Haroun Benmeddour**, (*completed*).  
Project: Modelling 3D Road Scenarios for Intelligent Transportation Systems
- 2013 - 2013 **Aissa Hadj Mohamed**, (*completed*).  
Project: Ottawa Urban 3D Model for Realistic ITS Simulations

## Publications

### Books

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## ■ Tutorials

- 2014 **Modeling and Simulation of Vehicular Area Networks,**  
*17th ACM International Conference on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Wireless and Mobile Systems (MSWiM).*  
Montreal, Canada

## ■ Invited Talks

- 2015 **Scheduling Tasks and Balancing Load in Cloud Environments.**  
University Paris Descartes, France
- 2015 **Characterizing Urban Traffic for Vehicular Cloud Applications.**  
University of Franche-Comte, France
- 2014 **Supporting Real-time Visualization of Large-scale VANet Simulations.**  
Federal University of Ceara, Brazil
- 2014 **Dynamic Load Re-arrangement for Cloud Applications.**  
University of Paris 13, France
- 2014 **A 3D Visualization Tool for VANet Distributed Simulations.**  
UNICAMP, Brazil
- 2012 **Enabling Distributed Simulations on the Cloud.**  
Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil
- 2013 **Access and Security Concerns in Large-Scale Distributed Systems over Grids.**  
Federal University of Sao Carlos, Brazil

- 2011 **Load Balancing Schemes for Large-Scale Distributed Systems.**  
Federal University of Sao Carlos, Brazil

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## Other Contributions

- 2018 **Special Session Co-Chair**, *22nd IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Distributed Simulation and Real Time Applications (DS-RT)*, Rome, Italy.
- 2017 **Technical Program Co-Chair**, *15th ACM International Symposium on Mobility Management and Wireless Access (MobiWac)*, Miami Beach, USA.
- 2017 **Poster Co-Chair**, *20th ACM International Conference on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Wireless and Mobile Systems (MSWiM)*, Miami Beach, USA.
- 2017 **Special Session Co-Chair**, *21st IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Distributed Simulation and Real Time Applications (DS-RT)*, Rome, Italy.
- 2016 **Poster Chair**, *19th ACM International Conference on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Wireless and Mobile Systems (MSWiM)*, Malta.
- 2016 **Technical Program Co-Chair**, *14th ACM International Symposium on Mobility Management and Wireless Access (MobiWac)*, Malta.
- 2016 **Special Session Co-Chair**, *20th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Distributed Simulation and Real Time Applications (DS-RT)*, London, UK.
- 2016 **Network Manager - Chair of the Organizing Committee**, *5th Annual NSERC DIVA Workshop*, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2015 **Poster Chair**, *18th ACM International Conference on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Wireless and Mobile Systems (MSWiM)*, Cancun, Mexico.
- 2015 **Special Session Co-Chair**, *19th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Distributed Simulation and Real Time Applications (DS-RT)*, Xinhua, China.
- 2014 **Network Manager - Chair of the Organizing Committee**, *4th Annual NSERC DIVA Workshop*, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2014 **Network Manager - Chair of the Organizing Committee**, *2nd Canada-Brazil Intelligent Transportation Systems Workshop*, Fortaleza, Brazil.
- 2014 **Local Organizing Committee**, *17th ACM International Conference on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Wireless and Mobile Systems (MSWiM)*, Montreal, Canada.
- 2014 **Technical Program Chair**, *4th ACM International Symposium on Design and Analysis of Intelligent Vehicular Networks and Applications (DIVANet)*, Montreal, Canada.
- 2014 **Network Manager - Chair of the Organizing Committee**, *1st Canada-Brazil Intelligent Transportation Systems Workshop*, Florianopolis, Brazil.
- 2013 **Special Session Co-Chair**, *17th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Distributed Simulation and Real Time Applications (DS-RT)*, Delft, The Netherlands.
- 2013 **Posters Co-Chair**, *16th ACM International Conference on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Wireless and Mobile Systems (MSWiM)*, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2013 **Network Manager - Chair of the Organizing Committee**, *3rd Annual NSERC DIVA Workshop*, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2012 **Organizing Committee**, *2nd Annual NSERC DIVA Workshop*, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2011 **Organizing Committee**, *14th ACM International Conference on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Wireless and Mobile Systems (MSWiM)*, Miami Beach, USA.

2011 **Organizing Committee**, *1st Annual NSERC DIVA Workshop*, Ottawa, Canada.

### **Technical Program Committee Member**

- 2015 - 2018 IEEE Symposium on Computers and Communications (ISCC)
- 2015 ACM International Symposium on Performance Evaluation of Wireless Ad Hoc, Sensor, and Ubiquitous Networks (PE-WASUN)
- 2014 - 2018 ACM Annual Simulation Symposium (ANSS)
- 2014 - 2018 ACM International Symposium on Mobility Management and Wireless Access (MobiWac)
- 2014 - 2017 ACM International Symposium on QoS and Security for Wireless and Mobile Networks (Q2SWinet)
- 2013 - 2018 ACM International Conference on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Wireless and Mobile Systems (MSWiM)
- 2013 - 2016 ACM International Symposium on Design and Analysis of Intelligent Vehicular Networks and Applications (DIVANet)
- 2011 ACM SIGSIM Conference on Principles and Advanced Discrete Simulations (PADS)
- 2011 - 2018 IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Distributed Simulation and Real Time Applications (DS-RT)

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### **Reviewing Activities**

- 2016 - **IEEE Communications Letters**.
- 2015 - **ACM Transactions on Modeling and Computer Simulation (TOMACS)**.
- 2015 - **IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications (TWC)**.
- 2015 - **Springer Wireless Networks (WINE)**.
- 2015 - **Elsevier Future Generation Computer Systems (FGCS)**.
- 2014 - **ACM Computing Surveys (CSUR)**.
- 2013 - **Elsevier Simulation Modelling Practice and Theory (SIMPAT)**.
- 2013 - **IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS)**.
- 2012 - **Wiley Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience**.
- 2012 - **Journal of Simulation (JOS)**.
- 2011 - **IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement (TIM)**.
- 2010 - **Elsevier Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (JPDC)**.

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### **Editorial Service**

- 2014 - 2015 **Elsevier Simulation Modelling Practice and Theory: Simulation in/of the Cloud**.  
Co-Guest Editor with Prof. Gabriele D'Angelo (University of Bologna)

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### **Languages**

- English Fluent
- Portuguese Native Speaker
- French Intermediate-Advanced
- Spanish Intermediate

## Skills and Expertise

Programming Languages C++, C, C/C++ STL, C#, Java (including JSP and Servlets), Pascal, PHP, Lisp, Prolog, XUL, XML, MPI, LaTeX, UML, Python, JavaScript, Pearl, Shell Scripting

Databases MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle SQL

Simulation HLA, Discrete Event Simulation, Simulation Modeling and Analysis

Operating Systems Linux, Linux server administration, Windows

Software Development Eclipse, Unity3D, Vim, Git

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My research area is automated performance and security evaluation of large-scale cloud and distributed systems, currently focusing primarily on static and dynamic software analysis techniques towards improving software performance, software reliability, software maintenance, and software debugging.

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

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- **Assistant Professor** 2020-Present  
*Computer Science Department, Brock University*
- **Part-time Lecturer** 2018-Present  
*Polytechnique Montreal*
- **Research Associate** 2016-Present  
*DORSAL Lab, Polytechnique Montreal*
- **Postdoctoral Fellow** 2014-2016  
*Polytechnique Montreal and Ericsson Canada*
- **Ph.D. in Computer Engineering** 2010-2014  
*Department of Computer and Software Engineering, University of Montreal, Canada*  
Thesis: “[Multi-level Trace Abstraction, Linking and Display](#)”  
Supervisor: Prof. Michel Dagenais
- **M.Sc. in Computer Engineering, Software** 2000-2002  
*Department of Software Engineering, University of Isfahan, Isfahan, Iran*  
Thesis: “High-Performance Firewall Through an In-kernel Architecture”
- **B.Sc. in Computer Engineering, Software** 1996-2000  
*Department of Computer Engineering, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran*  
Thesis: “Secure File Transfer and Telnet Client Using SSH Protocol”



## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- **Anomaly Detection and diagnosis with Machine Learning** ,

*2017-2018*

This ongoing project studies the problem of automated analysis, proposing new algorithms and data processing to reduce the manual intervention required to detect, diagnose and correct problems in the monitored systems.

- **Architecture for real-time and scalable system-level and cloud-level monitoring and analysis** ,

*2017-2018*

This ongoing project proposes a new architecture and algorithms to provide a hierarchical streaming framework for the control, monitoring, aggregation and analysis of tracing and debugging data.

- **Tracing and debugging support for advanced programming environments** ,

*2016-2017*

The focus of this research project was on providing specialised algorithms, analysis and views to support complex software environments, with a large number of parallel co-processor cores, a large cloud of physical nodes, and distributed applications with mobile code.

- **Performance analysis of MPI parallel applications** ,

*2016-2017*

The research proposes tools and techniques to collect performance data for an MPI Parallel Application, capture its behavioral model and construct a framework to analyze and visualize its full stack (user-space, kernel, driver and network) execution.

- **Study on cloud virtualization overheads** ,

*2015-2016*

The research proposes methods and views for analyzing the overheads introduced by virtualization and virtual machines co-location.

- **Distributed requests clustering for latency analysis** ,

*2015-2016*

The research presents an automatic analysis method that clusters requests, based on their response times, extracts and organizes their features in a tree-based data structure, and mines the association rules among the different groups of requests. This aims to analyse comparatively the groups of slow web and database requests to find the possible root-causes of their latency problems.

- **Modeling and analyzing real-time data streams**

2014-2015

*The research is on presenting an architecture with corresponding data structures and algorithms to process stream events, generate an adequate summary -detailed enough for recent data and succinct enough for old data- and organize them to enable an efficient multi-dimensional analysis, similar to database OLAP analyses.*

- **Multilevel data abstraction and visualization** 2010-2014  
*In this research, I proposed techniques to reduce execution trace size and complexity and generate several levels of abstract events, organize them in a hierarchy and visualize them at multiple levels. The main goal was to enable users to perform a top-down multi-scale analysis, to gain a better comprehension of the underlying system execution and to ease a comprehensive root-cause analysis.*
- **Big Data in banking: data warehousing and data mining project, Iran's Mellat bank Research and Planning Center** 2006-2010  
*The goal was the study concerning the adoption of Data Warehouse, Data Mining, and Data Analytic capabilities to enable bank organization to investigate and get deeper insight into customers data and perform improved decision makings.*

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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### REFEREED JOURNAL PAPERS:

1. Didier Nadeau, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. Efficient large scale heterogeneous debugging using dynamic tracing. *Elsevier Journal of Systems Architecture*, 2019. URL <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sysarc.2019.02.016>
2. Hossein Abbasi, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, Martine Bellaiche, Chamseddine Talhi, and Michel R. Dagenais. Machine learning-based edos attack detection technique using execution trace analysis. *published in Springer Journal of Hardware and Systems Security*, 2019. doi: 10.1007/s41635-018-0061-2. URL <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41635-018-0061-2>
3. Fabien Reumont-Locke, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. Efficient methods for trace analysis parallelization. *Springer International Journal of Parallel Programming*, 2019. doi: 10.1007/s10766-019-00631-4. URL <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10766-019-00631-4>
4. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, Housseem Daoud, and Michel R. Dagenais. Multi-level diagnosis of performance problems in distributed systems. *in-progress*, 2018a
5. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan** and Michel R. Dagenais. Multi-scale navigation of large trace data: A survey. *Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience*, 29(10):e4068–n/a, 2017. ISSN 1532-0634. doi: 10.1002/cpe.4068. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/cpe.4068>. e4068 cpe.4068
6. Adrien Verge, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. Hardware-assisted software event tracing. *Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience*, 29(10):e4069–n/a, 2017. ISSN 1532-0634. doi: 10.1002/cpe.4069. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/cpe.4069>. e4069 cpe.4069
7. Florian Wininger, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. A declarative framework for stateful analysis of execution traces. *Software Quality Journal*, 25(1):201–229, March 2017. ISSN 0963-9314. doi: 10.1007/s11219-016-9311-0. URL <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11219-016-9311-0>
8. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan** and Michel R. Dagenais. Cube data model for multilevel statistics computation of live execution traces. *Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience*,

27(5):1069–1091, 2015. ISSN 1532-0634. doi: 10.1002/cpe.3272. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/cpe.3272>

9. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan** and Michel R. Dagenais. A framework to compute statistics of system parameters from very large trace files. *ACM SIGOPS Operating Systems Review*, 47(1):43–54, January 2013. ISSN 0163-5980. doi: 10.1145/2433140.2433151. URL <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/2433140.2433151>
10. Alireza Shameli-Sendi, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, Masoume Jabbarifar, and Michel R. Dagenais. Intrusion response systems: Survey and taxonomy. *International Journal of Computer Science and Network*, 12(1):1, 2012. URL [http://paper.ijcsns.org/07\\_book/201201/20120101.pdf](http://paper.ijcsns.org/07_book/201201/20120101.pdf)
11. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan** and Michel R. Dagenais. A stateful approach to generate synthetic events from kernel traces. *Adv. Soft. Eng.*, 2012:6:6–6:6, January 2012. ISSN 1687-8655. doi: 10.1155/2012/140368. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2012/140368>
12. Masoume Jabbarifar, Alireza Shameli Sendi, Alireza Sadighian, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. A reliable and efficient time synchronization protocol for heterogeneous wireless sensor network. *Wireless Sensor Network*, 2010:910–918, December 2010. ISSN 1687-8655. doi: 10.4236/wsn.2010.212109. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.4236/wsn.2010.212109>

#### SUBMITTED JOURNAL PAPERS:

1. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, Wahab Hamou-Lhadj, and Michel R. Dagenais. Multilevel visualization of large execution traces. *in Progress*, 2019
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4. Simon Delise, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. Integrated modeling tool for indexing and analyzing state machine trace. *accepted with revisions in Science Publications*, 2019
5. Julien Desfossez, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. Real-time linux kernel response time measurement. *in Progress*, 2019
6. Jean-Christian KOUAME, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. A data driven approach for pattern matching, filtering and analysis of execution traces. *in Progress*, 2019

#### REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS:

1. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, Genevieve Bastien, and Michel R. Dagenais. High latency cause detection using multilevel dynamic analysis. In *2018 Annual IEEE International Systems Conference (SysCon 2018)*, Jan 2018b. doi: 10.1109/SYSCON.2018.8369613. URL <https://doi.org/10.1109/SYSCON.2018.8369613>

2. Yves Junior battono, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. Efficient cloud tracing: From very high to very low level. In *2018 IEEE Cloud Summit 2018 (ICCE 2018)*, pages 1–6, Jan 2018. doi: 10.1109/ICCE.2018.8326353. URL <https://doi.org/10.1109/ICCE.2018.8326353>
3. Housseem Daoud, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. Dynamic trace-based sampling algorithm for memory usage tracking of enterprise applications. In *2017 IEEE High Performance Extreme Computing Conference (HPEC 2017)*, pages 1–7, Sept 2017. doi: 10.1109/HPEC.2017.8091061. URL <https://doi.org/10.1109/HPEC.2017.8091061>
4. Cedric. Biancheri, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. Multilayer virtualized systems analysis with kernel tracing. In *2016 IEEE 4th International Conference on Future Internet of Things and Cloud Workshops (FiCloudW 2016)*, pages 1–6, Aug 2016. doi: 10.1109/W-FiCloud.2016.18. URL <https://doi.org/10.1109/W-FiCloud.2016.18>
5. Loic Prieur-Drevon, Raphael Beamonte, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. Enhanced state history tree (esht): A stateful data structure for analysis of highly parallel system traces. In *2016 IEEE International Congress on Big Data (BigData Congress 2016)*, pages 83–90, June 2016. doi: 10.1109/BigDataCongress.2016.19. URL <https://doi.org/10.1109/BigDataCongress.2016.19>
6. K. Kouame, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, and Michel R. Dagenais. A flexible data-driven approach for execution trace filtering. In *2015 IEEE International Congress on Big Data*, pages 698–703, June 2015. doi: 10.1109/BigDataCongress.2015.112. URL <https://doi.org/10.1109/BigDataCongress.2015.112>
7. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan** and Michel R. Dagenais. Multiscale navigation in large trace data. In *27th Annual IEEE Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2014*, pages 1–6, 2014. doi: 10.1109/CCECE.2014.6901019. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/CCECE.2014.6901019>
8. Alexandre Montplaisir, **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, Florian Winger, and Michel Dagenais. Efficient model to query and visualize the system states extracted from trace data. In Axel Legay and Saddek Bensalem, editors, *Runtime Verification*, volume 8174 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 219–234. Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2013. ISBN 978-3-642-40786-4. URL [http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-40787-1\\_13](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-40787-1_13)
9. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, Alireza. Shameli-Sendi, and Michel R. Dagenais. Multilevel label placement for execution trace events. In *26th Annual IEEE Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2013*, pages 1–6, 2013. doi: 10.1109/CCECE.2013.6567826. URL <https://doi.org/10.1109/CCECE.2013.6567826>
10. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan** and Michel R. Dagenais. An efficient analysis approach for multi-core system tracing data. In *Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Software Engineering and Applications (SEA 2012)*, 2012. doi: 10.2316/P.2012.790-053. URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.2316/P.2012.790-053>
11. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**, Alireza Shameli-Sendi, Naser Nematbakhsh, and Michel R. Dagenais. High performance internet connection filtering through an in-kernel architecture. In *2011 The Sixth International Conference on Internet Monitoring and Protection (ICIMP 2011)*, pages 32–37, March 2011. URL [https://www.thinkmind.org/download.php?articleid=icimp\\_2011\\_2\\_30\\_30064](https://www.thinkmind.org/download.php?articleid=icimp_2011_2_30_30064)

12. **Naser Ezzati-jivan**, Houshang Tavakoli, and Parisa Pasyar. Haram: moving toward formation of a national digital library in iran. In *2011 Proceedings of the International Conference on Digital Library Management ICDLM: Extending Benefits of Modern Technology to Public, Academic and Special Libraries, Kolkata, India*, pages 223–231, 2011
13. **Naser Ezzati-jivan**, Mahlagha Fazeli, and Khadije Sadat Yousefi. *New Approach for Automated Categorizing and Finding Similarities in Online Persian News*, pages 120–128. Springer Berlin Heidelberg, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2010. ISBN 978-3-642-16032-5. doi: 10.1007/978-3-642-16032-5\_11. URL [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-16032-5\\_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-16032-5_11)

## PHD DISSERTATION:

1. **Naser Ezzati-Jivan**. *Multi-Level Trace Abstraction, Linking and Display*. PhD thesis, École Polytechnique de Montréal, 2014. URL <http://publications.polymtl.ca/1402/>

## FUNDINGS

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- Research associate in NSERC CRD Research Project Proposal  
Title: "Automated monitoring and debugging of large-scale many-core heterogeneous systems",  
Funded by: NSERC, Ericsson Canada, Ciena, Google Montreal, EfficiOS and Prompt  
Amount: over 1M C\$  
Year: 2017.
- Research associate in NSERC CRD Research Project Proposal  
Title: "Software debugging and monitoring for heterogeneous many-core telecom systems",  
Funded by: NSERC, Ericsson Canada, EfficiOS and Prompt  
Amount: over 1M C\$  
Year: 2014.

## MOST RECENT TEACHING

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- **Lecturer** 2020-Present  
*Brock University*  
Computer Systems (2p13)
- **Lecturer** 2018-Present  
*Polytechnique Montreal University*  
Doctoral Research Strategies in Engineering

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- **Deputy Director of Research, Planning and Education** 2009-2010  
*National Library of Iran*
- **Directing Manager of the Digital Library and Resources Department** 2005-2009  
*National Library of Iran*

- **Head of Software Engineering Group** 2004-2005  
*National Library of Iran*
- **Project Manager for Data Warehouse and Data Mining Project** 2003-2004  
*Mellat Bank of Iran*
- **Software Developer and Analyzer** 2002-2004  
*Digital Clone Company*

## **LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

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- Conference organizer for semi-annual DORSAL Progress Report Meetings, Polytechnique Montreal, 2014-2017
- Deputy Director and Directing Manager in National Library of Iran, 2005-2010
- Software Project Manager in National Digital Library Project, 2008-2010
- Software Project Manager in Bank Mellat Data Mining and Warehouse Project, 2004-2005
- Isfahan university team leader for the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (abbreviated as ACM-ICPC), 2001
- Founder and president of “Information Technology Magazine”, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, 1998-2000.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- Department Special Mention Award for Ph.D. Thesis, 2015.
- Ranked among the top 25 students out of 100,000 participants in National Level (Conquer) Examinations for M.Sc. program, 2000.
- Ranked among the top 45 students out of 400,000 participants in National Level (Conquer) Examinations for B.Sc. program, 1996.

## **LANGUAGES**

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- English: Fluent
- Farsi: Native
- Azeri: Native
- French: Beginner

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## REFERENCES

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## Education

- 2009** Master of Science, Computer Science, Brock University.  
Topic: Particle Swarm Optimization for Two-Connected Networks with Bounded Rings  
Supervisor: Dr. Beatrice Ombuki-Berman
- 2006** Bachelor of Science (Hons.), Computer Science, Brock University.  
First-class Standing

## Employment

- 2010 - 2018** Lecturer, Computer Science Department, Brock University.  
Courses: *Introduction to Computer Science, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Computer Organization & Assembly Language, Logic Programming, Introduction to Computer Networking, Data Structures and Abstraction, Advanced Data Structures & Algorithms, Artificial Neural Networks, Introduction to Operating Systems, Fluency with Technology, Robotics, Programming Languages and Object Orientation, Computer Networks, Programming in C++ with Applications, Introduction to Media Computation, Procedural Programming, Mobile Computing.*
- 2010** Sessional Instructor, Computer Science Department, Brock University.  
Courses: *Logic Programming, Advanced Data Structures & Algorithms.*
- 2009** Teaching Assistant, Computer Science Department, Brock University.  
Courses: *Personal Computers and Networks, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Fluency with Technology.*  
Tasks: Labs, marking, guest speaker, instructing lecture, proctoring.
- 2006 - 2009** Graduate Teaching Assistant, Computer Science Department, Brock University.  
Courses: *Introduction to Computer Science, Data Structures and Abstraction, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Introduction to Media Computation, Personal Computers and Networks, General Consulting.*  
Tasks: Tutorials, labs, marking, guest instruction, contributing to tests, proctoring.
- 2006** Marker, Computer Science Department, Brock University.  
Course: *Computer Organization & Assembly Language.*
- 2004** Private tutor.  
Course: *Theory of Computation.*

## Academic Honours and Grants

- 2006 - 2008** Brock Graduate Fellowship.  
**2006 - 2008** Brock Research Fellowship.  
**2004 - 2005** Brock University, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Deans List.



1999 3M Scholarship  
1999 Brock University Entrance Scholarship

## Awards and Distinctions

2015 - 2016 2015 Distinguished Teaching Award — Faculty of Mathematics and Science.

## Skills and Experience

- ▷ Compiled languages
  - C, Java: Efficient designs for research, advanced AI search techniques, mobile platform development, object orientation, OpenGL
- ▷ Scripting languages
  - PHP, Python: Both client and server-side scripting, image generation and manipulation, basic media functionality and pygame
- ▷ Declarative languages
  - Prolog: Predicate logic, definite clause grammars, constraint logic programming
  - Lisp: Functional programming, lambda expressions
- ▷ Light database work
  - MySQL, SQLite: Experience with web forum software, local data storage and PHP bindings
- ▷ Office and typesetting
  - MS Office, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X: Peer-reviewed research and thesis
- ▷ AI and Evolutionary Computation
  - Bioinspired metaheuristics, discrete optimization, game trees
- ▷ Hardware repair and maintenance
  - Assembly/disassembly
  - Partitions, booting multiple operating systems
  - Diagnostic and recovery utilities
- ▷ Personal Skills
  - Ability to learn new skills and languages quickly
  - Project planning skills, including designs for extensibility
  - Excellent writing and editing skills

## Publications and Workshops

- ▷ **Earl B. Foxwell**, Beatrice Ombuki-Berman, “Particle swarm optimisation for the design of two-connected networks with bounded rings”, *International Journal of High Performance Systems Architecture*, vol. 1, no. 4, 2008, pp 220–230.
- ▷ **E.B. Foxwell**, B. Ombuki-Berman *Particle Swarm Optimization for the Design of Two-Connected Networks with Bounded Rings*, First International Workshop on Parallel Architectures and Bioinspired Algorithms, Toronto, Canada, October 25-29, 2008.

## Academic Interests

- ▷ Evolutionary Computation
- ▷ Combinatorial Optimization

## References

*Available upon request.*

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#### **FORMAL EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Concordia University, Computer Science, 1999

Master of Computer Science, Concordia University, Computer Science, 1993

Bachelor of Science, Concordia University, Mathematics and Science College, 1991

#### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD**

2011-present: Professor, Computer Science  
Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario

2003-2011: Associate Professor, Computer Science  
Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario

1999-2003: Assistant Professor, Computer Science  
Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario

1998-1999: Lecturer, Computer Science (limited-term)  
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec

1995-1997: Part-time Instructor, Computer Science, Concordia University  
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec

## CREATIVE AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Refereed Journals:

P.E. Becker, M. Derka, S. Houghten and J. Ulrich, Build a Sporadic Group in Your Basement, *American Mathematical Monthly* 124, p. 291-305, 2017. **Awarded 2018 Halmos-Ford Award by the MAA (Mathematical Association of America).**

J.A. Hughes, S. Houghten and D. Ashlock, Restarting and recentering genetic algorithm variations for DNA fragment assembly: The necessity of a multi-strategy approach, *BioSystems* 150, p.35-45, 2016.

L. Plant and S. Houghten, Properties of Optimal and Near Optimal Edit Metric Error Correcting Codes, *Congressus Numerantium* 224, p.147-157, 2015.

J.A. Hughes, S. Houghten and D. Ashlock, Recentering and Restarting a Genetic Algorithm using a Generative Representation for an Ordered Gene Problem, *International Journal of Hybrid Intelligent Systems*, Vol.11, No.4, p.257-271, 2014.

G. Mallen-Fullerton, J.A. Hughes, S. Houghten and G. Fernandez-Anaya, Benchmark Data Sets for the DNA Fragment Assembly Problem, *International Journal of Bio-Inspired Computation*, Vol.5, No.6, p.384-394, 2013.

M. Derka, S. Houghten and P. Becker, A methodology for constructing the basis of a putative (72,36,16) extremal code for a given automorphism group, *Congressus Numerantium* 212, p.173-193, 2012.

D. Ashlock, S. Houghten, J.A. Brown and J. Orth, "On the Synthesis of DNA Error Correcting Codes", *BioSystems* 110, p.1-8, 2012.

P. Comte, S. Vassiliev, S. Houghten and D. Bruce, "Genetic Algorithm with Alternating Selection Pressure for Protein Sidechain Packing and pK(a) Prediction", *BioSystems* 105, p.263-270, 2011.

J. Sun, S. Houghten and J. Ross, "Bounds on Edit Metric Codes with Combinatorial DNA Constraints", *Congressus Numerantium* 204, p.65-92, 2010

#### Book Chapters:

J.A. Hughes, S. Houghten and D. Ashlock, Permutation Problems, Genetic Algorithms, and Dynamic Representations, book chapter for "Nature Inspired Computing and Optimization: Theory and Applications", Springer book series on Modelling and Optimization in Science and Technology, p.123-149, 2017.

#### Refereed Conference Proceedings:

M. Dubé, S. Houghten and D. Ashlock, Parameter Selection for Modeling of Epidemic Networks, *2018 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 8 pages, 2018.

S. Houghten, T.K. Collins, J.A. Hughes and J.A. Brown, Edit Metric Decoding: Return of the Side Effect Machines, *2018 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 8 pages, 2018. **Awarded Best Paper.**

Y. Kazemi and S. Houghten, A Deep Learning Pipeline to Classify Different Stages of Alzheimer's Disease from fMRI Data, *2018 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 8 pages, 2018.

- A. Saunders, D. Ashlock and S. Houghten, Hierarchical Clustering and Tree Stability, *2018 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 8 pages, 2018.
- D. Ashlock and S. Houghten, Hybridization and Ring Optimization for Larger Sets of Embeddable Biomarkers, *2017 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 1-8, 2017.
- T.K. Collins, A. Zakirov, J.A. Brown and S. Houghten, Single-Objective and Multi-Objective Genetic Algorithms for Compression of Biological Networks, *2017 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 1-8, 2017.
- J. Orth, S. Houghten and L. Tulloch, Evaluation of the Salmon Algorithm, *2017 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 1-8, 2017.
- T. Ribaric and S. Houghten, Genetic Programming for Improved Cryptanalysis of Elliptic Curve Cryptosystems, *2017 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, 419-426, 2017.
- J.A. Brown, S. Houghten, T. Kennedy Collins and Q. Qu, Evolving Graph Compression using Similarity Measures for Bioinformatics Applications, *2016 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 1-6, 2016.
- A. Entezari Heravi and S. Houghten, A Methodology for Disease-Gene Association using Centrality Measures, *2016 IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence*, 24-31, 2016.
- D. Ashlock and S. Houghten, Lexicode Crossover for Embeddable Biomarkers, *2015 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 1-7, 2015.
- A. Entezari Heravi, K. Tahmasebipour and S. Houghten, Evolutionary Computation for Disease Gene Association, *2015 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, 1-8, 2015.
- M. Goodarzi, S. Houghten and P. Liang, Effect of Multi-K Contig Merging in de novo DNA Assembly, *2014 IEEE Conference on Bioinformatics and Bioengineering*, 355-361, 2014.
- K. Tahmasebipour and S. Houghten, Disease-Gene Association using a Genetic Algorithm, *2014 IEEE Conference on Bioinformatics and Bioengineering*, 191-197, 2014.
- C. Price, S. Houghten, S. Vassiliev and D. Bruce, Modeling Metal Protein Complexes from Experimental Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure using Evolutionary Algorithms, *2014 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, p.1-8, 2014.
- J.A. Hughes, S. Houghten, G. Mallen-Fullerton and D. Ashlock, Recentering and Restarting Genetic Algorithm Variations for DNA Fragment Assembly, *2014 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, p.1-8, 2014. **Awarded Best Student Paper.**
- J.A. Hughes, S. Houghten and D. Ashlock, Recentering, Reanchoring and Restarting an Evolutionary Algorithm, *5th World Congress on Nature and Biologically Inspired Computing*, IEEE, p.76-83, 2013.

J.A. Hughes, J. Brown, S. Houghten and D. Ashlock, Edit Metric Decoding: Representation Strikes Back, *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, p.229-236, 2013.

Z. Li and S. Houghten, Searching for Optimal Deletion Correcting Codes: New Properties and Extensions of Tenengolts Codes, *12th IEEE International Conference on Computer and Information Technology (CIT 2012)*, p.647-654, 2012.

D.E. McCarney, S. Houghten and B.J. Ross, Evolutionary Approaches to the Generation of Optimal Error Correcting Codes, *Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO 2012)*, ACM, p.1135-1142, 2012.

F. Alizadeh Noori and S. Houghten, A MultiObjective Algorithm with Side Effect Machines for Motif Discovery, *2012 IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, p.275-282, 2012.

J.A. Brown, D. Ashlock, S. Houghten and J. Orth, "Autogeneration of Fractal Photographic Mosaic Images", *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, June 2011.

J. Orth and S. Houghten, "Optimizing the Salmon Algorithm for the Construction of DNA Error-Correcting Codes", *2011 IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, April 2011.

D. Ashlock and S. Houghten, "Ring Optimization of Edit Metric Codes in DNA", *ACM International Conference on Bioinformatics and Computational Biology 2010* (full paper).

J.A. Brown, S. Houghten and D. Ashlock, "Side Effect Machines for Quaternary Edit Metric Decoding", *2010 IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, p.103-110, 2010.

#### **Non-refereed Conference Proceedings:**

T.K. Collins and S. Houghten, A Future Direction for the Disease Gene Association Problem, *2018 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, Extended Abstract (2 pages), 2018.

P. Comte, S. Vassiliev, A. Mahmood, M.R. Gunner, D. Bruce and S. Houghten, "Conformational Sampling of Proteins for the Generation of Molecular Ensemble Distributions", *27<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Regional Photosynthesis Conference* – poster, 2010.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Evolutionary Algorithms for Bioinformatics: Disease-Gene Association, DNA Fragment Assembly and Protein Modeling, Missouri University of Science and Technology (joint IEEE-CIS and graduate seminar), December 2014.

## **GRANTS OBTAINED**

NSERC Discovery Grant, \$20000/yr, 2014-2019

NSERC Discovery Grant, \$15000/yr, 2009-2014

## **EDITORIAL, REFEREEING AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE DUTIES**

Committee Member, IEEE Computational Intelligence Society Task Force on Ethical and Social Implications of Computational Intelligence, since 2017.

Committee Member, IEEE Computational Intelligence Society Bioinformatics and Bioengineering Technical Committee, 2010-present (vice-chair 2016).

Technical Co-Chair, 2018 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology.

Proceedings Chair, 2017 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology.

Program Committee Member, 2016 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology.

Program Committee Member: Optimization, Learning, and Decision-Making in Bioinformatics and Bioengineering, 2016 IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence.

General Chair, 2015 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology.

Co-Chair, Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Special Session, 2014 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation.

Organizing Committee Member (special sessions chair): 2014 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology.

Co-Chair, Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Special Session, 2013 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation.

Program Committee Member: Conference on Computational Intelligence Methods for Bioinformatics and Biostatistics, 2013.

Co-Chair, Bioinformatics Special Session, 2012 IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence.

Organizing Committee Member (technical co-chair): 2012 IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology.

Organizing Committee Member (co-chair): Bioinformatics Special Session, 2011 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation.

Program Committee Member: Canadian Conference on Computer Science and Software Engineering

Reviewer for the following Journals:

Neurocomputing (Elsevier)

IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine

IEEE Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics

BioSystems (Elsevier)

Discrete Mathematics (Elsevier)

IEEE Transactions on Information Theory

Journal of Combinatorial Mathematics and Combinatorial Computing

Reviewer for the following Conferences (each multiple times):

IEEE World Conference on Computational Intelligence

Computational Intelligence Methods for Bioinformatics and Biostatistics

IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation

Canadian Conference on Computer Science and Software Engineering

IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology



## TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### COURSES TAUGHT

- 2018:  
Winter: COSC 3P32 (Introduction to Database Systems), COSC 4P03 (Advanced Algorithms)
- 2017:  
Fall: COSC 5P01 (Coding Theory)  
Winter: Sabbatical
- 2016:  
Fall: COSC 2P03 (Advanced Data Structures)  
Winter: COSC 3P32 (Introduction to Database Systems)
- 2015:  
Fall: COSC 2P03 (Advanced Data Structures), COSC 5P01 (Coding Theory)  
Winter: Sabbatical
- 2014:  
Winter: COSC 2P32 (File and Database Systems)
- 2013:  
Winter: COSC 2P32 (File and Database Systems)
- 2012:  
Winter: COSC 5P01 (Coding Theory)
- 2011:  
Winter: COSC 5P01 (Coding Theory)
- 2010:  
Fall: COSC 2P03 (Advanced Data Structures)  
Winter: COSC 4P03 (Advanced Algorithms), COSC 5P01 (Coding Theory)

## GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS

Note: Our MSc program started in Fall 2006 and we do not yet have a PhD program.

- Sharnendu Banik (currently in 1<sup>st</sup> year of MSc program)  
Arvand Fazeli (currently in 1<sup>st</sup> year of MSc program)  
Tyler Kennedy Collins (currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of MSc program)  
Yaroslava Girilishena, MSc, 2017  
Thesis: Complete Computational Sequence Characterization of Mobile Element Variations in the Human Genome using Meta-Personal Genome Data  
Yosra Kazemi, MSc, 2017  
Thesis: A Deep Learning Pipeline for Classifying Different Stages of Alzheimer's Disease from fMRI Data  
Tim Ribaric, MSc, 2017  
Thesis: Elliptic Curve Cryptography using Computational Intelligence  
Veronica Suaste Morales, MSc, 2017  
Thesis: Lossy Compression of Quality Values in Next-Generation Sequencing Data  
Ashkan Entezari, MSc, 2015  
Thesis: Disease-Gene Association using Genetic Programming  
Mohammad Goodarzi, MSc, 2014  
Thesis: New Contig Creation Algorithm for the de novo DNA Assembly Problem  
James Hughes, MSc, 2014  
Thesis: A Study of Ordered Gene Problems Featuring DNA Error Correction and DNA Fragment Assembly with a Variety of Heuristics, Genetic Algorithm Variations, and Dynamic Representations  
Collin Price, MSc, 2014  
Thesis: Modeling Metal Protein Complexes from Experimental Extended X-Ray Absorption Fine Structure using Computational Intelligence  
Koosha Tahmasebipour, MSc, 2014  
Thesis: Disease-Gene Association using a Genetic Algorithm  
Farhad Alizadehnoori, MSc, 2012  
Thesis: A Multi-Objective Genetic Algorithm with Side Effect Machines for Motif Discovery  
Martin Derka, MSc, 2012  
Thesis: A Generator Matrix Based Search for Extremal Self-Dual Binary Error-Correcting Codes  
John Orth, MSc, 2012  
Thesis: The Salmon Algorithm – a New Population Based Search Meta Heuristic  
Zhiyuan Li, MSc, 2011  
Thesis: Construction of 1-Deletion-Correcting Ternary Codes  
Pascal Comte, MSc, 2010  
Thesis: Bio-Inspired Optimization & Sampling Technique for Side-Chain Packing in MCCE

## **UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISIONS**

Jessica Graham (2018-present)  
Igor Laskaev (2018-present)  
Angelo Romualdo (2018-present)  
Michael Dubé (2017-2018)  
Lindsey Tulloch (2017)  
Tyler Kennedy Collins (2016)  
Christopher Thompson (2013-2015)  
Taras Mychaskiw (2013-2014)  
Lachlan Plant (2013-2014)  
James Hughes (2012)  
Daniel McCarney (2010-2011)  
Samal Izekulova (2010-2011)  
Jonathan Ross (2009-2010)

## **GRADUATE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Tanjil Fazle Rabbi (current Computer Science MSc student)  
Michael Gircys (MSc, Computer Science, 2018)  
Nafiseh Motevallibashi (MSc, Computer Science, 2017)  
Mehrddad Arabpour (MSc, Computer Science, 2016)  
Elham Salimi (MSc, Computer Science, 2016)  
Keivan Noroozi (MSc, Computer Science, 2016)  
Anthony Awuley (MSc, Computer Science, 2015)  
Kelly Moylan (MSc, Computer Science, 2015)  
Ethan Jackson (MSc, Computer Science, 2014)  
Justin Chan (Computer Science MSc student until 2014)  
Lily Zhang (MSc, Computer Science, 2014)  
Mahdi Oraei Gholami (MSc, Computer Science, 2013)  
Maryam Baniyasi (MSc, Computer Science, 2013)  
Francis Atampore (MSc, Computer Science, 2012)  
Adrian Harrington (MSc, Computer Science, 2012)  
He Zhu (Computer Science MSc student until 2012)  
Anwar Abdalbari (MSc, Computer Science, 2011)  
Steven Bergen (MSc, Computer Science, 2011)  
Darren Peters (MSc, Computer Science, 2011)  
Prathap Siddavaatam (MSc, Computer Science, 2011)  
Adam Lenarcic (MSc, Computer Science, 2011)  
Robert Flack (MSc, Computer Science, 2010)  
Bahar Aameri (MSc, Computer Science, 2010)  
Si Zhang (MSc, Computer Science, 2010)

**THESIS EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEMBER** (not including those already listed above)

Examiner, MSc Thesis, Ms. Amanda Saunders, Department of Integrative Biology, University of Guelph (2017).

External Examiner, MSc Thesis, Ms. Mahsa Daneshmandmehrabani, Department of Mathematics, Brock University (2017).

External Examiner, MSc Thesis, Ms. Arnoosh Golestani, Department of Mathematics, Brock University (2015).

External Examiner, MSc Thesis, Mr. Jesse Larone, Department of Mathematics, Brock University (2014).

Internal External Examiner, PhD Thesis, Mr. Musa Ahmed, Department of Biological Sciences, Brock University (2014).

External Examiner, PhD Thesis, Mr. El Sayed Mahmoud, School of Computer Science, University of Guelph (2012).

External Examiner, MSc Thesis, Mr. Majid Karimi, Department of Mathematics, Brock University (2012).

## UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### COMMITTEES:

Advisory Committee, Reappointment of Dean of Mathematics and Science, 2016  
Internal Reviewer, Studies in Arts and Culture (IQAP), 2016  
Computer Science Department Search Committee, 2015-2017  
Advisory Committee, Appointment of Dean of Mathematics and Science, 2010/2011  
Associate Deans Advisory Selection Committee, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, 2010  
Computer Science Department Graduate Program Committee, 2009-present

### ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES:

Library Representative, Computer Science Department, 2016  
Chair, Computer Science Department, 2011-2014  
Graduate Program Director, Computer Science Department 2009-2011  
Faculty Advisor, ACM Chapter, 2000-present  
Coach for ACM Programming Contest, 1999-present

### SERVICE DUTIES EXTERNAL TO BROCK:

Reviewer, NSERC Discovery Grant Applications, 2015-2017.  
External Reviewer, Quality Assurance Review, Computer Science, University of Lethbridge, 2016.  
External Reviewer, Administrative Review, School of Computer Science, University of Guelph, 2016.  
External Reviewer, Promotion to Full Professor, Dr. Vivekanandan Kumar, School of Computing and Information Systems, Athabasca University, 2015.  
External Reviewer, School of Computer Science, University of Guelph (IQAP), 2014.  
External Reviewer, Mathematics and Computer Science Programs, Nipissing University (IQAP), 2013.  
External Reviewer, Promotion to Full Professor, Dr. Alioune Ngom, School of Computer Science, University of Windsor, 2012.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Glynn A Green School Advisory Council, 2009-present

# Curriculum Vitae

D.J.F. Hughes  
Assoc. Professor  
Dept. of Computer Science  
Brock University

## Education

B.Sc. (hons) (Computer Science): 1974 University of Manitoba  
M.Sc. (Computer Science): 1975 University of Manitoba  
Ph.D. (Computer Science): 1979 University of Manitoba  
Doctoral Thesis:  
"The Design of a Software Environment for the Development of Modular Systems"

## Academic Appointments

|                              |                                |                           |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Graduate Teaching Assistant, | University of Manitoba         | 1974–76                   |
| Part-time Lecturer,          | University of Manitoba         | 1976–78                   |
| Assistant Professor,         | Brock University               | 1978–84                   |
| Associate Professor,         | Brock University               | 1984–date                 |
| Interim Chair                | Dept. of Computer Science      | Jan 1, 2015–June 30, 2015 |
| Chair,                       | Dept. of Computer Science      | 2005–2011                 |
|                              | Brock University               | 1987–1990                 |
| Co-ordinator                 | Computing & Business Programme | 1996–date                 |
|                              | Brock University               |                           |

## Scholarly & Professional Activities

### Academic and Professional Experience

Author: - Jones & Bartlett Publishers, Sudbury, MA  
Referee: - INFOR Journal

### Administrative Experience

|        |  |           |
|--------|--|-----------|
| Member | BUFA Executive   | 2009–2010 |
|        | BUFA Secretary   | 2009–2010 |
| Member | Joint BUFA/Administration Committee on Salary Caps & Grids   | 2007–2011 |
| Member | Research Board   | 2011–2013 |
| Member | BUFA Hiring Advice Committee                                 | 2005–2011 |
| Member | Senate Teaching & Learning Policy Committee                  | 2017-2018 |
|        |  | 2014–2015 |
| Member | Senate Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee               | 2018-date |
|        |  | 2012–2013 |
| Member | Senate TLPC/SA ad hoc Subcommittee on Spring/Summer Schedule | 2014–2015 |

|               |   |                               |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Member        | Senate TLPC/SA ad hoc subcommittee on Context Courses | 2014–2015                     |
| Member        | Senate Spring/Summer Policy Sub-committee             | 2013                          |
| Member        | Faculty Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee     | 2011–date                     |
| Interim Chair | Dept. of Computer Science                             | Jan 1, 2015–<br>June 30, 2015 |
| Chair         | Dept. of Computer Science                             | 2005–2011                     |
| Coordinator   | Computing & Business (BCB) Program                    | 1996–date                     |
| Chair         | Department Curriculum Committee                       | 2011–date                     |
| Member        | Department Curriculum Committee                       | 2001–date                     |
| Member        | Department Search Committee                           | 2016–2017                     |
|               | Department Calendar Representative                    | 2011–date                     |
|               | Department Undergraduate Student Advisor              | 2000–date                     |
|               | Department Timetable Representative                   | 2011–date                     |
|               | Department Admissions Officer                         | 2000–2015                     |
| Member        | Working group on BA/BSc in Game Design/Programming    | 2008–2015                     |
| Member        | FMS Data Science Program Working Group                | 2017–date                     |
| Lead Author   | COSC Self Study, Cyclic Review                        | 2017–date                     |
| Participant   | ONCAT College University Pathways for Games Project   | 2012–2014                     |
| Member        | Canadian Association for Computer Science (CACSA/AIC) | 2005–2011                     |
| Member        | CACSA/AIC Executive (representing Ontario)            | 2006–2012                     |
| Researcher    | CACSA/AIC Annual Survey                               | 2010–2016                     |

#### Courseware Development

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Summer 2014-2017 | Development of on-line version of COSC 1P02 |
| Winter 2014:     | Instructional Labs for COSC 1P03            |

#### Teaching Experience

Introduction to Computer Science (COSC 1P02: 17/18, 17/18 (online), 16/17, 15/16, 14/15, 13-14,...)  
 Data Structures & Abstraction (COSC 1P03: 17/18, 16/17, 15/16, 14/15, 12/13, 10/11,...)  
 Principles of Programming Languages (COSC 2P05 16/17, 15/16, COSC 3P05 14/15,...)  
 Procedural Programming (COSC 2P91: 12/13)  
 Mobile Computing (COSC 3V97: 13/14, 12/13)  
 Compiler Construction (COSC 4P75: 15/16, 11/12, 09/10,...)

#### Supervision of Undergraduate Honours Theses

|                  |                        |      |
|------------------|------------------------|------|
| Navjot Minhas    | “Project Peer to Peer” | 2010 |
| Denis Ideler     | UCOSP                  | 2011 |
| Ron Bond         | “My Smart Hands”       | 2012 |
| Chris Stinson    | UCOSP                  | 2012 |
| Chris Conley     | UCOSP                  | 2013 |
| Kevan Fisher     | UCOSP                  | 2014 |
| James Grisdale   | UCOSP                  | 2014 |
| Chris Kellendonk | UCOSP                  | 2014 |
| Jacub Subczynski | UCOSP                  | 2014 |

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|------------------|-------|------|
| Annuschka Bork   | UCOSP | 2015 |
| Ryan Spring      | UCOSP | 2015 |
| James Earle      | UCOSP | 2016 |
| Riley Donaldson  | UCOSP | 2016 |
| Bradley Kennedy  | UCOSP | 2016 |
| Chang Ding       | UCOSP | 2017 |
| Brock Jones      | UCOSP | 2017 |
| Ronny Mondal     | UCOSP | 2017 |
| Balaji Venkatesh | UCOSP | 2017 |
| Sarah Ann Childs | UCOSP | 2018 |

### Research/Pedagogical Grants

|  |         |          |
|--|---------|----------|
| Ontario eCampus Open Textbook Initiative | 2017-18 | applied. |
| Brock University eLearning Initiative    | 2016/17 | \$7,000  |

### Publications

Books Authored

**Hughes, D.;** *Introduction to Data Structures*; 2015; (manuscript and e-book) used in COSC 1P03 starting Winter 2015

**Hughes, D.;** *Introduction to Computer Science*; revised edition 2014; (manuscript and e-book) used in COSC 1P02 starting Fall 2014

**Hughes, D.;** *Introduction to Computer Science Part I*; (manuscript and e-book) used in COSC 1P02 (2012)



## Yifeng Li

### Assistant Professor, PhD:

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Home Page 2: <https://sites.google.com/view/yifengli>

### Adjunct Professor:

School of Computer Science, University of Windsor

### Education

1. Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics (CMMT), University of British Columbia (UBC), 2013.10-2015.08 (Main Research Topic: Deep Machine Learning Methods for the Identification of *cis*-Regulatory Elements in Human Genome, Advisor: Dr. Wyeth Wasserman)
2. Ph.D. in computer science, School of Computer Science, University of Windsor (UWindsor), ON, Canada, 2009.09-2013.10. (Dissertation Title: Sparse Machine Learning Models in Bioinformatics, available online: <http://scholar.uwindsor.ca/etd/5023>, Advisor: Dr. Alioune Ngom and Dr. Luis Rueda)
3. Master's degree in computer science, School of Information, Shandong Institute of Light Industry (SDILI; now renamed as Qilu University of Technology), China, 2006-2009. (Thesis Title: Computational Intelligences for Mass Spectrometry Data Analysis, Advisor: Dr. Yihui Liu)
4. Bachelor's degree in computer science, School of Information, SDILI, China, 2002-2006.

### Work Experiences

1. 2020.01 - present: Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, Brock University
2. 2015.8 - 2019.12: Research Officer, Digital Technologies Research Centre, National Research Council Canada

### Awards, Grants, and Honours (Selected)

1. NRC Rising Star Award, Institutional/National, 2018.
2. NRC New Beginning Ideation Grant (20% success rate), Institutional, 2019-2020 (PI, CAD \$50,000 + 20%time).
3. NRC-DT Award for Innovative & Interdisciplinary Research, Institutional, 2018.
4. Certificate of Excellence, Institutional, 2016.
5. NRC Ideation Game Changing Funds, Institutional/National, 2016 (Co-PI, CAD \$641,594 for two years).
6. NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship, National, 2015 (CAD \$45,000/year).
7. Canada Governor General's Gold Medal, National, 2013-2014 (priceless).
8. RECOMB 2015 Travel Fellowship, 2015 (USD \$1,000).
9. Alberta Innovates Centre for Machine Learning and Canadian Artificial Intelligence Association Travel Award for Canadian AI, 2013 (CAD \$800).
10. IEEE BIBM Student Travel Award, 2012 (USD \$600).
11. IEEE CIBCB Student Travel Grants, 2012 (USD \$400).
12. Ontario Graduate Scholarship, UWindsor, 2012-2013 (CAD \$15,000/year).
13. Ontario Graduate Scholarship, UWindsor, 2011-2012 (CAD \$15,000/year).
14. Graduate Student Achievement Awards, UWindsor, April 2012.
15. Graduate Student Society Scholarship, UWindsor, 2010-2011 (CAD \$500).
16. International Student Society Bursary Awards, May 2011, UWindsor (CAD \$300).
17. IEEE Walter Karplus Summer Research Grant, 2010 (USD \$3,800).
18. Graduate Student Achievement Awards, UWindsor, April 2010.
19. Doctoral Tuition Scholarships, UWindsor, 2009-2013 (CAD \$6000/year).
20. Graduate Assistantship, UWindsor, 2009-2013 (CAD \$5,000+/semester).

21. Research Assistantship, UWindsor, 2009-2013 (CAD \$2,000/semester).
22. IEEE CIBCB Student Travel Grants, 2008 (USD \$800).

### Research Interests

1. **Bioinformatics & Health-Informatics:** I have a strong enthusiasm to apply machine learning and data mining models to bioinformatics (such as annotation of non-coding regions of the human genome, biomarker identification using next-generation/deep sequence data, systems biology, high-dimensional biological data analysis), and computational health-informatics (such as cancer research, personalized disease (including cancer and complex traits) diagnosis and treatment, drug design & repurposing, and (next-generation) intelligent and integrative health-informatics systems).
2. **Machine Learning:** I am very interested in the theoretical studies of the unification of neural networks and probabilistic graphical models, deep generative models, deep network learning, large-scale sparse matrix factorizations, sparse representations, disentangled representation learning, generalized and regularized linear models, kernel/nonlinear approaches, deep feature selection, as well as Bayesian learning and inference. I prefer to formulate and explain various machine learning models from a statistical perspective.
3. **Data Science:** Theories and applications of big data analytics, structured data modelling, and heterogeneous data integration for knowledge discovery and actionable decision making. Particularly interested in multi-view matrix factorizations, multi-modal deep learning models, data visualization, network science, knowledge representation, and knowledge learning from structured data.
4. **Artificial Intelligence:** In a long term, I am interested in artificial intelligence algorithms that are inspired by neuroscience and cognitive science. Particularly, computational modelling and realization of the five principles of cognition (perception-action cycle, memory, attention, intelligence and language) are my priorities. I am very interested in the merge of symbolic representation and distributed representation theories through capsule neural networks.
5. **Computational Intelligence:** Evolutionary computation and quantum computing for machine learning.
6. **Optimization:** Fast numerical optimization methods for large-scale machine learning and data mining models.

### Leaderships and Activities

1. Sponsorship Chair for AI-CRV 2020 Conference (<http://www.ai-crv.org/2020/home>) in Ottawa.
2. Co-founder of the Ottawa-AI Alliance and co-organizer of the Ottawa-AI Workshop, Oct. 19, 2018. (<https://sites.google.com/view/ottawaaialliance>)
3. Organizer of the NRC-DT Computing Science Colloquium Series, since May 2018. (<https://nrc.canada.ca/en/corporate/events/computing-science-colloquium-series-nrc>)
4. Member of Canadian Artificial Intelligence Association (CAIAC) since 2013.
5. Member of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) since 2008.
6. Assessor of Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), Build in Canada Innovation Program (BCIP), Western Innovation (WINN) Initiative, Mitacs Accelerate Grants, NSERC Collaborative Research & Development Grants.
7. Evaluator of the Creative Destruction Lab, University of Toronto.
8. Local Arrangements Chair of the 2016 IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence (WCCI), Vancouver.
9. Co-chair of the special session of Computational Intelligence in Genetic Regulatory Network under the umbrella of IEEE CIBCB 2013.
10. Co-chair of the special session of Computational Intelligence for Microarray Data Analysis under the umbrella of IEEE CIBCB 2012 and 2011.
11. Advertising committee chair of the BTC 2011 conference in University of Windsor.
12. Co-organizer of the 5th University of Windsor Computer Science Conference.
13. Judge of the 2014 Bioinformatics Retreat @ UBC Roboson Square.
14. Committee member of The International Association for Pattern Recognition Technical Committee 20: Pattern Recognition for Bioinformatics (IAPR TC-20: PRIB: <http://iaprtc20.mosuma.org/?q=node/2>)

15. Reviewer/PC member of NuerIPS 2016/17/18/19, ICML 2017/18/19, ICLR 2016/17/18/19/20, AISTATS 2016/17/18/19, AAAI 2020, IJCAI 2019, ACML 2019, WCCI 2016/18, BIBM 2015, ICCABS BMC Special Issues 2014, IEEE CEC 2009/10/11/18/19, SSCI 2014, PRIB 2014/13, IEEE CIBCB 2012/16/17, and Graduate Student Symposium under Canadian AI 2013, 2019 National Big Data Challenge, etc.
16. Reviewer of Briefings in Bioinformatics, Bioinformatics, BMC Bioinformatics, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, Neural Networks, Neurocomputing, Neural Computing and Applications, ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data, Expert Systems with Applications, IEEE Transactions on Multimedia, IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics: Systems, PLOS ONE, PLOS Computational Biology, Scientific Reports, Science China: Life Science Journal, etc.
17. Associate Editor of BMC Bioinformatics (Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence Section).

## Publications

### Dissertation

- \* [1] **Yifeng Li**, “Sparse machine learning models in bioinformatics,” PhD Dissertation, School of Computer Science, University of Windsor, 334 pages, Oct. 2013. (thesis available: <http://scholar.uwindsor.ca/etd/5023/>)

### Preparing, Submitted, and Revised Refereed Journal Papers:

- \* [1] Danny Salem, **Yifeng Li** (corresponding author), Pengcheng Xi, Miroslava Cuperlovic-Culf, Hilary Phenix, and Mads Kaern, “YeastNet: Deep learning enabled accurate segmentation of budding yeast cells in bright-field microscopy,” *Bioinformatics*, under revision, Manuscript ID: BIOINF-2019-0569R1, 2019.

### Published Refereed Journal Papers:

- \* [1] Lipu Wang, Qiang Li, Ziyang Liu, Anu Surendra, Youlian Pan, **Yifeng Li**, L. Irina Zaharia, Therese Ouellet, and Pierre R. Fobert, “Integrated transcriptome and hormone profiling highlight the role of multiple phytohormone pathways in wheat resistance against fusarium head blight,” *PLOS ONE*, vol. 13, no. 11, e0207036, 2018. (IF: 2.766)
- [2] Genevieve L. Stein-O’Brien, Raman Arora, Aedin C. Culhane, Alexander V. Favorov, Lana X. Gamire, Casey S. Greene, Loyal A. Goff, **Yifeng Li**, Alioune Ngom, Michael F. Ochs, Yanxun Xu, and Elana J. Fertig, “Enter the matrix: factorization uncovers knowledge from omics,” *Trends in Genetics*, vol. 34, no.10, 790-805, 2018. (IF: 10.556)
- [3] **Yifeng Li**, Youlian Pan, and Ziyang Liu, “Multi-class non-negative matrix factorization for comprehensive feature pattern discovery,” *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, vol. 30, no. 2, 615-629, 2019. (IF: 7.982)
- [4] **Yifeng Li**, Wenqiang Shi, and Wyeth W. Wasserman, “Genome-wide prediction of *cis*-regulatory regions using supervised deep learning methods,” *BMC Bioinformatics*, no. 19, 202, 2018. (IF: 2.213)
- [5] **Yifeng Li**, Francois Fauteux, Jinfeng Zou, Andre Nantel, Youlian Pan, “Personalized prediction of genes with tumor-causing somatic mutations based on multi-modal deep Boltzmann machine,” *Neurocomputing*, vol. 324, 51-62, 2018. (IF: 3.241)
- [6] **Yifeng Li**, Fang-Xiang Wu, and Alioune Ngom, “A Review on machine learning principles for multi-view biological data integration,” *Briefings in Bioinformatics*, vol. 19, no. 2, 325-340, 2018. (IF: 6.302)
- [7] Chih-Yu Chen, Wenqiang Shi, Bradley P. Balaton, Allison M. Matthews, **Yifeng Li**, David J. Arenillas, Anthony Mathelier, Masayoshi Itoh, Hideya Kawaji, Timo Lassmann, Yoshihide Hayashizaki, Piero Carninci, Alistair R.R. Forrest, Carolyn J. Brown, and Wyeth W. Wasserman, “A role for YY1 in sex-biased transcription revealed through X-linked promoter activity and allelic binding analyses,” *Scientific Reports*, vol. 6, ID: 37324, 2016. (IF: 4.122)
- [8] **Yifeng Li**, Chih-Yu Chen, and Wyeth W. Wasserman, “Deep feature selection: Theory and application to identify enhancers and promoters,” *Journal of Computational Biology*, vol. 23, no. 5, 322-336, 2016. (IF: 1.191)
- [9] **Yifeng Li**, Chih-Yu Chen, Alice M. Kaye, and Wyeth W. Wasserman, “The identification *cis*-regulatory elements: A review from a machine learning perspective,” *BioSystems*, vol. 138, 6-17, 2015. (IF: 1.619)
- [10] **Yifeng Li**, Haifen Chen, Jie Zheng, and Alioune Ngom, “The max-min high-order dynamic Bayesian network for learning gene regulatory networks with time-delayed regulations,” *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics*, vol. 13, no. 4, 792-803, 2016. (IF: 2.428)

- [11] **Yifeng Li**, B. John Oommen, Alioune Ngom, and Luis Rueda, "Pattern classification using a new border identification paradigm: The nearest border technique," *Neurocomputing*, vol. 157, 105-117, 2015. (IF: 3.241)
- [12] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Versatile sparse matrix factorization: Theory and applications," *Neurocomputing*, vol. 145, 23-29, 2014. (IF: 3.241)
- [13] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Sparse representation approaches for the classification of high-dimensional biological data," *BMC Systems Biology*, vol.7(S-4), pp. S6, 2013. (IF: 2.050)
- [14] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "The non-negative matrix factorization toolbox for biological data mining," *BMC Source Code for Biology and Medicine*, vol. 8, pp. 10, 2013. (new journal, no IF yet)
- [15] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Non-negative least squares methods for the classification of high dimensional biological data," *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics*, vol. 10, no.2, pp. 447-456, 2013. (IF: 2.428)
- [16] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Classification approach based on non-negative least squares," *Neurocomputing*, vol. 118, pp. 41-57, 2013. (IF: 3.241)
- [17] **Yifeng Li** and Yihui Liu, "Feature selection based on simulated annealing algorithm for high-resolution protein mass spectrometry data," *China Journal of Bioinformatics*, vol. 7, no.2, pp. 85-90, Jun. 2009. (Chinese)
- [18] **Yifeng Li** and Yihui Liu, "Feature selection for protein mass spectrometry data based on genetic algorithm," *Computer Engineering*, vol. 35, no.19, pp. 192-194, Oct. 2009. (Chinese)

#### Book Chapters:

- \* [1] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Mining gene-sample-time microarray data," Chapter 13 in Luis Rueda ed. *Microarray Image and Data Analysis: Theory and Practice*, CRC Press/Taylor & Francis, pp. 339-368, 2014.

#### Published Refereed Conference Proceedings:

- \* [1] Xiaoyan Li, Iluju Kiringa, Tet Yeap, Xiaodan Zhu, **Yifeng Li** (corresponding author), "Anomaly Detection Based on Unsupervised Disentangled Representation Learning in Combination with Manifold Learning," *NeurIPS 2019 LIRE Workshop*, Vancouver, Dec., 2019.
- [2] **Yifeng Li** and Xiaodan Zhu, "Capsule generative models," *International Conference on Artificial Neural Networks*, Munich, Germany, Sep. 2019, pp. 281-295.
- [3] Xiaoyan Li, Iluju Kiringa, Tet Yeap, Xiaodan Zhu, **Yifeng Li** (corresponding author), "Exploring deep anomaly detection methods based on capsule net," *ICML 2019 Workshop on Uncertainty and Robustness in Deep Learning*, Long Beach, USA, June, 2019.
- [4] **Yifeng Li** and Xiaodan Zhu, "Capsule restricted Boltzmann machine," *NIPS 2018 Workshop on Bayesian Deep Learning*, Montreal, Canada, Dec., 2018.
- [5] Yufei Feng, Xiaodan Zhu, **Yifeng Li**, Yuping Ruan, Michael Greenspan, "Learning capsule networks with images and text," *NIPS 2018 Workshop on Visually Grounded Interaction and Language*, Montreal, Canada, Dec., 2018.
- [6] **Yifeng Li** and Xiaodan Zhu, "Exploring Helmholtz machine and deep belief net in the exponential family perspective," *ICML 2018 Workshop on Theoretical Foundations and Applications of Deep Generative Models*, Stockholm, Sweden, July, 2018.
- [7] **Yifeng Li** and Xiaodan Zhu, "Exponential family restricted Boltzmann machines and annealed importance sampling," *International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)*, Rio, Brazil, July 2018, pp. 39-48.
- [8] **Yifeng Li**, "Advances in multi-view matrix factorizations," *2016 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)*, Vancouver, Canada, July 2016, pp. 3793-3800.
- [9] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Data integration in machine learning," *2015 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM)*, Washington DC, Nov., 2015, pp. 1665-1671.
- [10] **Yifeng Li**, Chih-Yu Chen, and Wyeth W. Wasserman, "Deep feature selection: Theory and application to identify enhancers and promoters," *2015 Annual International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB)*, Warsaw, Poland, April, 2015, vol. LNCS 9029, pp. 205-217. (acceptance rate 21.20%)
- [11] **Yifeng Li**, Richard Caron, and Alioune Ngom, "A decomposition method for large-scale sparse coding in representation learning," *International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)*, Beijing, China, 2014, pp. 3732-2738.

- [12] **Yifeng Li**, B. John Oommen, Alioune Ngom, and Luis Rueda, "A new paradigm for pattern classification: Nearest border techniques," *26th Australasian Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, New Zealand, Dec. 2013, vol. LNCS 8272, pp. 441-446.
- [13] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Versatile sparse matrix factorization and its applications in high-dimensional biological data analysis," *IAPR International Conference on Pattern Recognition in Bioinformatics (PRIB)*, Nice, June, 2013, LNBI 7986, pp. 91-101.
- [14] Iman Rezaeian, **Yifeng Li**, Martin Crozier, Eran Andrechek, Alioune Ngom, Luis Rueda, and Lisa Porter, "Identifying informative genes for prediction of breast cancer subtypes," *IAPR International Conference on Pattern Recognition in Bioinformatics (PRIB)*, Nice, June, 2013, LNBI 7986, pp. 138-148.
- [15] **Yifeng Li**, "Sparse representation for machine learning," *26th Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI 2013)*, Regina, May, 2013, LNAI 7884, pp. 352-357.
- [16] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "The max-min high-order dynamic Bayesian network learning for identifying gene regulatory networks from time-series microarray data," *IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CIBCB/SSCI)*, Singapore, Apr. 2013, pp. 83-90.
- [17] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Fast kernel sparse representation approaches for classification," *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 2012, pp. 966-971. (acceptance rate 19.97%)
- [18] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Fast sparse representation approaches for the classification of high-dimensional biological data," *IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM)*, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 2012, pp. 306-311. (acceptance rate 19.93%)
- [19] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Supervised dictionary learning via non-negative matrix factorization for classification," *International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA)*, Boca Raton, Florida, Dec. 2012, pp. 439-443.
- [20] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Diagnose the premalignant pancreatic cancer using high dimensional linear machine," *LNBI/LNCS: 2012 IAPR International Conference on Pattern Recognition in Bioinformatics (PRIB)*, LNBI 7632, pp. 198-209, 2012.
- [21] **Yifeng Li**, Alioune Ngom, and Luis Rueda, "A framework of gene subset selection using multiobjective evolutionary algorithm," *LNBI/LNCS: 2012 IAPR International Conference on Pattern Recognition in Bioinformatics (PRIB)*, LNBI 7632, pp. 38-48, 2012.
- [22] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "A new kernel non-negative matrix factorization and its application in microarray data analysis," *IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CIBCB)*, San Diego, CA, May 2012, pp. 371-378.
- [23] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Classification of clinical gene-sample-time microarray expression data via tensor decomposition methods," *LNBI/LNCS: Selected Papers of 2010 International Meeting on Computational Intelligence Methods for Bioinformatics and Biostatistics (CIBB)*, vol. 6685, pp. 275-286, 2011.
- [24] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, "Non-negative matrix and tensor factorization based classification of clinical microarray gene expression data," *IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM)*, Hong Kong, Dec. 2010, pp.438-443.
- [25] **Yifeng Li**, Numanul Subhani, Alioune Ngom, and Luis Rueda, "Alignment-based versus variation-based transformation methods for clustering microarray time-series data," *ACM International Conference On Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (BCB)*, Niagara Falls, NY, Aug. 2010, pp.53-61.
- [26] Numanul Subhani, **Yifeng Li**, Alioune Ngom, and Luis Rueda, "Alignment versus variation vector methods for clustering microarray time-series data," *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation (CEC/WCCI)*, Barcelona, Spain, Jul. 2010, pp. 818-825.
- [27] **Yifeng Li**, Alioune Ngom, and Luis Rueda, "Missing value imputation methods for gene-sample-time microarray data analysis," *IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CIBCB)*, Montreal, Canada, May 2010, pp.183-189.
- [28] **Yifeng Li**, Yihui Liu, and Li Bai, "Genetic algorithm based feature selection for mass spectrometry data," *IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Bioengineering (BIBE)*, Athens, Greece, Oct. 2008, pp.85-90.
- [29] **Yifeng Li** and Yihui Liu, "A Wrapper feature selection method based on simulated annealing algorithm for prostate protein mass spectrometry data," *IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CIBCB)*, Sun Valley, Idaho, Sep. 2008, pp.195-200.

**Software/Tutorials/Abstracts/Non-Refereed Papers/Technical Reports/Presentations:**

- \* [1] **Yifeng Li**, “Deep learning for health data analytics,” *Ottawa Heart Conference 2019: Big Data in Cardiovascular Disease*, invited talk, Ottawa, Canada, Apr.13, 2019.
- [2] **Yifeng Li**, “Machine learning for text data analytics,” *Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat and Canada School of Public Service*, invited talk, Ottawa, Canada, Mar. 8, 2019.
- [3] **Yifeng Li**, “Generative machine learning models enabled intelligent data analytics,” *Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series, Institute for Data Science, Carleton University*, invited talk, Ottawa, Canada, Jan. 21, 2019.
- [4] **Yifeng Li**, Francois Fauteux, Jinfeng Zou, Andre Nantel and Youlian Pan, “Personalized prediction of genes with tumor-causing somatic mutations based on multi-modal deep Boltzmann machine,” oral and poster at *The 18th International Biotechnology Symposium and Exhibition*, Montreal, Canada, Aug. 2018.
- [5] **Yifeng Li**, Ziyang Liu, Qiang Li, Ioannis Mavraganis, Liping Wang, Brian Fowler, Youlian Pan and Jitao Zou, “Computational discovery of molecular mechanisms in wheat cold resistance from RNA-seq data,” poster at *The 3rd Canadian Wheat Symposium (CWS)*, Ottawa, Canada, Nov. 2016.
- [6] **Yifeng Li**, “Multi-View Matrix Factorization Models for Integrative Data Analysis,” ICT, NRC, Aug., 2016. Software Available at <https://github.com/yifeng-li/mvmf>
- [7] **Yifeng Li**, “The identification of *cis*-regulatory elements: A review from the machine learning perspective,” tutorial at *IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CIBCB)*, Niagara Falls, Canada, Aug. 2015.
- [8] **Yifeng Li**, “Deep feature selection: Theory and application to identify enhancers and promoters,” invited colloquium at University of Windsor, Oct. 2014.
- [9] **Yifeng Li**, “Deep learning for identifying *cis*-regulatory elements and other applications,” CMMT, University of British Columbia, Oct. 2014. Software Available at <https://github.com/yifeng-li/DECRES>
- [10] **Yifeng Li**, and Alioune Ngom, “Probabilistic graphical models toolbox in MATLAB,” School of Computer Science, University of Windsor, May 2013. Software available at <https://sites.google.com/site/pgmtool>
- [11] **Yifeng Li**, and Alioune Ngom, “Regularized linear models and kernels toolbox in MATLAB,” School of Computer Science, University of Windsor, May 2013. Software available at <https://sites.google.com/site/rlmktool>
- [12] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, “The sparse representation MATLAB toolbox,” School of Computer Science, University of Windsor, Oct. 2011. Software available at <https://sites.google.com/site/sparsereptool>
- [13] **Yifeng Li**, Alioune Ngom, and Luis Rueda, “Spectral Clustering Toolbox,” School of Computer Science, University of Windsor, 2010. Software available at <https://sites.google.com/site/speclust>
- [14] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, “The non-negative matrix factorization MATLAB toolbox,” School of Computer Science, University of Windsor, Technical Report, No. 11-060, May 2011. Available at <https://sites.google.com/site/nmftool>
- [15] Iman Rezaeian, **Yifeng Li**, Martin Crozier, Eran Andrechek, Alioune Ngom, Luis Rueda, and Lisa Porter, “Finding informative genes for the prediction of breast cancer types,” *The 1st Windsor Cancer Research Group Conference*, Windsor, ON, Nov. 2012.
- [16] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, “Fast kernel sparse representation approach for classification,” *The 6th University of Windsor Computer Science Conference*, Windsor, ON, Dec. 2012.
- [17] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, “Tensor decomposition methods for the classification of three-dimensional microarray data,” *The 5th University of Windsor Computer Science Conference*, Windsor, ON, Apr. 2011.
- [18] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, “Non-negative matrix factorization: theory & applications to microarray gene expression analysis,” *The 4th University of Windsor Computer Science Conference*, Windsor, ON, Apr. 2010.
- [19] **Yifeng Li** and Alioune Ngom, “Non-negative matrix and tensor factorization methods for microarray data analysis,” *Report to IEEE CIS Walter Karplus Research Grant 2010*, Nov. 2010, pp. 1-8. <http://cis.ieee.org/graduate-student-research-grants.html>

## Teaching Experience

1. APCO 1P93 Applied Programming (in Python for Data Science), Instructor (Winter2020).
2. 03-60-254 Data Structures & Algorithms (Lab Instructor Fall2012, Graduate Assistant Winter2012, Graduate Assistant Winter2010, Graduate Assistant Fall2010, Lab Instructor Summer2010).
3. 03-60-141 Introduction to Algorithms & Programming II (Lab Instructor Fall2011).
4. 03-60-256 Computer Architecture I: Digital Design (Graduate Assistant Fall2009).
5. 03-60-100 Key Concepts in Computer Science (Lab Instructor Summer2011).

## Mentoring/Supervisory Experience

1. I supervise graduate students at the Department of Computer Science, Brock University.
2. I supervise students in research projects through the NRC Student Program.
3. I co-supervise student with Dr. Mads Kaern of the Ottawa Institute of Systems Biology, University of Ottawa.
4. As an Adjunct Professor, I collaborate with Dr. Ngom and Dr. Rueda in UWindsor to co-supervise graduate students in several bioinformatics projects.
5. I am supervising a PhD student (Ping Luo) with Dr. Fang-Xiang Wu in University of Saskatchewan for a project of computationally comparing different integrative machine learning methods for analysing multi-omics data.
6. I was the supervisor of two undergraduate researchers, in the Wasserman lab, on sequence data processing and machine learning through the UBC Work Learn Program.
7. I also served as machine learning mentor of PhD students in the Vancouver Bioinformatics program.

## Research Experience

| Position           | Institution                | Advisor & Subject   | (Selected) Collaborator & Subject  | Date            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| Research Officer   | DT, NRC                    | data science, AI, machine learning, deep learning, bioinformatics, health-informatics   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AI for Design and Scientific Discovery Program (DT, NRC)</li> <li>2. Health Challenging Program (HHT, NRC)</li> <li>3. Canadian Wheat Improvement Flagship Program (ACRD, NRC)</li> <li>4. Cancer diagnosis (HHT, NRC)</li> <li>5. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada</li> <li>6. Canada Food Inspection Agency</li> <li>7. Health Canada</li> <li>8. Dr. FangXiang Wu (UofSask, data integration)</li> <li>9. Elana Fertig &amp; Michael Ochs (Johns Hopkins Medicine, NMF for therapeutic response)</li> <li>10. Xiaodan Zhu (NRC and Queen's)</li> <li>11. Richard Naud (uOttawa)</li> <li>12. Mads Kaern (uOttawa)</li> <li>13. Anna Goldenberg (Sickkids, Vector Institute, UofT)</li> <li>14. Joseph Emerson (IQC, Waterloo, Canada-UK Program)</li> </ol> | 2015.08-now     |
| Post-Doc Fellow    | CMMT, UBC                  | Dr. Wyeth Wasserman (deep machine learning methods for <i>cis</i> -regulatory elements prediction)  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Elizabeth Simpson (regulatory landscape of PAX6 gene)</li> <li>2. Dr. Carolyn J. Brown (X-chromosome inactivation)</li> <li>3. Raymond Ng (deep learning, data science)</li> </ol>   | 10/2013-08/2015 |
| Research Assistant | Computer Science, UWindsor | Dr. Alioune Ngom and Dr. Luis Rueda (sparse machine learning models in bioinformatics: non-negative matrix factorization, sparse coding, sparse representation, tensor factorization, missing value estimation, regularized linear models, spectral clustering, high-order dynamic Bayesian networks, and probabilistic graphical models) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Lisa Porter (Biology, UWindsor, breast tumor subtyping)</li> <li>2. Dr. Arturas Petronis (CAMH, U of T, ChIP-Chip data analysis in epigenomics)</li> <li>3. Dr. John Oommen (CS, Carleton, novel nearest border methods for classification)</li> <li>4. Dr. Richard Caron (Math &amp; Stat, UWindsor, large scale optimization for sparse coding)</li> <li>5. Dr. Jie Zheng (Computer Engineering, NTU, Singapore, gene regulatory network)</li> </ol>   | 09/2009-10/2013 |
| Research Assistant | Computer Science, SIDIL    | Dr. Yihui Liu (Computational intelligences for mass spectrometry data analysis)   | Li Bai (CS, U of Nottingham, UK) (genetic algorithm based feature selection for protein mass spectrometry data)  | 09/2006-07/2009 |

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## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Artificial Intelligence: Swarm Intelligence, Evolutionary Computation, Neural Networks, Self-Adaptive Strategies.
- AI application: Challenging Optimization Problems (Large-scale optimization, Multi/many-objective optimization, Combinatorial optimization etc.), Complex Networks Modeling & Design, Network science
- Others: Machine learning (Evolving neural networks, evolving complex network systems)

## **FORMAL EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., Intelligent Systems, Dept. Information Engineering, University of the Ryukyus, Japan, 2001.
- ME., Information Engineering, University of the Ryukyus, 1998.
- Japanese Language and Cultural Studies, Osaka U. of Foreign Studies, Certificate, 1995.
- BSc., Double Mathematics (Statistics and Mathematics) and Computer Science, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya, 1993.

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD**

- Full Professor, Computer Science, Brock University, 2014–current.
- Graduate Supervisions (unpaid), Computer Science, U. Pretoria, 2015–current.
- Associate Professor, Computer Science, Brock University, 2005–2014.
- Assistant Professor, Computer Science, Brock University, 2001–2005.
- Special Graduate Faculty (unpaid), Computing and Information Science, University of Guelph, 2003–2005.
- Research and Teaching Assistant, Information Engineering, University of the Ryukyus, 1996—2001.
- Teaching Assistant, Math and Computer Sciences, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, 1993—1995.

## **ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS and AWARDS**

- Japanese Monbusho Government Scholarship, Masters programme & Ph.D. pro-



gramme, 1996–2001.

- Japanese Monbusho Government Scholarship for Research Student, 1995.

## SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- **Refereed Publications (Journals, Conference Proceedings and Book Chapter)**

1. K.R Harrison, **B. M Ombuki-Berman** and A.P Engelbrecht. “Gaussian-Valued Particle Swarm Optimization,” *Eleventh International Conference on Swarm Intelligence, ANTS 2018, Accepted* June 2018.
2. J. Paterson and **B. M. Ombuki-Berman**. “Optimizing Scale-Free Network Robustness with the Great Deluge Algorithm,” *The 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Industrial, Engineering & Other applications of Applied Intelligent Systems, IEA-AIE 2018, Accepted*, June 2018.
3. M. Ventresca, K. Harrison and **B. M. Ombuki-Berman**. “A Bi-Objective Critical Node Detection Problem,” *European Journal of Operational Research*, 254 (3): 895-908, March 2018.
4. J. Douglas Harrison, A.P Engelbrecht and **B. M. Ombuki-Berman**. “Merging and Decomposition Variants of Cooperative Particle Swarm Optimization – New Algorithms for Large Scale Optimization Problems,” 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Intelligent Systems, Metaheuristics and Swarm Intelligence, March 2018.
5. J. Maltese, **B. M. Ombuki-Berman** and A. P. Engelbrecht. “A Scalability Study of Many-Objective Optimization Algorithms,” *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, 22 (1) pp: 79-96, February 2018.
6. K.R Harrison, A.P Engelbrecht and **B. M. Ombuki-Berman**. “Optimal Parameter Regions and the Time Dependence of Control Parameter Values for the Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithm,” *Swarm and Evolutionary Computation*, Elsevier, *In Press*, Available Online January 2018.
7. K.R Harrison, A.P Engelbrecht, and **B. M Ombuki-Berman**. “Self-Adaptive Particle Swarm Optimization: A review and Analysis of Convergence,” *in Press, Swarm Intelligence*, Springer, Available online, November 2017.
8. Audrey Opoku-Amankwaar and **B.M Ombuki-Berman**. “An Age Layered Population Structure Genetic Algorithm for Multi-Depot Vehicle Routing.” 2017 *IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence*, pp.3403-3410, November 2017.
9. K. R. Harrison, A. P. Engelbrecht, and **B. M. Ombuki-Berman**, An Adaptive Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithm Based on Optimal Parameter Regions, 2017 *IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence* (SSCI 2017), pp. 1606–1613, IEEE, 2017.
10. K.R. Harrison, **B.M. Ombuki-Berman**, and A.P. Engelbrecht, Optimal Parameter Regions for Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithms, 2017 *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation* (CEC 2017), pp. 349–356, June 2017.
11. K.R Harrison A. P Engelbrecht, and **B.M Ombuki-Berman**. “Inertia Weight Control Strategies for Particle Swarm Optimization,” *Swarm Intelligence* 10(4), pp. 267-305, Springer, December 2016.
12. K.R. Harrison, M. Ventresca and **B. M. Ombuki-Berman**. “A Meta-Analysis of

- Centrality Measures for Comparing and Generating Complex Network Models,” *Journal of Computational Science*, Elsevier, 17(1): 205-215, November 2016.
13. M. Medland, K. R. Harrison, and **B. M. Ombuki-Berman**. “Automatic Inference of Graph Models for Directed Complex Networks using Genetic Programming,” *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, CEC 2016, pp. 2337-2344, Vancouver, Canada, July 2016.
  14. J. Maltese, **B. M. Ombuki-Berman**, and A. P. Engelbrecht. “Pareto-Based Many-Objective Optimization using Knee Points,” *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, CEC 2016, pp. 3678 - 3686, Vancouver, Canada, July 2016.
  15. K. R. Harrison, A. P. Engelbrecht and **B.M. Ombuki-Berman**. “The Sad State of Self-Adaptive Particle Swarm Optimizers,” *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, CEC 2016, pp. 431-439, at 2016 *IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence*, Vancouver, Canada, July 2016.
  16. K.R. Harrison, **B.M Ombuki-Berman**, and Andries P. Engelbrecht. “A Radius-Free Quantum Particle Swarm Optimization Technique for Dynamic Optimization Problems,” *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, CEC 2016, pp. 578-585, at 2016 *IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence*, Vancouver, Canada, July 2016.
  17. K. R. Harrison, **B. Ombuki-Berman** and A. P. Engelbrecht. “The Effect of Probability Distributions on the Performance of Quantum Particle Swarm Optimization for Solving Dynamic Optimization Problems,” *IEEE Symposium on Swarm Intelligence*, IEEE SIS 2015, pp. 242-250, Cape Town, Dec. 2015.
  18. Justin Maltese, **Beatrice Ombuki-Berman** and Andries P. Engelbrecht. “Cooperative Vector Particle Swarm Optimization for Multi-Objective Optimization,” *IEEE Symposium on Swarm Intelligence*, IEEE SIS 2015, pp. 1294- 1301, Cape Town, Dec. 2015.
  19. Justin Maltese, **Beatrice Ombuki-Berman** and Andries P. Engelbrecht. “High-Dimensional Multi-Objective Optimization Using Co-operative Vector- Evaluated Particle Swarm Optimization with Random Variable Grouping,” *IEEE Symposium on Swarm Intelligence*, IEEE SIS 2015, pp. 1302 - 1309, Cape Town, Dec. 2015.
  20. Oleg Rybik, Ivo Dunsch and **Beatrice Ombuki-Berman**. A GA Approach for finding decision rules based on bireducts, Extended abstract, RST 2015, Warsaw, Poland, June 2015.
  21. Ron Bond, Andries Engelbrecht and **Beatrice Ombuki-Berman**. “Evaluating Landscape Characteristics of Dynamic Benchmark Functions”. CEC 2015, *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, CEC 2015, pp. 187 - 195, Sendai, Japan, May 2015.
  22. Derek Dibblee, Justin Maltese, **Beatrice Ombuki-Berman** and Andries Engelbrecht. “Vector-Evaluated Particle Swarm Optimization with Local Search”. *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, CEC 2015, pp. 1343 - 1350, Sendai, Japan, May 2015.
  23. Kyle Harrison, Mario Ventresca and **Beatrice Ombuki-Berman**. “Investigating Fitness Measures for the Automatic Construction of Graph Models”. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, 9028 pp:189-200, 2015 18th European Conference on the Applications of Evolutionary Computation, EvoCOMPLEX, Copenhagen, Denmark, April 2015.
  24. Mario Ventresca, Kyle Harrison, and **Beatrice Ombuki-Berman**. “An Experimental Evaluation of Multi-Objective Evolutionary Algorithms for Detecting Critical Nodes in Complex Networks”. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, 9028 pp:164-176,2015. 18th

- European Conference on the Applications of Evolutionary Computation, EvoCOMPLEX, Copenhagen, Denmark, April 2015.
25. Michael Medland, Kyle Harrison and **Beatrice Ombuki-Berman**. “Demonstrating the Power of Object-Oriented Genetic Programming via the Inference of Graph Models for Complex Networks,” *6th World Congress on Nature and Biologically Inspired Computing*, (NABIC 2014), pp. pp. 305-311, Portugal, August 2014.
  26. M. Medland, K. Harrison and **B. Ombuki-Berman**. “Incorporating Expert Knowledge in Object-Oriented Genetic Programming,” *Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*, GECCO 2014, pp. 145 - 146, Vancouver, July 2014.
  27. K. Harrison, **B. Ombuki-Berman** and A. Engelbrecht. “Dynamic Multi- Objective Opti. using Charged Vector Evaluated Particle Swarm Optimization,” *IEEE Congress on Evol. Computation*, CEC 2014, pp. 1929 - 1936, Beijing, China, July 2014.
  28. A. Bailey, M. Ventresca and **B. Ombuki-Berman**. “Genetic Programming for the Automatic Inference of Graph Models for Complex Networks,” *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, Issue No. 99 (early access ref.), 18(3):405-419.
  29. K. Harrison, **B. Ombuki-Berman** and A. Engelbrecht. “A Scalability Study of Multi-Objective Particle Swarm Optimizers,” *IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, CEC 2013, pp. 189–197, Cancun, Mexico, June 2013.
  30. A. Bailey, **B. Ombuki-Berman** and M. Ventresca. “Automatic Inference of Hierarchical Graph Models using Genetic Programming with an Application to Cortical Networks,” *Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*, GECCO 2013, pp. 893–900, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 2013.
  31. A. Bailey, **B. Ombuki-Berman** and S. Aseibola. “Discrete Particle Swarm Optimization for the Single Allocation Hub Location Problem,” *2013 IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Production and Logistics Systems*, IEEE SSCI 2013, pp. 92–98, Singapore, April 2013.
  32. N. Unger, **B. Ombuki-Berman** and A. P. Engelbrecht. “Cooperative PSO for Dynamic Environments,” *2013 IEEE Symposium on Swarm Intelligence*, IEEE SSCI 2013, pp. 172–179, Singapore, April 2013.
  33. M. Ventresca, A. Runka and **B. Ombuki-Berman**. “Predicting GAs Performance on the Vehicle Routing Problem Using Information Theoretic Landscape Measures,” *13th European Conference on Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimization*, EvoCOP 2013, pp. 214–225, Vienna, Austria, April 2013.
  34. K. Harrison, **B. Ombuki-Berman** and A.P. Engelbrecht. “Knowledge Transfer Strategies for Vector Evaluated PSO for Multi-Objective Optimization,” *Evolutionary Multi-Criterion Optimization*, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 7811, no. 2013, pp. 171–184, March 2013.
  35. A. Bailey, **B. Ombuki-Berman** and M. Ventresca. “Automatic Generation of Graph Models for Complex Networks by Genetic Programming,” *Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*, GECCO 2012, pp. 711–718, Philadelphia, USA, July 2012.
  36. M. Naeem and **B. Ombuki-Berman**. “An Efficient Genetic Algorithm for the Uncapacitated Single Allocation Hub Location Problem,” *2010 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation*, CEC 2010, pp. 941–948, Barcelona, Spain, July 18–23, 2010.

**Submitted:** K.R Harrison, **B. M. Ombuki-Berman** and A.P Engelbrecht. “A Parameter-free Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithm using Performance Classifiers,” *Swarm and Evolutionary Computation*, Elsevier, August 2018.

**On-going research projects:**

Many-objective PSOs for optimization in Dynamic Search Spaces

A Comparative Study: Swarm Intelligence Algorithms for Large-Scale data clustering

PSO Fitness Landscape Analysis with Neutrality and Varying Gradient

Random Grouping and Factorization to Train Large Neural Networks using Cooperative PSO

General-Purpose Audio Tagging with Deep Learning Neural Network

Learning Neural Network Ensembles and Concept Drift

**Other presentations and invited talks**

1. B. Ombuki-Berman “Genetic programming for Evolving Directed Complex Networks,” Invited Talk, Dept. Information Engineering, U. of The Ryukyus, Japan, August 2016
2. B. Ombuki- Berman “Handling Large-Scale Optimization Problems using PSOs,” Invited Talk, Dept. Information Engineering, U. of The Ryukyus, Japan, August 2016
3. K. Harrison and B. Ombuki-Berman. “Dynamic Multi-Objective Optimization using Particle Swarms Inspired by Atomic Models,” Second Brock-Kobe Bi- lateral Workshop on Scientific Computation, August 2013.
4. M. Medland and B. Ombuki-Berman. “Unravelling the Underlying Algorithmic Principles of Directed Complex Networks,” Second Brock-Kobe Bilateral Workshop on Scientific Computation, August 2013.
5. K. Harrison, B. Ombuki-Berman and A.P. Engelbrecht. “Vector Evaluated PSO for Multi-Objective Optimization,” Computational intelligence research group research day, Pretoria, South Africa, December 2012.
6. B. Ombuki-Berman, K. Klassen and A. Harrington. “Using Summed Ranks and Pareto Ranking to Design Outpatient Schedules,” Canadian Operational Research Society Conference, Niagara Falls, Ontario, June 2012.
7. K. Klassen, B. Ombuki-Berman and A. Harrington. “Developing Appointment Schedules with Genetic Algorithms”, Production and Operations Management Society Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 2012.

### **RESEARCH FUNDING**

1. NSERC Development Grant, \$20,000, 2016 – 2018
2. Matching Funds (Brock), \$12,000, 2016-2018
3. Match-of-Minds, Brock Internal Grant, \$10,000, 2018
4. Match-of-Minds, Brock Internal Grant, \$5, 000, 2017
5. Match-of-Minds, Brock Internal Grant, \$5, 000, 2016
6. Ontario Centers of Excellence, \$31 250, (OCE contribution \$25,000 and AIRON \$6250), 2013.
7. Federal Economic Development Agency for S. Ontario, \$50, 000, 2011-2012
8. Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.
9. NSERC GRF, \$8,000, 2011.
10. Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.
11. NSERC Discovery Grant, \$60, 000 (or \$12,000/year), 2006-2011.

### **Applied Research Via Industry Collaborations and Software Development**

12. PI for Collaboration with Airon Group of Companies, Ontario: Intelligent Energy Analytics with Fault Detection for Facility Management, 2013.
13. PI Collaboration with SmartTeacher (St. Catharines) incorporated with Aseco Inc. (Oakville): A neural-network based bio-feedback response system, Math educational software, 2011-2012.

### **Editorial and External Grant Competitions Reviewer**

1. Academic Editor, Complexity, Open Access Journal, May 2018- Ongoing
2. Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics on Computational Intelligence, Jan. – Dec. 2017.
3. Mitacs Accelerate Fellowship, 2018
4. NSERC Discovery Grant, 2015, 2012 and 2010 Competitions
5. NSERC Idea to Innovation Program 2007 Competitions
6. National Research Foundation of South Africa, 2016, 2007, 2005.

### **External Examiner for Graduate Theses outside Brock**

1. Department of Computer Science, University of Windsor, ON, PhD Theses
2. Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, MSc. Theses.
3. Department of Computer Science, University of Pretoria, S. Africa, PhD Thesis.

### **Event Administration**

1. (Invited) Publicity Co-chair, IEEE 5th Intl. Conference on Soft Computing & Machine Intelligence, Conference, 2018/11 - 2018/11.
2. (Invited) Session Chair (Evolutionary Computation), The 31st International Conference on Industrial, Engineering & Other applications of Applied Intelligent Systems,

- IEA-AIE 2018, Montreal, Canada, 2018.
3. (Invited) Session Chair, 2017 IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence, USA.
  4. Organizer (Adaptive systems session): 2017 IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence, USA
  5. (Invited) Session Chair, 2017, 2017 IEEE Congress in Evolutionary Computation, Spain.
  6. (Invited) Publicity Co-chair, 2015 IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence, SA, The 16th European Conference on Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimization, EvoCop 2016, Portugal, 2016.
  7. The 15th European Conference on Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimisation, EvoCop 2015, Copenhagen, 2015.
  8. The 14th European Conference on Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimisation, EvoCoP 2014, Spain, 2014.
  9. Swarm Intelligence, ANTS 2012, Belgium, 2012

**Reviewer for the following Journals:**

- IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation
- IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics: Part C on Applications and Reviews
- IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning
- Swarm and Evolutionary Computation
- Swarm Intelligence
- European Journal of Operations Research
- Computers and Operational Research
- Soft Computing
- Applied Soft Computing
- Applied Intelligence
- Applied Soft Computing
- Applied Mathematics and Computation
- Annals of Operations Research
- South African Journal of Computing
- Optimization Letters
- Operational Research
- Public Transport
- ACM Computing Surveys
- ACM Computing Reviews
- International Journal of Swarm Intelligence
- Connection Science
- Journal of Advanced Transportation
- Inverse Problems in Science & Engineering
- Journal of Information Science & Engineering
- IEEE Communications Letters

- Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence

Reviewer and Technical Program Committee Member for the following International Refereed Conferences:

1. The Genetic and Evolutionary Conference (GECCO)
2. European Conference on Evolutionary Computation in Combinatorial Optimization, EvoCOP
3. IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation (IEEE CEC)
4. IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence (IEEE SSCI)
5. International Symposium on Innovations in Intelligent Systems and Applications
6. IEEE Computational Intelligence and Security
7. International Conference on Evolutionary Computation, ICEC.
8. International Technical Conference on Circuits/Systems, Computers and Communications, ITC-CSCC.
9. IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics.

## **Curriculum Development**

Co-chair Committee on Proposed Ph.D. in Modeling and Applied Computing, Brock University, July 2017 – Current

Committee Member and Department Rep., Proposed Interdisciplinary BSc & BA in Data Science, 2017

Committee Member, New MSc. Computer Science, Brock University, 2005-2005

## **DESIGNING OF NEW COURSES At BROCK U.**

- COSC 5P74 Evolutionary Computation
- COSC 4P80 Artificial Neural Networks
- COSC 4P76 Machine Learning

## **Courses Taught**

- COSC 3P71 Artificial Intelligence
- COSC 4P76 Machine Learning
- COSC 4P80 Artificial Neural Networks
- COSC 2P13 Computer Systems (previous: Operating Systems)
- COSC 1P03 Data Structures and Abstraction
- COSC 4P90 Honors project theses in AI
- COSC 5P74 Evolutionary Computation
- COSC 5P75 Directed Graduate Study, Swarm Intelligence
- COSC 5P75 Directed Graduate Study, Complex Networks
- COSC 5P75 Directed Graduate Study, Evolutionary Computation

- COSC 5P75 Directed Graduate Study, Pattern Classification
- COSC 5P75 Directed Study, Evolving neural networks
- COSC 5P90 Graduate thesis
- COSC 5F99 Graduate Project

### **STUDENT SUPERVISIONS GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS (2010-Current)**

Note: Our MSc. program started in Fall 2006 and we do not yet have a PhD. program.

Summary:

- PhD Students (**2**, On-going, Co-supervision, University of Pretoria)
  - MSc. On-going: **4**
  - MSc. Completed: **16**
  - GRADUATE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER: **20+**
  - (Not including those already included above with my students)
- Visiting International Internships Supervisions (Graduate Students)
- Kohei Yamamoto, Kobe University Japan, 2017-2018.
  - Kengo Shimizu, Kobe University Japan, 2018-2019.

### **UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISIONS – Last 8 Years only (honors theses or Funded Summer RAs)**

- Honors Thesis: On-going: 3
- Honors Thesis: Completed: 16+
- Summer Research assistants: 9+

### **Ph.D. Thesis (The last 8 years only)**

Bailey, Alex (PhD, In Progress), University of Pretoria, Thesis Title: “Evolving graph models for large-scale complex networks”

Harrison, Kyle (PhD, Submitted June 2018), University of Pretoria, Thesis Title: “Self-Adaptive PSOs”

### **MSc Thesis (The last 8 years only)**

Crane, Tyler (Expected, 2020), (Topic TBA: Complex Networks Modeling & Genetic Programming)

Clark, Mitchell (Expected, 2020), (Topic on Swarm Intelligence, TBA)



Pawel, Jocko (Expected, 2020), (Topic on Evolving Deep learning, TBA)

Paterson, James (In Progress, Expected 2019), “Genetic Programming for Evolving graph models for complex networks”

McLean Reginald (In Progress, expected 2019), “A comparative Study of Swarm Intelligence techniques for Evolving Neural Networks”

Dzhumkaliev, Ruslan (In Progress, Expected December 2018). Project Title: “PSO Techniques for Multidimensional Data Clustering”

Douglas, Jay (In Progress, Expected September 2018). Thesis Title: “Cooperative PSOs for Large Scale Optimization”

Biswas, Sanjib (Completed, 2017). Thesis Title: “Multi-objective genetic algorithms for Multi-depot VRP with Time windows”

Opoku-Amankwaah, Audrey (Completed, 2017), Brock University Thesis Title: Age Layered Population Structure Genetic Algorithm for scheduling and optimization

Maltese, Justin (Completed, 2016). Thesis Title: “Many-objectives optimization using Knee-Based PSO and DE algorithms”

Rybkin, Oleg (Completed, 2016) , Brock University Thesis Title: “Genetic algorithms approach for finding rough sets decision rules”

Bond, Ron (Completed, 2014) , Brock University Thesis: “Dynamical landscape characterizations and niching algorithms”

Harrison, Kyle (Completed, 2014), Thesis Title: “Network Similarity Measures and Automatic Construction of Graph Models using Genetic Programming”

Medland, Michael (Completed, 2014), Thesis: “Graph Models for Directed Complex Networks via Object-Oriented Genetic Programming”

Asobiela, Stephen (Completed, 2013), Thesis Title: “Multi-Objective GAs for Allocation Hub Location Problems”

Iranzad, Arash (Completed, 2013), Thesis Title: “Image classifications using support vector machines”

Bailey, Alex (Completed, 2013), Thesis Title: “Using GP to construct graph models for

complex networks” Present Position: TBA

Edalatmanesh, Mahmood (Completed, 2013), Thesis Title: “Heuristics for the Critical Node Detection Problem Present Position”

Mofrad, Tanaby Z (Completed, 2010), Thesis Title: “Comparison of the Classification Ability of Hyperball Algorithms with Neural Networks”

Runka, Andrew (Completed, 2010), Thesis Title: “Genetic Programming for the RoboCup Rescue Simulation System”

### **Honors Thesis (The last 8 years only)**

Titles not listed here

## **UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE WORK**

Graduate Program Director, 2017-2020, 2007–2008

Graduate Studies committee 2006 - current

Coordinator, Computer Science Honors thesis course projects, 2018-19, 2012

Coordinator, Department Seminar Series, 2018-19

Member, Curriculum committee, 2016-2018

Member

Department’s new Graduate Programs Preparatory committee

Chair, Department Recruitment and Retention committee, 2008–2010

Hiring needs preparatory sub-committee, 2011–2012

### **FURTHER SERVICE WORK (Faculty/University)**

University Senator, 2018-2021, 2012-2014

Representative, Math & Science Faculty Governance Senate Committee, 2018-19

Graduate Studies Senate Sub-Committee (BUFA observer), 2016 -19

Representative, Math & Science Faculty, Collective Agreement Negotiating Committee, 2016-17

Chair, Tenure and Promotions committee, Math & Science Faculty, 2015–2016

Member, Tenure and Promotions committee, Math & Science Faculty, 2012–2013

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

- Coach, St. Catharine’s Jets Soccer Club, 2018.

- Volunteer, Wheatley School, 2011–2017.
- Volunteer, Broadway Lights Dance Studio, 2017-18.
- Brock Liaison Officer, Celebration of Ontario Women Comp. Scientists Conf.
- Coordinator, online silent auction Software & Organizing committee member –25 years Anniversary Gala, Wheatley School, 2011.
- Volunteer, Teacher Assistant, Parliament Oak Elementary School, 2009–2010

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## Education

- 1988-1992 Ph.D., (Computing and Information Science), Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. The Star and Pancake Interconnection Networks: Properties and Algorithms.
- 1986-1988 MSc., (Applied Mathematics), University of California, Davis, CA, USA. Autonomous Land Vehicle Navigations: Obstacle Avoidance and Terrain Negotiation.
- 1983-1984 MSc., (Computer Science), University of California, Davis, CA, USA.
- 1978-1982 BSc., (Computer Science), Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China.

## Academic Positions Held

- 2012- Professor, Department of Computer Science, Brock University.
- 2004-2012 Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, Brock University.
- 1999-2003 Associate Professor, Jodrey School of Computer Science, Acadia University (Visiting Professor, University of Texas, Arlington, 2001-2002 while on sabbatical)
- 1994-1999 Assistant Professor, Jodrey School of Computer Science, Acadia University.
- 1993-1994 Visiting Fellow to the Defence Research Establishment Valcartier (DND DREV), Quebec.
- 1992-1993 Post-Doc Fellow, Queen's University.

## Creative and Scholarly Activities

### Book Chapters

1. . E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "Structural Properties of the Generalized Exchanged Hypercubes," Springer International Publishing Switzerland 2017, A. Adamatzky (ed.), *Emergent Computation, Emergence, Complexity and Computation*, 24, DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-46376-6\_9

## Refereed Journal Papers

1. W. Ding and K. Qiu, "A Quadratic Time Exact Algorithm for Continuous Connected 2-Facility Location Problem in Trees," *Journal of Combinatorial Optimization*, 2017.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10878-017-0213-2>
2. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "On Diagnosability of Interconnection Networks," *International Journal of Unconventional Computing*, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp. 245-251, 2017.
3. E. Cheng, K. Noroozi, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "Routing on the hypercube with Blocking/Faulty Nodes," *Congressus Numerantium*, 229, pp. 75-85, 2017.
4. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "Diagnosability Problems of the Exchanged Hypercube and Its Generalization," *International Journal of Computer Mathematics*, Volume 2, Issue 2, pp. 39-52, 2017.
5. W. Ding and K. Qiu, "An FPTAS for Generalized Absolute 1-Center Problem in Vertex-Weighted Graphs," *Journal of Combinatorial Optimization*, Volume 34, Issue 4, pp. 1084-1095, Nov. 2017.
6. W. Ding and K. Qiu, "Incremental Single-Source Shortest Paths in Digraphs with Arbitrary Positive Arc Weights," *Theoretical Computer Science*, Vol. 674, No. 25, pp. 16-31, April, 2017.
7. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "On the Restricted Connectivity of the Arrangement Graph," *Journal of Supercomputing*, Volume 73, Issue 8, pp. 3669-3682, August 2017.
8. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "A Strong Connectivity Property of the Generalized Exchanged Hypercube," Dedicated to the memory of Levon H. Khachatryan, *Discrete Applied Mathematics*, Vol. 216, Part 3, pp. 529-536, Jan. 2017.
9. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "Length Two Path Centered Surface Areas of the  $(n, k)$ -Star Graph," *Information Sciences*, Vol. 332, 1, pp. 115-130, March 2016.
10. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "On the Conditional Diagnosability of Hyper-Butterfly Graphs and Related Networks," *Parallel Processing Letters*, Vol. 26, No. 1, 2016.
11. W. Ding and K. Qiu, "Approximating the Restricted 1-Center in Graphs," *Theoretical Computer Science*, available online, June 2016.
12. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "Connectivity Results of Complete Cubic Networks as Associated with Linearly Many Faults," *Journal of Interconnection Networks*, Vol. 15, Nos 1 & 2. accepted Sept. 2015.
13. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "Edge Centered Surface Area for the  $(n, k)$ -Star Graph," *Journal of Combinatorial Mathematics and Combinatorial Computing*, 94, pp. 237-260, 2015.
14. F. Zhang, K. Qiu, and J.S. Kim, "Hyper-star Graphs: Some Topological Properties and an Optimal Neighbourhood Broadcasting Algorithm," Special issue of *Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience*. 27, pp. 4186-4193, 2015.
15. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "Finding Edge-Centered Surface Areas for the  $(n, k)$ -Star Graph via First Principle," *Congressus Numerantium*, Vol 221, pp. 163-188, 2014.
16. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "On the Conditional Diagnosability of Matching Composition Networks," *Theoretical Computer Science*. Vol. 557, 6, pp. 101-114, Nov. 2014.

17. J.S. Kim, S.W. Kim, K. Qiu, and H.O. Lee, "Some Properties and Algorithms for the Hyper-Torus Network," *Journal of Supercomputing*, Vol. 69, Issue 1, pp. 121-138, July 2014.
18. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "Deriving Length Two Path Centered Surface Area for the Arrangement Graph: A Generating Function Approach," *Journal of Supercomputing*, 68, pp. 1241-1264, 2014.
19. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "On the Surface Areas of the Alternating Group Graph and the Split-Star Graph," *Ars Combinatoria*, 115, pp. 239-260, 2014.
20. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "Length Two Path Centered Surface Area for the Arrangement Graphs," *International Journal of Computer Mathematics*, Vol. 91, No. 6, 1170-1189, 2014.
21. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "The Edge-Centered Surface Area of the Arrangement Graph," *Journal of Combinatorial Optimization*, 27, pp.49-64, 2014.
22. W. Ding and K. Qiu, "Algorithms for the Minimum Diameter Terminal Steiner Tree Problem," *Journal of Combinatorial Optimization*, Vol. 28, Issue 4, 837-853, Nov. 2014.
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39. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "On Deriving Explicit Formulas of the Surface Areas for the Arrangement Graphs and Some of the Related Graphs," *International Journal of Computer Mathematics*, Vol. 87, No. 13, pp. 2903-2914, 2010.

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2. W. Ding and K. Qiu, "A Quadratic Time Exact Algorithm for Continuous Connected 2-Facility Location Problem in Trees," *Proc. of the 10th Annual International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Applications*, Dec, 2016, Hong Kong, LNCS 10043, pp. 408-420.
3. K. Noroozi and K. Qiu, "On the Hamiltonicity, Connectivity, and Broadcasting Algorithm of the KCube," *Proc. 3rd International Symposium on Computing and Networking, Across Practical Development and Theoretical Research (CANDAR'15)*, published by IEEE CPS, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, Dec. 2015. pp. 174-180.
4. W. Ding and K. Qiu, "Approximating the Restricted 1-Center in Graphs," *Proc. of the 9th Annual International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Applications*, Dec, 2015, Houston Texas, LNCS 9486, pp. .
5. W. Ding and K. Qiu, "Dynamic Single-Source Shortest Paths in Erds-Rnyi Random Graphs," *Proc. of the 9th Annual International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Applications*, Dec, 2015, Houston Texas, LNCS 9486, pp. 537-550.
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8. F. Zhang, K. Qiu, and J.S. Kim, "Hyper-star Graphs: Some Topological Properties and an Optimal Neighbourhood Broadcasting Algorithm," *Proc. the 14th International Conference on Algorithms and Architectures for Parallel Processing (ICA3PP 2014)*, Da Lian, China, August, 2014, LNCS 8630, pp. 526-534.

9. E. Cheng, L. Liptak, K. Qiu, and Z.Z. Shen, "On the Conditional Diagnosability of Cayley Graphs Generated by 2-Trees and Related Networks," *International Symposium on Pervasive Systems, Algorithms, and Networks (ISPAN)*, IEEE Computer Society Press CPS, Texas, Dec. 2012.
10. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z. Shen, "A Faster Algorithm for Finding Disjoint Ordering of Sets," *Proc. of the 3rd International Conference on Networking and Computing*, Okinawa, Japan, Dec. 2012, IEEE Computer Society CPS, pp. 118-124.
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13. D. Peters, K. Qiu, and P. Liang, "Faster Short Read Alignment with pBWA," *Proc. of International Conference on Applied Mathematics, Modeling and Computational Science (AMMCS)*, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, July 2011, pp. 131-134.
14. E. Cheng, K. Qiu, and Z. Shen, "The Number of Shortest Paths in the  $(n, k)$ -Star Graphs," *Proc. of the 4th Annual International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Applications*, The Big Island, Hawaii, 2010, LNCS 6508, pp. 222-236.

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1. Conditional Diagnosability of Some Interconnection Networks (with E. Chang and Z. Shen), *The 28th Midwest Conference on Combinatorics and Combinatorial Computing (MCCCC)*, Las Vegas, Oct. 2014.
2. The Number of Shortest Paths in the  $(n, k)$ -Star Graphs (with E. Cheng and Z. Shen), American Mathematical Society 2010 Spring Eastern Sectional Meeting, special session on recent trends in Cayley graphs to model interconnection networks, Newark, NJ, May 2010.
3. Guest Editor's Note: Advances in Quantum Computation, *Parallel Processing Letters*, 20 (3): 211-212, 2010.

## Grants Obtained

- 2016-2018 NSERC Discovery Development Grant \$10,000 + \$6,000/year (Brock)
- 2011-2016 NSERC Discovery Grant \$18,000/year.

## Editorial and Refereeing Duties

### Journal Editorship

- Editorial Board, *Parallel Processing Letter* (since Nov. 2006)
- Editorial Board, *International Journal of parallel, Emergent and Distributed Systems* (since Dec. 2011).



## Program Committee Members

- 2012 International Symposium on Pervasive Systems, Algorithms, and Networks (ISPAN), San Marcos, Texas, Dec. 2012.
- 2013 International Symposium on Computing and Networking - Across Practical Development and Theoretical Research - (CANDAR'2013), Matsuyama, Japan, Dec. 2013.
- 2014 International Symposium on Computing and Networking - Across Practical Development and Theoretical Research - (CANDAR'2014), Mt. Fuji, Shizuoka, Japan, Dec. 2014.
- 2015 International Symposium on Computing and Networking - Across Practical Development and Theoretical Research - (CANDAR'2015), Hokkaido, Japan, Dec. 2015.
- 2016 International Symposium on Computing and Networking - Across Practical Development and Theoretical Research - (CANDAR'2016), Hiroshima, Japan, Nov. 2016.
- 2017 International Symposium on Pervasive Systems, Algorithms, and Networks (ISPAN), Exeter, England, June, 2017.

## Refereeing Duties

- 1986- Reviewed numerous papers for the following journals and conferences:
  - Journals:  
Parallel Computing, Discrete Applied Mathematics, Discrete Mathematics, IEEE Transactions on Computers, IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, Information Processing Letters, Parallel Processing Letters, VLSI Design, The Journal of Supercomputing, International Journal of Telecommunication Systems, Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing, Journal of Computer & Software Engineering, Journal of Network and Computer Applications, ARS Combinatoria, International Journal of Computers and Their Applications, Networks, IEICE Transactions (Japan), Theoretical Computer Science, Algorithmica, SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics, Journal of Computer and System Sciences, The Computer Journal, International Journal of Networking and Computing (Japan).
  - Conferences:  
International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks, International Symposium on Computing and Networking, Across Practical Development and Theoretical Research (CANDAR), International Conference on Computing and Information, European Parallel Processing Conference CONPAR/VARP, International Conference on Parallel Processing. International Parallel Processing Symposium, The Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, IASTED International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Computing and Systems (PDCS), IASTED International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Computing and Networks (PDCN).



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### Degrees

- 1992/11            Doctorate, Artificial Intelligence, University of Edinburgh
- 1988/10            Master's Thesis, Computer Science, University of British Columbia
- 1984/5             Bachelor's Honours, Computer Science, University of British Columbia

### User Profile

Research Specialization Keywords: Biological Modeling, Computational Intelligence, Evolutionary Computation, Evolutionary Design, Genetic Programming

### Employment

- 2003/7                Full professor  
Computer Science, Brock University  
Full-time, Professor  
Tenure Status: Tenure
- 1996/6 - 2003/6    Associate professor  
Computer Science, Brock University  
Full-time, Associate Professor  
Tenure Status: Tenure
- 1992/6 - 1996/5    Assistant professor  
Computer Science, Brock University  
Full-time, Assistant Professor  
Tenure Status: Tenure Track
- 1991/9 - 1992/5    Visiting assistant professor  
Computer Science, University of Victoria  
Part-time  
Tenure Status: Non Tenure Track
- 1992/1 - 1992/3    Software consultant  
Government of British Columbia
- 1984/6 - 1986/5    Engineer scientist  
Radian Corporation

## Research Funding History

### Awarded [n=1]

2016/4 - 2021/3  
Principal Applicant

Genetic Programming Techniques for Modelling and Design, Grant

**Funding Sources:**  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)  
Discovery Grants Program  
Total Funding - 110,000  
Portion of Funding Received - 22,000  
Funding Competitive?: Yes

### Completed [n=2]

2011/4 - 2016/3  
Principal Applicant

Multi-objective Grammar-guided Genetic Programming for Bio-network Modelling and Evolutionary Design, Grant

**Funding Sources:**  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)  
Operating grant  
Total Funding - 70,000  
Portion of Funding Received - 70,000  
Funding Competitive?: Yes

2006/4 - 2011/3  
Principal Investigator

The Inference of Concurrent Systems Using Genetic Programming, Grant

**Funding Sources:**  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)  
Operating grant  
Total Funding - 63,500  
Portion of Funding Received - 63,500  
Funding Competitive?: Yes

## Student/Postdoctoral Supervision

### Bachelor's Honours [n=9]

2017/9 - 2018/1  
Principal Supervisor

Tyler Cowan (Completed) , Brock University  
Student Degree Expected Date: 2018/6

2017/9 - 2018/1  
Principal Supervisor

Jordan Maslen (Completed) , Brock University  
Student Degree Expected Date: 2018/6

2015/9 - 2016/4  
Principal Supervisor

Earle, James (Completed) , Brock University  
Thesis/Project Title: Financial Applications of Genetic Programming

2015/5 - 2016/8  
Co-Supervisor

Seelert, Nick (Completed) , Brock University  
Thesis/Project Title: Genetic Algorithms for Parameter Fitting of Neuron Models

2010/9 - 2011/4  
Principal Supervisor

Mccarney, Dan (Completed) , Brock University  
Thesis/Project Title: Evolution of Error-Correcting Codes  
Present Position: Lead security engineer, Fastly (San Francisco, CA)

2010/9 - 2011/4  
Principal Supervisor

Lamarre, AI (Completed) , Brock University  
Thesis/Project Title: Interactive Evolution of Character Animation

2009/1 - 2009/4 Maki, Craig (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Thesis/Project Title: Pixel and Vertex Shader Programming

2009/1 - 2009/4 Garcia, Bruno (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Thesis/Project Title: Social Game Development

2008/9 - 2009/4 Bergen, Steven (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Thesis/Project Title: Evolving Stylized Images using Genetic Algorithms  
Present Position: Lead developer, Prodigy (St Catharines, Ontario)

**Master's Thesis [n=19]**

2017/9 Arpi Sen Gupta (In Progress) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor

2017/1 Mae Leong (In Progress) , Brock University  
Co-Supervisor Student Degree Expected Date: 2021/12  
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2016/9 Fazle Tanjil (In Progress) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Student Degree Expected Date: 2018/8  
Thesis/Project Title: TBA

2015/9 - 2017/10 Bakurov, Illya (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Student Degree Expected Date: 2018/6  
Thesis/Project Title: Non-photorealistic Rendering with Cartesian Genetic Programming using Graphics Processing Units

2015/1 - 2018/2 Gircys, Michael (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Student Degree Expected Date: 2018/6  
Thesis/Project Title: Texture Evolution using 2D Power Spectra  
Present Position: n/a

2014/9 - 2016/8 Salimi, Elham (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Thesis/Project Title: Statistical Image Analysis for Image Evolution

2014/1 - 2017/10 Grossi, Gina (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Student Degree Expected Date: 2018/6  
Thesis/Project Title: Evolution of Cooperating Agents for Pursuit Games  
Present Position: Lecturer, Niagara College (Welland, Ontario)

2013/9 - 2015/9 Awuley, Anthony (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Thesis/Project Title: Feature Selection and Classification Using Age-Layered Population Structure Genetic Programming

2012/9 - 2014/8 Maghoumi, Mehran (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Thesis/Project Title: Real-Time Automatic Object Classification and Tracking Using Genetic Programming and NVIDIA CUDA  
Present Position: PhD student, U Central Florida (Orlando, FL)

2012/9 - 2015/7 Moylan, Kelly (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Thesis/Project Title: Inverse Illumination Design with Genetic Programming

2011/9 - 2013/5 Baniyadi, Maryam (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Thesis/Project Title: Genetic Programming for Non-Photorealistic Rendering

2011/9 - 2013/10 Oraei, Mahdi (Completed) , Brock University  
Principal Supervisor Thesis/Project Title: Passive Solar Building Design using Genetic Programming,  
Present Position: Software engineer, InvistaWare (Calgary, AB)

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| 2010/9 - 2012/10<br>Principal Supervisor | Harrington, Adrian (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Enabling and Measuring Complexity in Evolving Designs Using Generative Representations for Artificial Architecture<br>Present Position: Co-founder/lead developer Cinema Suite Inc. (Toronto, ON) |
| 2010/9 - 2011/12<br>Principal Supervisor | Bergen, Steven (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Automatic Structure Generation using Genetic Programming and Fractal Geometry<br>Present Position: Lead developer, Prodigy (St Catharines, Ontario)   |
| 2009/9 - 2011/7<br>Co-Supervisor         | Mahmood, Shahid (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Improving the Scalability of Reduct Determination in Rough Sets<br>Present Position: Software consultant, Ontario Ministry of Education (Toronto, ON)  |
| 2008/9 - 2011/5<br>Principal Supervisor  | Coia, Corrado (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Automatic Evolution of Conceptual Building Architectures,<br>Present Position: Director of operations, ApprenticeA Productions (Toronto, ON)   |
| 2008/9 - 2010/11<br>Principal Supervisor | Flack, Robert (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Evolution of Architectural Floor Plans<br>Present Position: Software engineer, Google Inc. (Waterloo, ON)  |
| 2007/9 - 2009/2<br>Principal Supervisor  | Imada, Janine (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Evolutionary Synthesis of Stochastic Gene Network Models Using Feature-based Search Spaces<br>Present Position: Software Developer, PerkinElmer (Cambridge, ON)  |
| 2007/9 - 2012/10<br>Principal Supervisor | Barry, Will (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Generative Aesthetically Pleasing Images in a Virtual Environment Using Particle Swarm Optimization<br>Present Position: Professor, Sheridan College (Oakville, ON)                                      |

## Presentations

- (2015). Using Multi-objective Genetic Programming to Evolve Stochastic Logic Gate Circuits. IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, Niagara Falls, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
- (2011). Automatic Evolution of Conceptual Building Architectures. CEC 2011, New Orleans, United States  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
- (2011). Evolution of Stochastic Bio-Networks Using Summed Rank Strategies. CEC 2011, New Orleans, United States  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
- (2010). Evolutionary Art using Summed Multi-Objective Ranks. In 2010 Genetic Programming Theory and Practice Workshop, Ann Arbor, United States  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: Yes, Keynote?: No
- (2009). Using Multi-objective Genetic Programming to Synthesize Stochastic Processes. In 2009 Genetic Programming Theory and Practice Workshop, Ann Arbor, United States  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: Yes, Keynote?: No

6. (2009). Evolving Stochastic Processes Using Feature Tests and Genetic Programming. GECCO-2009, Montreal, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No

## Publications

### Journal Articles

1. BANIASADI M and Ross BJ. (2014). Exploring Non-photorealistic Rendering with Genetic Programming. Genetic Programming and Evolvable Machines. 16(2): 211-239.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes
2. BERGEN S and Ross BJ. (2013). Aesthetic 3D Model Evolution. Genetic Programming and Evolvable Machines. 4(3): 339-367.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes
3. BERGEN S & Ross BJ. (2012). Automatic and Interactive Evolution of Vector Graphics Images with Genetic Algorithms. The Visual Computer. 28(1): 35-45.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes
4. Ross BJ. (2012). The Evolution of Higher-level Biochemical Reaction Models. Genetic Programming and Evolvable Machines. 13(1): 3-31.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes
5. IMADA J & Ross BJ. (2011). Evolutionary Synthesis of Stochastic Gene Network Models using Feature-based Search Spaces. New Generation Computing. 29(4): 365-390.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes

### Book Chapters

1. Ross BJ. (2012). Evolutionary Learning and Stochastic Process Algebra. Encyclopedia of the Sciences of Learning. : 1193-1194.  
Published, Springer  
Refereed?: No
2. Ross BJ & IMADA J. (2010). Using Multi-objective Genetic Programming to Synthesize Stochastic Processes. Riolo R, O'Reilly U & McConaghy T. Genetic Programming Theory and Practice VII. : 159-175.  
Published, Springer  
Refereed?: No
3. BERGEN S & Ross BJ. (2010). Evolutionary Art Using Summed Multi-Objective Ranks. Genetic Programming Theory and Practice VIII. : 227-244.  
Published, Springer  
Refereed?: No

### Reports

1. Brian J. Ross. (2018). A Comparison of Knee Strategies for Hierarchical Spatial Clustering (TR18-01). 14. Brock University

2. MAGHOUMI M, Ross BJ. (2016). Online Image Classification Using Graphics Processing Unit-Based Genetic Programming, Technical report CS-16-02, Dept. of Computer Science. Brock University
3. BARRY W & Ross BJ. (2014). Virtual Photography Using Multi-objective Particle Swarm Optimization, Technical report CS-14-03, Dept. of Computer Science. 9. Brock University
4. MAGHOUMI M & Ross BJ. (2014). Feature Extraction Languages and Visual Pattern Recognition, Technical report CS-14-01, Dept. of Computer Science. 9. Brock University
5. GHOLAMI MMO & Ross BJ. (2014). Passive Solar Building Design Using Genetic Programming, Technical report CS-14-02, Dept. of Computer Science. 9. Brock University
6. HARRINGTON A & Ross BJ. (2013). Generative Representations for Artificial Architecture and Passive Solar Performance, Technical report CS-13-02, Dept. of Computer Science. 10. Brock University
7. MCCARNEY D, Houghten S & Ross BJ. (2012). Evolutionary Approaches to the Generation of Optimal Error Correcting Codes, Technical report CS-12-02, Dept. of Computer Science. 9. Brock University
8. Ross BJ. (2011). Evolution of Stochastic Bio-Networks Using Summed Rank Strategies, Technical report CS-11-05, Dept. of Computer Science. 9. Brock University
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## Conference Publications

1. Brian J. Ross. (2018). A Comparison of Knee Strategies for Hierarchical Spatial Clustering. IEA-AIE 2018, Montreal, Canada  
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2. Illya Bakurov, Brian J. Ross. (2018). Non-photorealistic Rendering with Cartesian Genetic Programming using Graphics Processing Units. EvoMusArt 2018, Parma, Italy  
Paper  
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Refereed?: Yes, Invited?: No
3. Gina Grossi Brian J Ross. (2017). Evolved Communication Strategies and Emergent Behaviour of Multi-Agents in Pursuit Domains. IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Games 2017, New York, United States  
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Paper  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes, Invited?: No
4. AWULEY A, Ross BJ. (2016). Feature Selection and Classification Using Age Layered Population Structure Genetic Programming. CEC 2016, Vancouver, Canada  
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Paper  
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5. Ross BJ. (2015). Using Multi-objective Genetic Programming to Evolve Stochastic Logic Gate Circuits. 2015 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, Niagara Falls, Canada  
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Paper  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes, Invited?: No
6. MOYLAN K & Ross BJ. (2015). Interior Illumination Design Using Genetic Programming. EvoMusArt 2015, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Conference Date: 2015/4  
Paper  
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Refereed?: Yes, Invited?: No
7. MAGHOUMI M & Ross BJ. (2014). A Comparison of Genetic Programming Feature Extraction Languages for Image Classification. IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence 2014, Orlando, United States  
Conference Date: 2014/12  
Paper  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes, Invited?: No
8. BANIASADI M and Ross BJ. (2014). Non-photorealistic Rendering Using Genetic Programming. (First place competition winner. Paper submission unpublished). GECCO 2014 Evolutionary Art, Design and Creativity Competition, Vancouver, Canada  
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9. BARRY W & Ross BJ. (2014). Virtual Photography Using Multi-objective Particle Swarm Optimization. GECCO 2014, Vancouver, Canada (285–292)  
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10. GHOLAMI MMO & Ross BJ. (2014). Passive Solar Building Design Using Genetic Programming. GECCO 2014, Vancouver, Canada (1111-1118)  
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13. FLACK R and Ross BJ. (2011). Evolution of Architectural Floor Plans. EvoMusArt 2011, Torino, Italy  
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14. Ross BJ. (2011). Evolution of Stochastic Bio-Networks Using Summed Rank Strategies. CEC 2011, New Orleans, United States  
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16. COIA C & Ross BJ. (2010). User-Guided Evolution of Granular Synthesis. International Computer Music Conference, New York, United States  
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17. Ross BJ & IMADA J. (2009). Evolving Stochastic Processes Using Feature Tests and Genetic Programming. GECCO 2009, Montreal,  
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## **DEGREES**

Habilitation    University of the Federal Armed Forces Munich, 2002  
Dr. rer. nat.    University of the Federal Armed Forces Munich, 1998  
Dipl. Inform.   University of the Federal Armed Forces Munich, 1993

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

2009 – present        Professor, Brock University  
2003 - 2009            Associate Professor, Brock University  
1998 - 2003            wissenschaftl. Assistent (Assistant Professor),  
                              University of the Federal Armed Forces Munich  
1995 - 1998            wissenschaftl. Mitarbeiter (Lecturer),  
                              University of the Federal Armed Forces Munich

## **AWARDS**

2017 – Faculty of Graduate Studies Michael Plyley Graduate Mentorship Award, Brock University

2010 - Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Brock University

## **GRANTS**

NSERC CRDOJ (Co-Applicant) Development of a heat strain estimator algorithm control for personal cooling in ultra-deep mining, \$96,740, 2018-2020

NSERC Discovery Grant, Computing and Information Science A, \$23,000/year, 2017-2022

OCE Voucher for Innovation and Productivity (VIP) and NSERC Engage, \$49,999, 2015

Match of Minds (Natassia Bork), Summer Ventures, Brock University, \$4,500, 2015

NSERC Discovery Grant, Computing and Information Science A, \$14,000/year, 2012-2017

NSERC Discovery Grant, Computing and Information Science A, \$23,000/year, 2007-2012

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Brock University (F = Fall, W = Winter, F\W = Fall\Winter, S = Spring):

COSC 5V90 - Functional Programming and Interactive Theorem Proving  
(F16 – 5 Students, W18 – 5 Students)

COSC 5P75 – Directed Reading (formerly COSC 5V90)  
(W10 – 3 Students, W11 – 2 Students, W12 – 1 Student, W13 – 1 Student,  
W14 – 2 Students, W16 – 1 Student, W17 – 3 Students, W18 – 3 Students)

COSC 5P05 – Introduction to Lambda Calculus  
(W12 – 6 Students, F13 – 5 Students, W15 – 3 Students)

COSC 5P02 – Logic in Computer Science  
(F10 – 8 Students, F12 – 8 Students, F14 – 6 Students, F15 – 7 Students,  
F16 – 6 Students, W18 – 9 Students)

COSC 4P61 – Theory of Computation  
(F15 – 44 Students)

COSC 4P42 – Formal Methods in Software Engineering  
(F10 – 19 Students, W13 – 33 Students, W15 – 33 Students, F17 – 21  
Students)

COSC 4P41 – Functional Programming (formerly COSC 4V81)  
(F11 – 35 Students, W14 – 35 Students, W16 – 24 Students)

IASC 4F00 – Team-based Practicum in Interactive Media Design and Production  
(F\W11 – 12 Students, F\W12 – 11 Students, F\W13 – 11 Students,  
F\W14 – 12 Students)

COSC 3P40/91 – Advanced Object Oriented Programming  
(W11 – 12 Students, S13(SC) – 25 Students, S14(SC) – 17 Students,  
S15(SC) – 27 Students, S16(SC) – 23 Students, S17(SC) S1 – 24 Students,  
S17(SC) S2 – 27 Students)

IASC 3F02 – Interactive Media Practices, Prototyping and Production  
(F\W17 – 21 Students)

IASC 3F00 – Imagining Immersive Worlds

(FW15 – 24 Students, F16 – 14 Students)  
IASC 1P30 – Programming for Interactive Media  
(F17 – 21 Students)

### **GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS**

Tonet, Adam: Relational Models of Concurrency (tentative title), 2016-2018.

Ghosh, Pranab: Modal Logics for Qualitative Spatial Reasoning (tentative title), 2016-2018.

Alkhulaif, Shams: A Functional Programming Language with Patterns and Copatterns (tentative title), 2016-2018.

Santos Teixeira, Milene: An Implementation of an L-Fuzzy Controller, UFSM Brazil, 2016-2017.

Chowdhury, Durjay: Approximation Algorithms using Allegories and Coq, 2015-2017.

Killingbeck, Dylan: A Generic Matrix Manipulator, Brock University, 2015-2016.

Adjei, Evans: *L-Fuzzy Structural Query Language*. Brock University, 2013-2015.

Chowdhury, Abdul Wazed: *An Abstract Algebraic Theory of L-Fuzzy Relations for Relational Databases*. Brock University, 2013-2015.

Jackson, Ethan: *Fuzzy Controller in Arrow Categories*. Brock University, 2012-2014.

Ghosh, Manas: *Extensional Models of RCC Composition Tables*. Brock University, 2011-2013.

Atampore, Francis Kwesi: *A Library for Relations based on Heterogeneous OMDDs*. Brock University, 2010-2012.

Das, Tuhin Kanti: *A System for First-Order Dynamic Logic*. Brock University, 2010 – 2012.

Lenarčić, Adam: *Formalizing Affordances in Situation Theory*. Brock University, 2010-2011.

Mahmood, Shahid: *Efficient Computation of Reducts in Rough Set based Data Mining*. Brock University 2010-2011.

Hossain, Md Nour: *Equational Reasoning about Object-Oriented Programs*. Brock University, 2009-2011.

Abdalbari, Anwar: *A System for Models of First-order Theories*. Brock University, 2009-2011.

Siddavataam, Prathap: *Generating Relation Algebras for Qualitative Spatial Reasoning*. Brock Univeristy, 2009-2011.

Aameri, Bahar: *Extending RelAPS to full First-Order Logic*. Brock University, 2008-2010.

Zhang, Si: *Generating Finite Ingetral Relation Algebras*. Brock University, 2008-2010.

### **UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISIONS**

Al Jumaily, Maysara: *Analyzing Soccer Data using Graphs*, 2017.

Simonits, Alexander: *Automatic Quest Generation*, 2017.

Caven, Nichole and Miskimin, Mathew: *3D Virtual Tour of MIWSFPA*, 2016.

Kurylovich, Anton: *Development of an animated geometry learning platform*, 2015-2017.

Kazemi, Yosra and DeForest, Amber: *Interactive Induction for High School Students*, 2015-2017.

Owen, Scott: *Visualizing Proofs in Natural Deduction*, Brock University, 2015.

Jones, Alec: *Dante's Inferno*. Brock University, 2014.

Santos Teixeira, Milene: *A Generic Matrix Manipulator*. Brock University, 2014.

Graham, Fred: *Developing a Hybrid Control System*. Brock University, 2014.

Menonkariyil, Mathew: *Higher-order Matching for Interactive Theorem Proving*. Brock University, 2013.

Jaques, Chris: *Art in Augmented Reality*. Brock University, 2013.

Pascuzzi, Vince: *Simulating Quantum Computing in Haskell*. Brock University, 2012.

Stinson, Christopher: *Operation Olympic - A history simulation*. Brock University, 2012.

Bond, Ron: *Translation of First-Order Properties into relational Equations*. Brock University, 2011-2012.

Jackson, Ethan: *An UNITY Interpreter suitable for Genetic Programming*. Brock University, 2011-2012.

**GRAD. SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP/EXTERNAL REFEREE**

Grossi, Gina: *Communication strategies for evolved cooperating multi-agent teams in pursuit games*. Brock University, 2014-2017.

Opoku-Amankwaah, Audrey: *Using genetic algorithms for the multi-depot vehicle routing problem*. Brock University, 2014-2016.

Maltese, Justin: *Tackling High-Dimensional Many-Objective Optimization Problems using Computational Intelligence Algorithms*. Brock University, 2014-2016.

Arabpour, Mehrdad: *Interconnection Networks and Parallel Algorithms*. Brock University, 2014-2016.

Rybkin, Oleg: *A Genetic Algorithm Approach for Finding Rough Set Decision Rules*. Brock University, 2013-2015.

Noroozi, Keivan: *Properties and Algorithms of Interconnection Networks*. Brock University, 2013-2015.

Bond, Ron: *Tracking multiple Peaks in Dynamic Environments using PSO*. Brock University, MSc. 2012-2014.

Maghoumi, Mehran: *Real-time Unsupervised Object Classification Tracking using Genetic Programming and NVIDIA CUDA*. Brock University, MSc. 2012-2014.

Zhao, Li: *Properties and Algorithms of the KCube Graphs*. Brock University, MSc. 2010-2013.

Zhang, Tian: *A Unifying Theory of Multi-Exit Programs*. McMaster, PhD., 2013.

Hahmann, Torsten: *Topological and Mereological Relations as Basis for Commonsense Representations of Space*. University of Toronto, PhD., 2008-2012.

Edalamananesh, Mahmood: *Heuristics for critical detection problem*. Brock University, MSc., 2011-2013.

Zhao, Li: *Properties and Algorithms of the KCube-A Novel Architecture For Interconnection Networks*. Brock University, MSc., 2011-2012.

Li, Zhiyuan: *Construction of 1-Deletion-Correcting Ternary Codes*. Brock University, MSc., 2010-2011.

Zhu, He: *Parallel Approximate String Matching Algorithms for Requests of Bioinformatics*. Brock University, MSc., 2010-2012.

Peters, Darren: *Improving Short DNA Sequence Alignment with Parallel Computing*. Brock University, MSc., 2010-2011.

Corrado Coia: *Automatic Evolution of Conceptual Building Architectures*. Brock University, MSc., 2010-2011.

### **UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

- GAME Program Director, 2017-2018.
- Chair of Recruiting and Retention Committee (Department of Computer Science), 2017-2018.
- GAME Program Director, 2016-2017.
- Chair of Recruiting and Retention Committee (Department of Computer Science), 2016-2017.
- Coordinator Seminar Series (Department of Computer Science), 2015-2016.
- GAME Program Director, 2015-2016.
- Chair of Recruiting and Retention Committee (Department of Computer Science), 2015-2016.
- GAME Program Director, 2014-2015.
- Graduate Program Committee (Department of Computer Science), 2014-2015.
- Graduate Program Director (Department of Computer Science), 2013-2014.
- Organizer Computer Science Fair, 2013.
- Organizer Programming Contest, 2014.
- Graduate Program Director (Department of Computer Science), 2012-2013.
- Organizer Computer Science Fair, 2012.
- Organizer Programming Contest, 2012.
- Graduate Program Director (Department of Computer Science), 2011-2012.
- Recruitment and Retention Committee (Department of Computer Science), 2011-2012.
- Organizer Computer Science Fair, 2011.
- Organizer Programming Contest, 2011.
- Organization Committee of the 'Interacting with Immersive Worlds' Conference at Brock University, 2011.
- Chair of the Recruitment and Retention Committee (Department of Computer Science), 2010-2011.
- Recruitment and Retention Committee (Faculty of Mathematics and Science), 2010-2011.
- Graduate Program Committee (Department of Computer Science), 2010-2011.
- Organizer Computer Science Fair, 2010.



- Organizer Programming Contest, 2010.

### **SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Managing editor: *Journal on Relational Methods in Computer Science (JoRMICS)*

Invited talks: *Dependently typed fuzzy sets,*  
Computational Topology and its Application,  
Kent State University, OH, November 07, 2014

*Categories of L-Fuzzy Relations,*  
Kent State University, OH, October 18, 2013

*Categories of L-Fuzzy Relations,*  
Special Session “A Survey of Lattice-Valued Mathematics and its  
Applications”.  
AMS Sectional Meeting, Akron, OH, October 21, 2012

*Relation Algebraic Approaches to Fuzzy Relations,*  
RAMiCS 12, Rotterdam. June 05, 2011

Others: - Referee for numerous journals, book series and organizations,  
including

- Artificial Intelligence
- Association for Symbolic Logic
- Acta Informatica
- Axioms
- European Journal of Operation Research
- Expert Systems with Applications
- Formal Aspects of Computing
- Fundamenta Informaticae
- Fuzzy Sets and Systems
- INS Information Sciences
- International Journal of Computer Mathematics
- International Journal of Geographical Information Science
- Journal on Logic and Algebraic Programming
- Journal on Multiple Valued Logic and Soft Computing
- Journal on Relational Methods in Computer Science
- Journal of Symbolic Computation
- Knowledge-Based Systems
- Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence
- Lecture Notes in Computer Science

- Lecture Notes in Logic
- Logic Journal of the IGPL
- Spatial Cognition and Computation
- Reviewer, Computing Reviews
- Member of the Steering Committee of the international interest group and the conference series on *Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science* (RAMiCS).
- Participant of EU - COST274 / TARSKI Action “Theory and Applications of Relational Structures as Knowledge Instruments”

## **PUBLICATIONS**

1) Life-time summary:

|   | Published | In-print/Accepted | Submitted |
|---|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Books authored                            | 3         | -                 | -         |
| Books edited                              | 3         | -                 | -         |
| Chapters in books (invited papers)        | 4         | -                 | -         |
| Papers in refereed journals               | 31        | -                 | 3         |
| Papers in refereed conference proceedings | 27        | 2                 | 2         |
| Technical reports etc                     | 50        | -                 | -         |

2) Details:

### Papers in refereed journals

Killingbeck D., Santos Teixeira M., Winter M.: *Relations in Linear Algebra*. JLAMP 91(1), 1-16 (2017).

Berghammer R., Stucke I., Winter M: *Using Relation-Algebraic Means and Tool Support for Investigating and Computing Bipartitions*. JLAMP 90(1), 102-124 (2017).

Berghammer R., Winter M.: *Solving Computational Tasks on Finite Topologies by Means of Relation Algebra and the RelView Tool*. JLAMP 88(1), 1-25 (2017).

Winter M.: *Dependencies in Relational Models of Databases*. JLAMP 85(5), 1095-1107 (2016).

Winter M., Jackson E.: *Categories of Relations for Variable-Basis Fuzziness*. Fuzzy Sets and Systems 298, 222-237 (2016).

Winter M.: *Membership Values in Arrow Categories*. Fuzzy Sets and Systems 267. 41-61 (2015).

Winter M, Kempf, P.: *Relational Properties of Sequential Composition of Co-Algebras*. JLAMP 83(2), Special Issue: Festschrift in Honour of Gunther Schmidt on the Occasion of his 75th Birthday, 284-299 (2014).

Berghammer, R., Winter, M.: *Decomposition of Relations and Concept Lattices*. Fundamenta Informaticae 126(1), pp. 37-82 (2013).

Lenarčić, A., Winter, M.: *Affordances in Situation Theory*. Ecological Psychology 25(2), pp. 155-181 (2013).

Winter M., Hahmann T., Grüninger M.: *On the algebra of regular sets: Properties of representable Stonian  $p$ -Ortholattices*. Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence 65(1), pp. 25-60 (2012).

Koppelberg S., Düntsch I., Winter M.: *Remarks on contact relations on Boolean algebras*. Algebra Universalis 68(3), pp. 353-366 (2012).

Furusawa H., Kawahara Y., Winter M.: *Dedekind Categories with Cutoff Operators*. Fuzzy Sets and Systems 173, pp. 1-24 (2011).

Kawahara Y., Winter M.: *Cardinality Functions in Allegories*. Journal on Logic and Algebraic Programming 79(8), pp. 830-844 (2010).

Berghammer, R., Winter, M.: *Embedding mappings and splittings with applications*. Acta Informatica 47(2), pp. 77-110 (2010).

#### Books (authored)

Schmidt G., Winter M.: *Relational Topology*. LNM 2208, Springer 2018, ISBN 978-3-319-74450-6.

#### Books (edited)

Kahl W., Winter M., Oliveira J. (Eds.): *Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science, 15th International Conference RAMiCS 2015, LNCS 9348* (2015).

Berghammer, R., Möller, B., Winter, M. (eds.): *Festschrift in Honour of Gunther Schmidt on the Occasion of his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday*. Journal of Logical and Algebraic Methods in Programming JLAMP 83(2), Elsevier 2014.

#### Papers in refereed conference proceedings

Ghosh, P.K., Winter, M.: *A Modal and Relevance Logic for Qualitative Spatial Reasoning*. (accepted by RAMiCS 17, June 29, 2018)

Winter, M.: *T-Norm Based Operations in Arrow Categories*. (accepted by RAMiCS 17, June 29, 2018)

Jackson, E., Hughes, J., Daley, M., Winter, M.: *An Algebraic Generalization for Graph and Tensor-Based Neural Networks*. IEEE International Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (IEEE CIBCB 2017), (2017).

Winter M: *Type-n Arrow Categories*. 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 16), LNCS 10266, pp.307-322 (2017).

Killingbeck D., Santos Teixeira M., Winter M.: *Relations among Matrices over a Semiring*. 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 15), LNCS 9348, pp. 96-113 (2015).

Adjei E., Chowdhury W., Winter M.: *L-Fuzzy Databases in Arrow Categories*. 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 15), LNCS 9348, pp. 288-304 (2015).

Berghammer R., Stucke I., Winter M.: *Investigating and Computing Bipartitions with Algebraic Means*. 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 15), LNCS 9348, pp. 252-269 (2015).

Winter M., Jackson E., Fujiwara Y.: *Type-2 Fuzzy Controllers in Arrow Categories*. 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 14), LNCS 8428, pp. 293-308 (2014).

Winter M.: *Higher-Order Arrow Categories*. 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 14), LNCS 8428, pp. 277-292 (2014).

Ghosh M., Winter M.: *Refinements of the RCC25 Composition Table*. 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 14), LNCS 8428, pp. 379-394 (2014).

Atampore, F., Winter, M.: *Relation Algebras, Matrices, and Multi-Valued Decision Diagrams*. 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 13), LNCS 7560, pp. 248-263 (2012).

Winter M.: *Relation Algebraic Approaches to Fuzzy Relations*. 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 12), LNCS 6663, pp. 70-73 (2011).

Siddavaatam P., Winter M.: *Splitting Atoms in Relational Algebras*. 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 12), LNCS 6663, pp. 331-346 (2011).

Aameri B., Winter M.: *A First-Order Calculus for Allegories*. 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Relational and Algebraic Methods in Computer Science (RAMiCS 12), LNCS 6663, pp. 74-91 (2011).

Work submitted

Berghammer R., Schmidt, G., Winter M.: *Cryptomorphic Topological Structures: A Computational, Relation-Algebraic Approach*. (submitted to JLAMP, July 10, 2017)

Berghammer, R., Winter, M.: *Order- and Graph-Theoretic Investigation of Dimensions of Finite Topological Spaces and Alexandroff Spaces*. (submitted to Order, July 17, 2018)

Bonnett J., Ralph, W., Brulé, A., Dempsey, E., Bolton, J., Anderson, M., Winter, M., Jaques, C.: *The DataScapes Project: Using Letters, Proteins and Augmented Reality as Constituents for Landscape Art*. (submitted to CYPSY23, March 31, 2018)

Milene Santos Teixeira, M., de Oliveira J.P.M., Winter, M., Machado, A.: *Situation Aware Model for Multiobjective Decision Making in Ambient Intelligence*. (submitted to Expert Systems With Applications, June 26, 2018)

Johansson, M., Eklund, P., Kortelainen, J., Winter, M.: *The Algebra, Logic and Topology of System-of-Systems*. (submitted to DSM 2018, June 01, 2018).

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## STEPHEN C. ANCO

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### Education

B.Sc. (Applied Mathematics and Physics)  
California Institute of Technology, June 1984.

Graduate Program in Applied Mathematics  
Princeton University, September 1984 to May 1985.

Graduate Program (Mathematical Physics)  
University of Chicago, September 1985 to December 1990.  
M.S., June 1987.  
Ph.D., June 1992 (supervisor: R.M. Wald).

### Awards and Honors

Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Caltech), 1983.  
Caldwell Memorial Scholarship (Princeton University), 1984-1985.  
NSERC Post-Graduate Scholarship, 1984-1988.  
NSERC Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1990-1992.  
Distinguished Research Award (Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Brock University), 2016.

### Academic Positions

**Post-doctoral Fellow:** Department of Physics, University of British Columbia  
January 1991 to May 1993.

**Post-doctoral Fellow:** Department of Physics, University of British Columbia  
and **Lecturer:** Department of Mathematics, University of British Columbia  
May 1993 to May 1994.

**Visiting Scientist and Lecturer:** Department of Mathematics, University of British Columbia  
May 1994 to August 1996.

**Visiting Researcher:** Department of Physics, University of Maryland  
and **Adjunct Lecturer:** Department of Mathematics, Trinity College  
September 1996 to December 1996.

**Visiting Assistant Professor:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, American University  
and **Visiting Researcher:** Department of Physics, University of Maryland  
January 1997 to August 1997.

**Visiting Researcher:** Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University  
September 1997 to December 1997. May 1998 to August 1998.

**Limited-Term Assistant Professor:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Concordia  
University  
January 1998 to May 1999.

**Assistant Professor:** Department of Mathematics, Brock University  
June 1999 to June 2001.

**Associate Professor:** Department of Mathematics, Brock University  
July 2001 to June 2007.

**Professor:** Department of Mathematics, Brock University  
July 2007 to present.

**Department Chair:** Department of Mathematics, Brock University  
July 2009 to July 2012. July 2016 to present.

**Graduate Program Director:** Department of Mathematics, Brock University  
September 2005 to September 2007. July 2015 to July 2016.

**Visiting Research Professor** Department of Mathematics, University of Cadiz (Spain)  
June 2017 to July 2017.

## Publication List

### **Books:**

1. G. Bluman and S.C. Anco, Symmetry and Integration Methods for Differential Equations. Applied Mathematical Sciences series, Volume 154, Springer (2002).
2. G. Bluman, A.F. Cheviakov, and S.C. Anco, Applications of Symmetry Methods to Partial Differential Equations. Applied Mathematical Sciences series, Volume 168, Springer (2009).

3. Generalization of Noether's theorem in modern form to non-variational partial differential equations.  
In: Recent progress and Modern Challenges in Applied Mathematics, Modeling and Computational Science, 119–182, Fields Institute Communications, Volume 79 (2017).  
arXiv: mathph/1605.08734

### Journal Articles:

1. The dynamics of conservative peakons in the NLS hierarchy (with X. Chang and J. Szmigielski)  
Accepted in Studies in Applied Math. (2018)  
arXiv: 1711.01429
2. Long wavelength solitary waves in Hertzian chains (with PhD student M. Przedborski)  
Accepted in Phys. Rev. E (2018).  
arXiv:math-ph/1705.06718
3. Hamiltonian structure of peakons as weak solutions for the modified Camassa-Holm equation (with postdoc D. Kraus)  
Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems (Series A) 38(9), (2018) 4449–4465.  
arXiv: nlin.SI/1708.02520
4. Unitarily-invariant integrable systems and geometric curve flows in  $SU(n+1)/U(n)$  and  $SO(2n)/U(n)$  (with MSc student A. Ahmed, and E. Asadi)  
J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. 51 (2018) 065205 (35 pages).  
arXiv: 1408.5290 nlin.SI
5. Conserved norms and related conservation laws for multi-peakon equations. (with PhD student E. Recio)  
J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. 51 (2018) 065203 (19 pages).  
arXiv: 1707.05389 math-ph
6. Symmetry invariance of conservation laws. (with A. Kara)  
Euro. J. Appl. Math. 29(1) (2018), 78–117.  
arXiv: 1510.09154 math-ph
7. Solitary waves and conservation laws for highly nonlinear wave equations modeling granular chains. (with PhD student M. Przedborski)  
J. Math. Phys. 58 (2017) 091502 (34 pages).  
arXiv: 1507.04759 math-ph
8. Integrable  $U(1)$ -invariant peakon equations from the NLS hierarchy (with MSc student F. Mobasheramini)  
Physica D 355 (2017), 1–23.  
arXiv: 1701.00522 nlin.SI



9. On magnetohydrodynamic gauge field theory (with G.M. Webb)  
 J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. 50 (2017) 255501 (34 pages).  
 arXiv: 1701.00521
10. Conservation laws and symmetries of radial generalized nonlinear  $p$ -Laplacian evolution equations. (with MSc student E. Recio)  
 J. Math. Anal. Appl. 452 (2017) 1229–1261.  
 arXiv: 1609.07652 math-ph
11. On the incompleteness of Ibragimov’s conservation law theorem and its equivalence to a standard formula using symmetries and adjoint-symmetries.  
 Symmetry 9(3) (2017), 33 (28 pages).  
 arXiv: 1611.02330 math-ph
12. Vorticity and symplecticity in multi-symplectic Lagrangian gas dynamics (with G.M. Webb)  
 J. Phys. A: Math. and Theor. 49 (2016) 075501 (48 pages).  
 arXiv:1601.05031 math-ph
13. Generalized negative flows in hierarchies of integrable evolution equations (with MSc student S. Mohammad, and T. Wolf, C. Zhu)  
 J. Nonlin. Math. Phys. 23 (2016), 573–606.  
 arXiv: 1604.07779 nlin.SI
14. Some new aspects of first integrals and symmetries for central force dynamics (with BSc students T. Meadows and V. Pascuzzi)  
 J. Math. Phys. 57 (2016), 062901 (35 pages).  
 arXiv: math-ph/1508.07258
15. Symmetry properties of conservation laws.  
 Int. J. Mod. Phys. B 30(28n29) (2016) 1640004 (12 pages).  
 arXiv: math-ph/1512.01835
16. Conservation laws of coupled semilinear wave equations (with M. Khalique).  
 Int. J. Mod. Phys. B 30(28n29) (2016) 1640003 (12 pages).  
 arXiv: math-ph/1510.09160
17. Integrable systems from inelastic curve flows in 2- and 3- dimensional Minkowski space. (with MSc student K. Alkan)  
 J. Nonlin. Math. Phys. 23(2) (2016), 256-299.  
 arXiv: nlin.SI/1410.2335
18. Symmetries and conservation laws of the generalized Krichever-Novikov equation. (with E. Avdonina, A. Gainetdinova, L. Galiakberova, N.H. Ibragimov, T. Wolf)  
 J. Phys. A: Math. and Theor. 49 (2016) 105201 (29 pages).  
 arXiv: nlin.SI/1407.1258

19. Oscillatory solitons of  $U(1)$ -invariant mKdV equations II: Asymptotic behavior and constants of motion. (with MSc student A.S. Mia, and M. Willoughby)  
*J. Math. Phys.* 56 (2015) 121504 (21 pages).  
 arXiv: nlin.SI/1406.6636
20. Oscillatory solitons of  $U(1)$ -invariant mKdV equations I: Envelope speed and temporal frequency. (with MSc student A.S. Mia and M. Willoughby)  
*J. Math. Phys.* 56 (2015) 101506 (35 pages).  
 arXiv: nlin.SI/1406.6630
21. Conserved integrals for inviscid compressible fluid flow in Riemannian manifolds. (with A. Dar and N. Tufail)  
*Proc. Roy. Soc. A* (471) 2015, 20150223 (24 pages).  
 arXiv: math-ph/1503.08859
22. A family of wave-breaking equations generalizing the Camassa-Holm and Novikov equations. (with P. da Silva and I. Freire)  
*J. Math. Phys.* 56 (2015) 091506 (21 pages).  
 arXiv: nlin.SI/1412.4415
23. Solutions of gas dynamic equations associated with classical and new conservation laws. (with N.H. Ibragimov, K.V. Imamutdinova, E.N. Karimova)  
*Applied Math. and Comput.* 268 (2015) 52–58.
24. Exact solutions of semilinear radial Schrodinger equations by group foliation reduction. (with W. Feng and T. Wolf)  
*J. Math. Anal. Appl.* 427 (2015), 759–786.  
 arXiv: math-ph/1408.3751
25. Group-invariant solutions of semilinear Schrodinger equations in multi-dimensions. (with W. Feng)  
*J. Math. Phys.* 54 (2013), 121504 (41 pages).  
 arXiv: math-ph/1301.5529
26. New conserved vorticity integrals for moving surfaces in multi-dimensional fluid flow.  
*J. Math. Fluid Mech.* 15 (2013), 439–451.  
 arXiv: math-ph/1209.4251
27. Symplectically-invariant soliton equations from non-stretching geometric curve flows (with E. Asadi).  
*J. Phys. A: Math. Theor.* 45 (2012), 475207 (38 pages).  
 arXiv: nlin/1206.4040
28. Travelling waves and conservation laws for complex mKdV-type equations. (with M. Mohuddin and T. Wolf)  
*Appl. Math. Comput.* 219 (2012) 679-698.  
 arXiv: math-ph/1110.2403

29. Conservation laws and symmetries of quasilinear radial wave equations in multi-dimensions. (with MSc student S. MacNaughton and T. Wolf)  
J. Math. Phys. 53 (2012), 053703 (33 pages).  
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60. Global existence for wave maps with torsion. (with J. Isenberg)  
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65. Direct construction of conservation laws from field equations. (with G. Bluman)  
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66. Derivation of conservation laws from nonlocal symmetries of differential equations. (with G. Bluman)  
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**Refereed Conference Proceedings:**

71. Conservation laws, symmetries, and line soliton solutions of generalized KP and Boussinesq equations with  $p$ -power nonlinearities in two dimensions (with M.L. Gandarias and E. Recio)  
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 International Conference of Numerical Analysis and Applied Mathematics (Rhodes, 2016)
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 Int. J. Mod. Phys. 38 (2015), 1560071 (15 pages).  
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 Proceedings of Conference *Symmetry, Separation, Super-integrability and Special Functions (S4)* (University of Minnesota, USA, 2010).  
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 Proceedings of 4th International Workshop *Group Analysis of Differential Equations and Integrable Systems* (Cyprus, 2007).

79. Invertible mappings of nonlinear PDEs to linear PDEs through admitted conservation laws. (with G. Bluman and T. Wolf)  
Acta Appl. Math. 101 (2008), 21–38.  
Proceedings of International Conference *Geometry and Algebra of PDEs* (University of Tromsø, Norway, 2007).  
arXiv: math-ph/0712.1835
80. Generalized symmetries of massless free fields on Minkowski space. (with J. Pohjanpelto)  
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Proceedings of the 7th International Conference *Symmetry in Nonlinear Mathematical Physics* (Ukraine, 2007).  
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In: IMA Volumes in Mathematics and its Applications, Vol. 144 (2007), 223–250.  
Proceedings of IMA Summer Program *Symmetries and Overdetermined Systems of Partial Differential Equations* (University of Minnesota, USA, 2006).  
arXiv: nlin.SI/0610075
82. Some Penrose transforms in complex differential geometry. (with J. Bland and M. Eastwood)  
Science in China Series A: Mathematics (2006) Vol. 49 No. 11, 1599–1610.  
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83. Symmetries and currents of massless neutrino fields, electromagnetic and graviton fields. (with J. Pohjanpelto)  
In: CRM Proceedings and Lecture Notes, Vol. 34 (2004), 1–12.  
Proceedings of *Workshop on Symmetry in Physics* (CRM, Montreal, 2002).  
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- i. Hierarchies of new invariants and conserved integrals in inviscid fluid flow. (with G. Webb)  
Submitted to J. Fluid Mech. 2018  
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- ii. Global versus local (super)integrability of a nonlinear oscillator. (with M. Gandarias and A. Ballesteros)  
Submitted to Phys. Lett. A 2018.  
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- iii. Accelerating dynamical peakons and their behaviour. (with E. Recio)



- iv. On the different types of global and local conservation laws for partial differential equations in three spatial dimensions (with A. Cheviakov)  
Submitted to Reviews in Mathematical Physics. 2018.  
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- v. Elastic null curve flows, nonlinear  $C$ -integrable systems, and geometric realization of Cole-Hopf transformations, (with Z. Yuzbasi)  
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- vi. A general family of multi-peakon equations and their properties (with PhD student E. Recio)  
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**Articles in preparation:**

- vii. Conservation laws for a class of equations with compacton solutions. (with M. Gandarias)
- viii. Integrable non-local NLS equations. (with E. Asadi)
- ix. Group-invariant soliton equations from geometric curve flows in Lie groups.
- x. Conservation laws and symmetries of magnetohydrodynamics equations. (with PhD student D. Pshenitsin, and T. Wolf)
- xi. Conservation laws of compressible fluid flow on moving volumes with viscosity and heat transfer in  $n \geq 1$  dimensions. (with A. Dar)
- xii. Conservation laws and symmetries of the Teukolsky equation for spin  $s$  fields in Kerr blackholes. (with postdoc G. Papadopolous)

## Grants

Brock University Advancement Fund (teaching relief award for research), winter term 2004 \$3700

Brock University Advancement Fund (funding to host a research workshop), summer 2005 \$2500

NSERC individual research grant, 2000-2004 \$8000 per year

NSERC individual research grant, 2004-2009 \$14000 per year

NSERC individual research grant, 2009-2014 \$18000 per year

NSERC individual research grant, 2014-2019 \$18000 per year

## Invited Talks and Colloquia

12th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems and Differential Equations (Taiwan), 2018

Session on Advances in Analysis and Geometry of Nonlinear Waves and Integrable Systems, *Wave-breaking equations, generalized peakons, and their properties.*

Session on Integrable Peakon Equations and Related Topics, *New integrable peakons equations from a modified AKNS scheme.*

Session on Lie Symmetries, Conservation Laws, and Other Approaches in Solving Nonlinear Differential Equations, *Common errors in finding exact solutions and conservation laws of differential equations.*

Symmetry 2017 – The First International Conference on Symmetry

Session on Symmetry in Mathematics and Computer Science.

*Generalization of Noether's theorem to non-variational differential equations.*

Cadiz University (Spain), Mathematics Department, 2017

Departmental Colloquium.

*Travelling waves of a highly nonlinear fourth-order wave equation.*

Burgos University (Spain), Physics Department, 2017

Departmental Colloquium.

*New symmetry aspects of first integrals for central force motion.*

IV AMMCS International Conference, 2017

Session on Recent Advances in Mathematical and Computational Aspects of Wave Propagation.

*Travelling waves of a highly nonlinear fourth-order wave equation.*

10th IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena, 2017

Session on Evolution Equations and Integrable Systems.

*Peakons: weak solutions or distributional solutions?*

American Mathematical Society regional meeting (Charleston, South Carolina), 2017

Session on Geometry and Symmetry in Integrable Systems.

*A vortex filament equation with peakon solutions.*

University of Texas (Rio Grande Valley), School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, 2017

Departmental Colloquium.

*Wave-breaking equations, peakons, and their properties.*

Workshop on Recent Developments in Integrable Systems and Solitons, (University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley), 2017

*Integrable multi-peakon equations from a modified AKNS scheme.*

*Generalized negative flows in hierarchies of integrable evolution equations.*

Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Niagara Falls), 2016

Session on Nonlinear PDEs and Variational Problems.

*A vortex filament equation with peakon solutions.*

Session on Integrable Systems and Applications.

*Integrable multi-component peakon equations from a modified AKNS scheme.*

11th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems and Differential Equations (Orlando), 2016

Session on Nonlinear Dispersive Equations and Integrable Systems .

*Classification of integrable 2-component peakon equations from Lax pairs.*

Session on Lie Symmetries, Conservation Laws and Other Approaches in Solving Nonlinear Differential Equations.

*Conservation laws of hydrodynamic systems.*

CAIMS Conference (Edmonton), 2016

Session on Exact and Approximate Solutions of Fluid/Gas Dynamics.

*Conservation laws of magnetohydrodynamics.*

Canadian Mathematical Society summer meeting (Edmonton), 2016

Session on Analysis and Applications of Differential Equations Using Symmetries, Conservation Laws, and Integrability.

*New integrable 2-component peak equations.*

American Mathematical Society regional meeting (Fargo, North Dakota), 2016

Session on Integrable Dynamical Systems and Special Functions.

*Oscillatory solitons of Hirota and Sasa-Satsuma equations.*

6th International Workshop on Nonlinear Mathematical Physics  
and 13th Chinese National Conference on Integrable Systems (Weifang), 2015

Plenary talk.

*Modern developments connecting symmetries and conservation laws of partial differential equations.*

8th International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics (Beijing), 2015

Session on Applied Integrable Systems.

*New 2-component peakon equations arising from Hirota and Sasa-Satsuma hierarchies.*

Session on Lie Symmetries, Solutions and Conservation laws of Nonlinear Differential Equations.

*Some classifications of conservation laws of partial differential equations.*

MOGRAN 18 Conference/School on Lie Groups and Computation Methods in Nonlinear Problems of Mathematical Modelling (Shenyang), 2015

*Conservation laws of partial differential equations and their connections to symmetries.*

AMMCS-CAIMS Conference (Waterloo), 2015

Semi-Plenary talk.

*Conservation Laws of fluid flow on Riemannian manifolds.*

Session on Wave Propagation and Applications.

*Generalizations of Camassa-Holm equation and their peakon solutions.*

University of Notre Dame, Department of Mathematics, 2015  
PDE, Complex Analysis, and Differential Geometry Seminar.

*Conservation laws of partial differential equations and their connections to symmetries.*

3rd International Workshop on Nonlinear and Modern Mathematical Physics (Cape Town), 2015  
Plenary talk.

*Conservation laws of partial differential equations and their connections to symmetries.*

9th IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena, 2015

Session on Solitons and Nonlinear Dispersive Waves.

*Integrable multi-component nonlinear wave equations from symplectic structures.*

University at Buffalo, Department of Mathematics, 2015

Applied Math Seminar.

*Conservation laws of partial differential equations and their connections to symmetries.*

University of South Florida, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, 2014

Departmental Colloquium.

*Geometric curve flows and integrable systems.*

SIAM Conference on Nonlinear Waves and Coherent Structures (Cambridge, UK), 2014

Session on Nonlinear Wave Equations and Geometry.

*Multi-component integrable wave equations and geometric moving frames.*

Session on Integrable Systems: Analysis, Geometry, and Applications.

*Integrable multi-component wave equations from symplectic structures.*

10th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems and Differential Equations (Madrid), 2014

Session on Evolution Equations and Integrable Systems.

*Integrable multi-component wave equations from symplectic structures.*

Session on Lie Symmetries, Conservation Laws and other Approaches in Solving Nonlinear Differential Equations.

*Conservation laws from multipliers and their connections to symmetries.*

International Conference on Symmetry Methods, Applications, and Related Fields (Vancouver), 2014

*Conservation laws and their connections (old and new) to symmetries.*

University at Buffalo, Department of Mathematics, 2014

Applied Math Seminar.

*Solitons of  $U(1)$ -invariant  $mKdV$  equations.*

Canadian Mathematical Society summer meeting (Halifax), 2013

Session on Pseudogroups and their Applications.

*A group foliation method for finding exact solutions to nonlinear PDEs.*

Session on Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations and their Applications.

*Symmetry analysis and exact solutions of nonlinear wave equations.*

8th IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena, 2013

Session on Analysis and Applications of Nonlinear Wave Equations.

*Symmetry analysis and exact solutions of semilinear Schrodinger equations.*

International Workshop on Nonlinear and Modern Mathematical Physics (Tampa), 2013

*Geometric curve flows and integrable systems.*

Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Montreal), 2012

Session on Symmetries of Differential and Difference Equations.

*Symmetry analysis and exact solutions of semilinear Schrodinger equations.*

McMaster University, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, 2012

Departmental Colloquium.

*Geometric curve flows and integrable systems.*

9th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems and Differential Equations (Orlando), 2012

Session on Multi-component Integrable Systems, Solitons, and Nonlinear Waves.

*Multi-component soliton equations from geometric curve flows.*

Joint Mathematics Meetings (Boston, Massachusetts), 2012

AMS Session on Mathematical Principles and Theories of Integrable Systems.

*Integrability of geometric map equations using Hasimoto variables.*

Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Toronto), 2011

Session on Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations and Applications.

*New conserved quantities for wave equations.*

CRM (Montreal), 2011

Workshop on Moving Frames in Geometry.

*Integrability of geometric evolution equations using classical moving frames.*

University of Toronto, Department of Mathematics, 2011

Analysis Applied Math Seminar.

*Conserved integrals of inviscid fluid flow in multi-dimensions.*

7th IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena, 2011

Session on Recent Developments in Integrable Systems and Solitons.

*Integrable systems and bi-Hamiltonian geometric curve flows.*

Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Vancouver), 2010

Session on Symmetry Methods for Differential Equations.

*New conserved integrals for Euler's equations in  $n > 1$  spatial dimensions.*

Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society (St. Johns), 2010

Session on Mathematical and Theoretical Physics.

*New conserved integrals of compressible fluid flow in  $n > 1$  spatial dimensions.*

4th International Workshop on Group Analysis of Differential Equations and Integrable Systems (Cyprus), 2010

*Group invariant soliton equations and bi-Hamiltonian geometric curve flows in Klein geometry.*

American Mathematical Society regional meeting (St. Paul, Minnesota), 2010

Session on Geometric Flows, Moving Frames and Integrable Systems.

*Bi-Hamiltonian geometric curve flows in semi-simple Klein geometries.*

Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Windsor), 2009

Session on Exact and Approximation Methods for Differential Equations.

*Conserved integrals of compressible fluid flow in  $n > 1$  spatial dimensions.*

American Mathematical Society regional meeting (Raleigh, North Carolina), 2009

Session on Geometry of Differential Equations.

*Klein geometry, group invariant soliton equations, and bi-Hamiltonian geometric curve flows.*

Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Ottawa), 2008

Session on Mathematics and Classical Mechanics.

*Klein geometry and bi-Hamiltonian structure of soliton equations.*

PIMS International Conference on Similarity: Generalizations, Applications and Open Problems (UBC), 2008

*Conservation law methods using multipliers and symmetries.*

5th World Congress of Nonlinear Analysts (Orlando), 2008

Session on Applied and Integrable Nonlinear Differential Equations.

*Group-invariant generalizations of KdV, NLS, and sine-Gordon soliton equations arising from geometric curve flows.*

7th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems and Differential Equations (Arlington), 2008.

Session on Recent Developments of Analytic and Algebraic Methods in Integrable Systems and Applications.

*Group-invariant soliton equations and bi-Hamiltonian flows in symmetric Lie algebras.*

BIRS Workshop on Geometric Flows in Mathematics and Physics, 2008

*Hamiltonian integrability of geometric curve flows.*

Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (London), 2007

Session on Nonlinear Wave Equations and Applications.

*Symmetry analysis of nonlinear wave equations in  $n > 1$  dimensions.*

Institute for Mathematics and its Applications (Minneapolis), 2006

Workshop on Symmetries and Overdetermined Systems of Partial Differential Equations.

*Group-invariant soliton equations and bi-Hamiltonian geometric curve flows in Riemannian symmetric spaces and Lie groups.*

Florida Institute of Technology (Melbourne), Department of Mathematical Sciences, 2005  
Conference on Differential and Difference Equations and Applications  
*Exact solutions of nonlinear wave equations using symmetry methods.*

Ukraine National Academy of Science (Kiev), 2005  
Conference on Symmetry in Nonlinear Mathematical Physics  
*Symmetry-integrability classifications of hyperbolic vector equations.*

Canadian Mathematical Society summer meeting (Waterloo), 2005  
Session on Invariant Theory and Differential Geometry.  
*Bi-Hamiltonian operators in Lie group geometry and wave maps.*

American Mathematical Society regional meeting (Newark, Delaware), 2005  
Session on Symmetry Methods for Partial Differential Equations.  
*Exact solutions of nonlinear wave equations in  $n > 1$  dimensions.*

University of Regensburg (Germany), Department of Mathematics, 2004  
*Conserved Integrals of the Teukolsky equation.*

Workshop on Geometry and General Relativity (Regensburg), 2004  
*Mean curvature flow and geometrical definitions of quasilocal mass-energy in Hamiltonian General Relativity.*

4th World Congress of Nonlinear Analysts (Orlando), 2004  
Session on Integrable Systems and Nonlinear Waves.  
*Integrable vector sine-Gordon equations from Riemannian and conformal geometry.*

Canadian Mathematical Society summer meeting (Halifax), 2004  
Session on Applications of Invariant Theory to Differential Geometry.  
*Moving frames and integrable PDE maps.*

CRM (Montreal), 2003  
Workshop on Interaction of classical fields with gravity.  
*Conservation laws of the Teukolsky equation for massless spin  $s$  fields in Kerr spacetime.*

BIRS Workshop on Differential Invariants and Invariant Differential Equations, 2003  
*Applications of frames to nonlinear wave equations and integrable evolution equations.*

Canadian Mathematical Society summer meeting (Edmonton), 2003  
Session on Geometry and Physics.  
*Covariant Hamiltonian structure of General Relativity for spatially bounded spacetime regions.*

McGill University, Department of Mathematics, 2003  
*Local and global well-posedness of generalized Yang-Mills equations in  $2+1$  dimensions.*

CRM (Montreal), 2002  
Workshop on Symmetry in Physics (in Memory of Robert Sharp).  
*Local symmetries and conservation laws of spin  $s > 0$  fields.*



University of Minnesota (Minneapolis), 2002  
 Conference on Foundations of Computational Mathematics (FoCM) '02,  
 Session on Symbolic Analysis.  
*Developments in computational methods for finding conservation laws of PDEs.*

Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Vancouver), 2000  
 Session on Partial Differential Equations.  
*Well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for a novel generalization of Yang-Mills equations.*

Canadian Mathematical Society summer meeting (Hamilton), 2000  
 Session on Partial Differential Equations.  
*Global existence for wave maps with torsion.*

Utah State University (Logan), Department of Mathematics, 2000  
 Second Workshop on Formal geometry and mathematical physics.  
*Symmetries of evolution equations and invariant Lagrangians.*  
*Generalizations of Yang-Mills gauge symmetry.*

Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Montreal), 1999  
 Session on Group Theoretical Methods in Mathematical Physics.  
*Conservation laws of field equations.*

Oxford University (Oxford, England), 1999  
 Conference on Foundations of Computational Mathematics (FoCM),  
 Session on Symbolic Analysis.  
*Adjoint symmetries and computation of conservation laws of differential equations.*

Utah State University (Logan), Department of Mathematics, 1999  
 First Workshop on Formal geometry and mathematical physics.  
*Classification of symmetries and conservation laws of Maxwell's equations.*  
*Geometrical gauge field theories.*

CRM (Montreal), 1999  
*Complete symmetries and conservation laws of Maxwell's equations.*

CRM (Montreal), 1998  
*Construction algorithm for conservation laws of partial differential equations.*

Utah State University (Logan), Departments of Mathematics and Physics, 1998  
*Construction algorithm for conservation laws of partial differential equations.*  
*Nonlocal conservation laws of partial differential equations.*  
*Classification and construction of nonlinear gauge field theories.*

University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), Department of Mathematics, 1997  
*Deformation of Yang-Mills gauge theory.*

American University (DC), Department of Mathematics and Statistics, 1997  
*Derivation of differential equation conservation laws.*

University of Maryland (College Park), Department of Physics, 1997  
*Generalizations of Yang-Mills gauge theory in 3 and 4 dimensions.*

University of Oregon (Eugene), Institute of Theoretical Science, 1995  
*The Einstein equations with spatial boundary conditions.*

University of Oregon (Eugene), Department of Mathematics, 1995  
*Extension of Noether's theorem generating nonlocal conservation laws.*

University of British Columbia (Vancouver), Department of Mathematics, 1994  
*Nonlocal symmetries and conservation laws of the linear wave equation.*

University of Chicago, Department of Physics, 1992  
*Symmetries, Noether's theorems, and some variational identities.*

University of Washington (Seattle), 1991  
AMS Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Classical Field Theory.  
*New classical supergravity theories.*

## Major Research Meetings and Conferences

Invited speaker in the Sessions on Advances in Analysis and Geometry of Nonlinear Waves and Integrable Systems, and Lie Symmetries, Conservation Laws and Other Approaches in Solving Nonlinear Differential Equations at the 12th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems, Differential Equations and Applications, 7/2018.

Co-organizer of the Session on Integrable Peakon Equations and Related Topics at the 12th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems, Differential Equations and Applications, 7/2018.

Invited lecturer at the Summer School on Symmetry, Similarity and Conservation laws in Solid and Fluid Mechanics (Cargese, France), 4/2018.

Invited speaker at Symmetry 2017 – The First International Conference on Symmetry (Barcelona, Spain), 10/2017.

Invited lecturer at the Fourth International Summer School on Modern approach to symmetries: Mathematical models in Biomathematics (University of Cadiz, Spain), 6/2017.

Co-organizer of the Session on Integrable Systems and Applications at the Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Niagara Falls), 12/2016.

Invited speaker in the Sessions on Nonlinear Dispersive Equations and Integrable Systems and Lie Symmetries, Conservation Laws and Other Approaches in Solving Nonlinear Differential Equations at the 11th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems, Differential Equations and Applications, 7/2016.

Co-organizer of the Session on Analysis of Nonlinear Dispersive Wave Equations and Integrable Systems and the Session on Applied and Integrable Nonlinear PDEs at the 11th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems, Differential Equations and Applications, 7/2016.

Co-organizer of the Session on Analysis and Applications of Differential Equations Using Symmetries, Conservation Laws, and Integrability at the Canadian Mathematical Society summer meeting (Edmonton), 6/2016.

Plenary Speaker at the 6th International Workshop on Nonlinear Mathematical Physics and the 13th Chinese National Conference on Integrable Systems, 8/2015.

Invited speaker in the Sessions on Applied Integrable Systems and Lie Symmetries, Solutions and Conservation laws of nonlinear differential equations at the 8th International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 8/2015.

Invited lecturer at the MOGRAN 18 Conference/School on Lie Groups and Computation Methods in Nonlinear Problems of Mathematical Modelling, 8/2015.

Semi-Plenary speaker and Invited speaker in the Session on Wave Propagation and Applications at the AMMCS-CAIMS Conference, 6/2015.

Plenary speaker at the 3rd International Workshop on Nonlinear and Modern Mathematical Physics, 4/2015.

Co-organizer of the Session on Modeling, Geometry, Integrability, and Analysis of Nonlinear Waves at the 9th IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena, 4/2015.

Co-organizer of the Session on Integrable systems: Recent Developments at the Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Hamilton), 12/2014.

Co-organizer and speaker in the Session on Integrable Systems: Analysis, Geometry, and Applications, and Invited speaker in the Session on Nonlinear Wave Equations and Geometry, at the SIAM Conference on Nonlinear Waves and Coherent Structures, 8/2014.

Co-organizer and speaker in the Session on Evolution Equations and Integrable Systems, and Invited speaker in the Session on Lie Symmetries, Conservation Laws and other Approaches in Solving Nonlinear Differential Equations, at the 10th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems, Differential Equations and Applications, 7/2014.

Co-organizer and speaker at the International Conference on Symmetry Methods, Applications, and Related Fields, 5/2014.

Invited participant at the BIRS research workshop on Integrable Systems and Moduli Spaces, 8/2013.

Co-organizer and speaker in the Session on Analysis and Applications of Nonlinear Wave Equations at the 8th IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena, 4/2013.

Co-organizer and speaker in the Session on Multi-component Integrable Systems, Solitons, and Nonlinear Waves at the 9th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems, Differential

Equations and Applications, 6/2012.

Invited participant at the BIRS research workshop on New Geometric and Numeric Tools for the Analysis of Differential Equations, 8/2010.

Invited speaker at the 4th International Workshop on Group Analysis of Differential Equations and Integrable Systems, 6/2010.

Co-Organizer and speaker at the PIMS International Conference on Similarity: generalizations, applications and open problems, 8/2008.

Co-Organizer and speaker for the Session on Applied and Integrable Nonlinear Differential Equations at the 5th World Congress of Nonlinear Analysts, 7/2008.

Invited speaker in the Session on Recent Developments of Analytic and Algebraic Methods in Integrable Systems and Applications at the 7th AIMS International Conference on Dynamical Systems, Differential Equations and Applications, 5/2008.

Invited speaker at the BIRS research workshop on Geometric Flows in Mathematics and Physics, 4/2008.

Invited speaker in the Special Session on Symbolic Symmetry Analysis and Its Applications at the International Conference on Applications of Computer Algebra (ACA), 7/2007. (declined due to health reasons)

Invited speaker at the 7th International Conference on Symmetry in Nonlinear Mathematical Physics, 6/2007. (declined due to health reasons)

Invited speaker at the IMA research workshop on Symmetries and Overdetermined Systems of PDEs, 7/2006.

Invited speaker at the 6th International Conference on Symmetry in Nonlinear Mathematical Physics, 7/2005.

Invited speaker at the 4th World Congress of Nonlinear Analysts, 7/2004.

Invited speaker at the BIRS research workshop on Differential Invariants and Invariant Differential Equations, 7/2003.

Invited participant at the Oberwolfach research meeting on Mathematical Relativity, 2/2003.

Invited participant at the Oberwolfach research meeting on Nonlinear Evolution Equations, 5/2001.

Invited participant at the Oberwolfach research meeting on Mathematical Relativity, 7/2000.

Invited speaker at the Conference on Foundations of Computational Mathematics, 1999.

## Local Workshops and Conferences

Organizer and speaker at Brock Workshop on Applied and Integrable PDEs, 11/2013.

## Scientific Organizing Committees

10th IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena, 4/2017.

Canadian Mathematical Society winter meeting (Niagara Falls), 12/2016

9th IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena, 4/2015.

International Conference on Symmetry Methods, Applications, and Related Fields, 5/2014.

## Professional Activities

Member of the Canadian Mathematical Society and American Mathematical Society.

Editor for the peer-reviewed research journals: *Advances in Mathematical Physics* (Hindawi Publishing, New York, USA), *Symmetry* (MDPI, Switzerland), *International J. Nonlinear Science* (World Academic Press, UK).

Referee for the journals: *Acta Applicandae Math.*, *Analysis and Applications*, *Analysis and Mathematical Physics*, *Applied Mathematics and Computation*, *Euro. J. Applied Mathematics*, *Inter. J. Geometric Methods in Modern Physics*, *J. Applied Analysis and Computation*, *J. Mathematical Analysis (SIAM)*, *J. Mathematical Analysis and Applications*, *J. Mathematical Physics*, *J. Physics A: Math. Gen.*, *J. Nonlinear Math. Physics*, *Mathematical Analysis and Applications*, *Mathematics and Computers in Simulation*, *Mathematical Methods in the Applied Sciences*, *Nonlinear Dynamics*, *SIAM (Mathematical Analysis)*, *Symmetry Integrability Geometry: Methods and Applications (SIGMA)*, *Symmetry*, *J. Geometry and Physics*, *Physics Letters A*, *Physica D*, *Physics of Fluids*, *Classical and Quantum Gravity*.

NSERC grant reviewer in Applied Mathematics.

Reviewer for *Mathematical Reviews*, *American Math. Society monograph series*.

Speaker and panelist at the University of Chicago conference “Lessons from new faculty: Teaching across the physical sciences”, 6/2002

## Supervision of Students

### **Ph.D. Thesis**

1. Dmitry Pshenitsin (Theoretical Physics), June 2016  
Thesis title: Conservation laws of magnetohydrodynamics and their symmetry transformation properties.  
co-supervisor with Prof. T. Wolf
2. Michelle Przedborski (Theoretical Physics), July 2017  
Thesis title: Nonlinear dynamics of granular assemblies.  
research co-supervisor

### **M.Sc. Thesis/Project**

1. Scott Greenhalgh, August 2008  
Project title: Maple animations of nonlinear waves and computer algebra computation of fluid flow conservation laws.
2. Steve MacNaughton, August 2011  
co-supervisor with Prof. T. Wolf  
Project title: Computation of conservation laws and symmetries of quasilinear radial wave equations by computer algebra.
3. Nestor Tchegoum Ngatat, August 2011  
Project title: Two-soliton solutions of complex mKdV equations and their asymptotic analysis.
4. Sattar Mia, August 2012  
co-supervisor with Prof. T. Wolf  
Project title: Complex mKdV solitons with time varying phase.
5. Kivilcim Alkan, December 2012  
Project title: Inelastic curve flows in 2- and 3- dimensional Minkowskian space.
6. Ahmed Ahmed, June 2014  
Project title: New integrable non-linear Schrodinger systems derived from Hermitian symmetric spaces using Lie algebras.
7. Shahid Mohammad, April 2015  
co-supervisor with Prof. T. Wolf  
Project title:  $-1$  flow in hierarchies of integrable equations
8. Elena Recio, August 2016  
Project title: A general family of multi-peakon equations
9. Fataneh Mobasheramini, August 2016  
Project title:  $2 \times 2$  Lax pair classification for 2-component peakon equations

10. Sarah Bax, August 2017  
Project title: Lax pairs of integrable non-abelian ODEs  
co-supervisor with Prof. T. Wolf
11. Elise Kinnear, August 2017  
Project title: Peakon solutions of a modified Camassa-Holm equation
12. Evans Boadi (started September 2016)  
Project title: A modified AKNS scheme for integrable peakon equations
13. James Frank (Theoretical Physics, started January 2017)  
Project title: Non-Lagrangian deformations of gauge fields
14. Jordan Fazio (Theoretical Physics, started September 2017)  
Project title: Analogs of the Laplace-Runge-Lenz vector in black-hole spacetimes.
15. Richard (Sicheng) Zhao (started September 2017)

### **B.Sc. Physics Thesis**

1. Tyler Kerr, April 2002  
Thesis title: Exact solutions of linear and nonlinear Maxwell field equations in two spatial dimensions.
2. Andrew Stewart, April 2005  
Thesis title: Spherically symmetric solutions of gravity coupled to a vector field theory.
3. Andrae Blanchard, June 2007  
Thesis title: Exact solutions of chiral fields coupled to gravity.
4. Nathan Eddy, June 2012  
Thesis title: Conserved quantities in the Kepler problem.
5. Michel Grenier, August 2012  
Thesis title: Hamiltonian mass/energy in General Relativity.
6. Tyler Meadows, June 2013  
Thesis title: Conserved quantities and symmetries in a central force potential
7. Vincent Pascuzzi, June 2014  
Thesis title: Conserved integrals of central force motion
8. Alec Ross, June 2014  
Thesis title: On Conserved Quantities in the Schwarzschild Spacetime

### **Mathematics Honours Projects**

1. Andrew Copfer, April 2002  
Title: Generalized similarity solutions of the heat equation.
2. Tyler Kerr, April 2002  
Title: Solutions of nonlinear Maxwell theory.
3. Wai-Hung Tang, April 2003  
Title: Conservation laws of fluid flow.
4. Steve Roach, April 2005  
Title: Exact solutions of nonlinear heat equations in n dimensions.
5. Mike McCausland, April 2005  
Title: Solitons.
6. Adam Profetto, April 2008  
Title: Vector soliton equations.
7. Steve MacNaughton, April 2008  
Title: Symmetries and conservation laws of a radial KdV equation.
8. Marc Skarzinskas, April 2008  
Title: Exact solutions of a radial KdV equation.
9. Mark Willoughby, April 2009  
Title: Hirota's Bilinear Method and Maple Animations of Vector Solitons.
10. Ahmed Ahmed, August 2010  
Title: Complex mKdV and NLS soliton equations.
11. Sarah Bax, June 2014  
Title: Interactions of oscillatory solitons
12. Jordan Fazio, June 2016  
Title: Conserved quantities for orbits in Schwarzschild space-time
13. Jordan Fazio, September 2016  
Title: Conserved vectors for orbits in Schwarzschild space-time

### **NSERC Summer Undergraduate Research (USRA)**

1. Andrew Copfer, May-August 2002  
Title: Blow-up solutions of radial nonlinear wave equations.
2. Andrae Blanchard, May-August 2007  
Title: Exact solutions of chiral fields coupled to gravity.



3. Michel Grenier, May-August 2011  
Title: Quasi-local mass/energy in General Relativity.
4. Sarah Bax, May-August 2014  
Title: Interactions of oscillatory solitons.

### **Brock Undergraduate Research Awards (BUSRA)**

1. Mike McCausland, January-August 2005  
Title: Soliton solutions of a nonlinear wave system in mathematical physics.
2. Steve Roach, May-July 2005  
Title: Study of solutions of nonlinear Schrodinger equations in n dimensions.
3. Andrew Stewart, June-August 2005  
Title: Black hole solutions of gravity coupled to nonlinear fields.
4. Adam Profetto, September-November 2007  
Title: Analysis of Fourier approximations of multidimensional functions.

### **Brock Match of Minds awards**

1. Jordan Fazio, May-August 2016  
Title: Conserved vectors for orbits in Schwarschild space-time

### **Brock Experience Works/Plus**

1. Stefan Larass, September 2002-April 2003
2. Gary Fekete, May 2003-August 2003

These two students developed interactive Maplets for animations of initial-value solutions of the heat equation with various boundary conditions.

3. Elias Mkoba, January 2004-April 2004

This student started the preliminary development of a Maplet for animating single and multi solitons for a water wave equation.

4. Jennifer Vigliotta, September 2006-March 2007

This student assisted in editing my MICA 3F40 lecture notes in preparation for a new textbook to be based on Math 3F40&3P09.

5. Steve MacNaughton, September 2007-April 2008

This student worked as a research assistant on symmetry analysis of a radial nonlinear wave equation.

6. Mark Willoughby, September 2008-April 2009

This student helped with improving the Maplelets used in the computer lab for Math 3F40 and also worked on adding new soliton animations to a webpage for Math 4P09/5P09.

## External Supervisions

### **M.Sc. Thesis**

1. Dennis The, August 2003  
Department of Mathematics, University of British Columbia  
(co-supervised with Prof. G. Bluman)  
Thesis title: Nonlocal symmetries and nonlocal conservation laws of Maxwell's equations in four-dimensional Minkowski space.
2. Kseniya Imamutdinova, May 2014  
Ufa State Technical University, Laboratory "Group analysis of mathematical models in natural and engineering sciences" (Russian)  
(co-supervised with Prof. R. Gazizov and Prof. N. Imbragimov)  
Thesis title: Conservation laws of Monge-Ampere equation.
3. Elena Karimova, August 2015  
Ufa State Technical University, Laboratory "Group analysis of mathematical models in natural and engineering sciences" (Russian)  
(co-supervised with Prof. R. Gazizov and Prof. N. Imbragimov)  
Thesis title: Exact solutions of gasdynamics equations obtained by the method of conservation laws.

### **Ph.D. Thesis**

1. Amanullah Dar, December 2010  
Department of Mathematics, Quaid-e-Azam University (Pakistan)  
Thesis title: Conservation laws and Hamiltonian symmetries of compressible Euler equations in  $n > 1$  spatial dimensions.
2. Zuhail Kucukarslan Yuzbasi, September 2014  
Department of Mathematics, Firat University (Turkey)  
(co-supervised with Prof. M. Bektas)  
Thesis title: Geometric null curve flows and integrable systems in Lorentz space.
3. Liaisan Galiakberova, October 2015  
Ufa State Technical University, Laboratory "Group analysis of mathematical models in natural and engineering sciences" (Russia)  
(co-supervised with Prof. R. Gazizov and Prof. N. Imbragimov)  
Thesis title: Algorithms of theory of approximate transformation groups of differential equations and their use in the study of wave equations.

4. Aliya Gainetdinova, October 2015  
Ufa State Technical University, Laboratory “Group analysis of mathematical models in natural and engineering sciences” (Russia)  
(co-supervised with Prof. R. Gazizov and Prof. N. Imbragimov)  
Thesis title: Symmetry properties and integrability of systems of second-order ODEs.
5. Elena Recio, October 2017  
University of Cadiz, Department of Mathematics (Spain)  
(co-supervised with Prof. M.L. Gandarias and Prof. M. Bruzon)  
Thesis title: Peakon equations.

## Ph.D. Research

1. Wei Feng  
Visiting PhD student, September 2011 to August 2012  
Department of Mathematics, Northwest University (China)  
Research area: Symmetry analysis and exact solutions of semilinear Schrodinger equations.
2. Songlin Zhao  
Visiting PhD student, March 2011 to August 2012  
Department of Mathematics, Shanghai University (China)  
Research area: Curve flows and integrable systems in Grassmannians.
3. Nazim Tufail  
Visiting PhD student, September 2011 to August 2012  
Department of Mathematics, Quaid-e-Azam University (Pakistan)  
Research area: Conservation laws of fluid flow in Riemannian manifolds.
4. Zuhail Kucukarslan  
Visiting PhD student, September 2012 to August 2013  
Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science, Firat University (Turkey)  
Research area: Geometric curve flows.

## Postdoctoral Supervisions

### Postdocs

1. Natalya Ivanova (PhD, NAS Mathematics Institute, Kyiv, Ukraine)  
Joint supervision with Prof. G. Bluman, Department of Mathematics, UBC  
September 2005 to September 2006
2. Esmaeel Asadi (PhD, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)  
June 2008 to May 2009 & August 2010 to September 2010
3. Sajid Ali (PhD, National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan)  
February 2009 to August 2011

4. Ali Mahdipour (PhD, School of Mathematics, Iran University of Science and Technology, Tehran, Iran)  
February 2011 to April 2011 & June 2011 to August 2011
5. Georgios Papadopoulos (PhD, Natural Sciences, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)  
October 2014 to August 2015
6. Daniel Kraus (PhD, University at Buffalo, USA)  
August 2016 to June 2017
7. Huijun He (PhD, Sun Yat-sen University, China)  
November 2017 to present

### **Research Associates**

1. Jing Ping Wang (PhD, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)  
Joint supervision with Prof. T. Wolf  
January 2002 to May 2003

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### A. FORMAL EDUCATION

| Institution       | Degree | Year | Major       |
|-------------------|--------|------|-------------|
| Univ. de Montréal | B.Sc.  | 1980 | Mathematics |
| Univ. de Montréal | M. Sc. | 1982 | Mathematics |
| Univ. de Montréal | Ph. D. | 1988 | Mathematics |

### B. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*Certificate in University Management*, Center for Higher Education  
Research and Development, organized by The University of  
Manitoba, Banff Center, Alberta, May 13-20, 2011.

### C. PAST POSITIONS HELD

Full Professor

July 1997-Present

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University  
St Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs)

July 2014-June 2017

July 2010-June 2013

Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Brock University

St Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Department Chair

July 2003-June 2009

July 1999-June 2000

Department of Mathematics, Brock University

St Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Associate Professor

July 1992-June 1997

Department of Mathematics, Brock University

St Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Assistant Professor (tenure-track)

July 1988-June 1992

Department of Mathematics, Brock University

St Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Invited Professor

August 2002-June 2003

Basic Sciences Department

College of Arts and Science, University of Sharjah, UAE

Professor of Mathematics

September 1997-July 1999, August 2000-July 2002

Department of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Statistics

College of Arts and Science, American University of Sharjah,

UAE

Founding Professor of Mathematics

Department Chair (2000-2001)

September 1997-July 1999, August 2002-June 2003

Department of Mathematics

College of Arts and Science, University of Sharjah, UAE

Professor of Mathematics

June 1995

UFR 27 Mathématiques et Informatique

Université Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne

Paris, France

Visiting Assistant Professor

July 1987-July 1988  
Department of Applied Mathematics, Technical  
University of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Canada

Senior lecturer

September 1983-December 1983 and September 1984-May  
1987, Département de Mathématiques et de Statistique,  
Université de Montréal, Canada

Teaching Assistant

September 1980-May 1987  
Département de Mathématiques et de Statistique, Université de  
Montréal, Canada

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Research Assistant

April 1987-June 1987  
January 1983-June 1983  
June 1982 to September 1982  
Département de Mathématiques et de Statistique, Université de Montréal, Canada  
Fields: Fixed point Theory and Convex Analysis  
Supervisor: Prof. A. Granas

#### **D. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2018/08-Present: University Space Committee, Co-Chair
- 2018-Present: Faculty of Mathematics and Science Space Coordinator
- 2014/10 - 2016/11: Committee Member, Scientific Committee: 3rd International Conference on Mathematical Sciences and their Applications: ICEOMFE 2015, November 2015, King Saud University Organize scientific program. Edit proceedings of the conference. ([https:// npst.ksu.edu.sa/en/iceomfe/committees](https://npst.ksu.edu.sa/en/iceomfe/committees))
- 2014/12 - 2015/12: Committee Member, Strategic Enrollment Management Plan, Brock University
- 2014/1 - 2015/4: Committee Member, Brock University Senate Committee on Review and Prioritization of Academic Programs.



- 2016-Present – Chair, BSc Data Science and Analytics New Program Committee.
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- **Service at Brock University**
- 
- *As Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs:*
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- Chair of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science Recruitment and Retention Committee and Undergraduate programs Committee, Coordinator for Recruitment at Fall and Winter Previews, Open Houses, and Ontario University Fairs.
- Representative of the faculty at various university committees (e.g., University Academic Council, Member Elect of the Senate Academic Reviews Committee, National Survey of Student Engagement Committee, University Academic Integrity Committee, etc.).
- October 2015-Present: University Retention and Progression Committee (Mandate: Establish long term university-wide retention and progression strategies and initiatives.)
- *As Departmental Chair, 2003-2009 and 1999-2000:*
- Member of the Dean's Council, member on various departmental, university and faculty committees.
- Chair of the Departmental Search Committee (1999-2000).
- Member of the Departmental Program Task Force.
- Member of the Department's Mathematical Analysis Review Committee
- (1992-97).
- Member of the Faculty Graduate Studies and Scholarships Committee (1991-97).
- Member of President's Research Fund Committee (1995-97).
- Department of Mathematics Colloquium Talks coordinator (1989-96).
- Department of Mathematics Equipment Committee (1991-95).
- Mathematical Analysis Seminar coordinator (1993-97).
- Dean's representative at various theses' defenses.

- Department of Mathematics library officer (1989-1991).
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- **Service at the University of Sharjah** (August 2002-June 2003)
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- Founder of the Annual UAE Mathematics Day (May 2003)
- Chair of the Departmental Search Committee
- Chair of the College of Arts and Sciences Research and Conferences Committee
- Chair of the Departmental Promotion Committee
- Chair of the Departmental Seminar Committee
- Member of the College Committee for the Evaluation of Chairs and Directors
- Member of the Chancellor's Committee and Sub-Committee for Drafting the Mission and Vision Statement for the University of Sharjah
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- **Service at the American University of Sharjah**
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- Founding member of the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, Department Chair and Member of the Chairs' Council from August 2000 to July 2001.
- Chair of an ad-hoc committee for promotion in the School of Engineering (2000)
- Member of the College Theme Course Committee
- Member and Marshall at the Honors Convocation (1998 and 2000)
- Chair of the New Faculty Orientation Committee (1998)
- Chair of the Search Committee for Computer Science, Mathematics, and Statistics (2000-01 and 1998-99)
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## **E. EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES**

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- 2016-Present, Associate Editor, Journal of Nonlinear and Variational Analysis
- 2013/4 - Present Associate Editor, Palestinian Journal of Mathematics, Journal
- 2012/2 – Present, Associate Editor, Journal of Fixed Point Theory (Working Group on Nonlinear Analysis and Computation)
- 2011/12 - Present Associate Editor, Advances in Fixed Point Theory
- 2011/7 - Present Associate Editor, Arabian Journal of Mathematics, SpringerOpen
- 2007/6 - Present Associate Editor, Journal of Fixed Point Theory and Applications, Springer

- 2013/6 - 2014/4 Associate Editor, Abstract and Applied Analysis, Special Issue on Recent Contributions to Fixed Point Theory and Its Applications
- 2008/3 - 2014/1 Associate Editor, Fixed Point Theory and Applications, Springer
- 2007/1 - 2009/1 Guest Associate Managing Editor, Journal of Fixed Point Theory and Applications, Albrecht Dold and Edward Fadell Festschrift Volume

• **F. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW ACTIVITIES**

• **(Sample)**

- On-going Reviewer
  - Various Journals and Publications Reviewer of research articles, chapters, and monographs (periodicals and series of the AMS, J. Math Anal. Appl., Nonlinear Anal. Thy. Meth. Appl., Fixd Point Thy. Appl., J. Fixed Point Thy. Appl., etc.)2014-05-01 - Present
  - Reviewer, *Mathematical Reviews - American Mathematical Society*
    - 2012-07-29 - 2013-09-06
  - External Reviewer, *Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology Evaluation of 3 applications for research funding.*
    - 2009-01-01 - 2017-12-31
  - External ReviewerPakistan Evaluation and recommendation for 6 PhD theses (Qaid U Azam University, Islamabad; Institute of Information and technology, Islamabad; Lahore University of Management Science, etc.)
    - 2014-01-01 - 2014-05-30
  - External Reviewer, Pakistan Assessment and recommendation for applications for promotion to the rank of full professor (University of Management and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan)
    - 2011-07-29 - 2013-09-06
  - External Reviewer, Portugal Review, assessment and recommendation on three applications for research grants projects for teams.
    - 2013-10-01 - 2013-01-25
  - External Reviewer, Saudi Arabia Assessment and recommendation for an application for promotion to the rank of full professor (King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, KSA)
    - 2010-11 – 2011-12

- Reviewer of BBA and MBA Courses Files, Canadian University of Dubai
- 2009
- Reviewer for 2 Calculus and Analysis textbooks' for McGraw-Hill Inc. (2009).
- 2005
- Referee for research grants applications to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

- **G. STUDENT SUPERVISION**

- **Bachelor's Honours**

- 8 BSc Honours theses (Brock University), including in the past 5 years:

- 2011/9 - 2012/5

- Amber Shelton (Completed), Brock University Thesis/Project Title: *Computing economic equilibria*

- **Master of Science Co-Supervision**

- 2009/9 - 2014/12

- Allan Walsh (Completed), Co-supervision with Thomas Wolf, Brock University Thesis/Project Title: *Caribou Math Contest: An Analysis of Success Rates by Subject Mathematics Strands and Difficulty*

- 2008/9 - 2010/11

- Sama Malekan (Completed), Co-supervision with Babak Farzad, Brock University Thesis/Project Title: *On Game Theory: From Fundamentals to Application to On-Line Auctions*

- **Doctorate-Co-Supervision**

- 1995-1997

- Souheil Chebbi (Completed), Co-supervision with Monique Florenzano, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-La Sorbonne, France, Thesis Title: *Théorie du point fixe dans les cas non-convexe et non-compact. Applications en théorie des jeux et en économie mathématique.*

- 1993-95

- Jean Forogbe Tounkara (Completed), Co-supervision with Mohamed Oudadess, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Rabat, Thesis

Title: Points fixes pour les Multi-applications dans les espaces uniformes

- - **Postdoctorate**
  - 2013/4 - 2014/3
  - Asma Rashid Butt (Completed), Brock University Thesis/Project
- Title: *Solvability of Nonlinear Functional Equations*

## H. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### 1. Publications Appeared in Print

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- **a) Books and Chapter Contributed to Refereed Books**
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- 1. H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *Approximations and selections methods for set-valued maps and fixed point theory*, in Fixed Point Theory, Variational Analysis, and Optimization, S. A. R. Al-Mezel, R. A. M. Al-Solamy and Q. H. Ansari Eds., Taylor and Francis (2014) 77-138.
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- 2. Mohammed A. Khamsi, Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh, and Bernd Schroeder, Guest Editors, *Recent Contributions to Fixed Point Theory and Its Applications*, Abstract and Applied Analysis, Volume 2014, Hindawi Publishing Corp., 2014.
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- 3. H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *Some fundamental topological fixed point theorems for set-valued maps*, in Topics in Fixed Point Theory, S. A. R. Al-Mezel, Q. H. Ansari and M. A. Khamsi Eds., Springer (2014) 245-282.
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- 4. H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *Intersection and Fixed Point Theorems in Set-Valued Analysis*, in Topics in Nonlinear Analysis, Q. H. Ansari ed., World Education (2011) 159-183.
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- 5. Ben-El-Mechaiekh Hichem and Robert Dimand, “Mathematical economics,” in William A. Darity, Jr., ed., *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2nd. edition, Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2008.
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- 6. H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh and G. Isac, *Generalized multivalued variational inequalities*, in Topology and Analysis, C. Andreian-Cazacu, O. Letho and T.M. Rassias, Eds., World Scientific Publishing Co. (1998), 115-142.
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- **b) Articles in Refereed Journals**
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- 7. Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh and Robert R. Dimand, *Louis Bachelier’s 1938 monograph on the calculus of speculation: Mathematical finance and randomness of asset prices in*

*Bachelier's later work*, Revue d'Histoire des Mathématiques, Société Mathématique de France, (24), fascicule 1 (2018), 1-39.

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- 8. M. Abdul Latif and Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *Topological Fixed Point Theory and Applications to Variational Inequalities*, Fixed Point Theory and Applications (85), 1-26, 2015.
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- 9. Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *Intersection Theorems for Closed Convex Sets and Applications*, Missouri J. Math. Sc., Volume 17, Issue 1 (2015), 47-63.
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- 10. H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *The Ran-Reurings Fixed Point Theorem Without Partial Order: A Simple Proof*, J. Fixed Point Theory and Applications, Springer Basel, 16 (1-2), 373-383 (2015), DOI 10.1007/s11784-015-0218-3.
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- 11. H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *On the Convex Hull of Closed Convex Sets in Locally Convex Spaces*, British J. Math & Comp. Sc. 4 (2014) 1351-1355.
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**d) Selected Research Reports**

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- H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *A remark concerning a matching theorem of Ky Fan*, Publications Mathématiques, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Rabat, 1989, (reviewed by Zentralblatt fur Mat.), 5 pages.
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- H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *The coincidence problem for compositions of set-valued maps* Publications Mathématiques, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Rabat, 1989, (reviewed by Zentralblatt fur Mat.), 10 pages.
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- H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *Principes Topologiques en Analyse Convexe, Partie I. Résultats Géométriques*, Université de Montréal, 1988, 50 pages.
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- H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, *Principes Topologiques en Analyse Convexe, Partie II. Formulations Analytiques, Théorèmes de Minimax et Inégalités Variationnelles*, Université de Montréal, 1988, 40 pages.
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- H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh and P. Deguire, *Approximation and fixed points for non-convex set-valued maps*, Rapport de recherche Math- 17, Université de Moncton, 1990, 40 pages.

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- H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, P. Deguire, and A. Granas, *Une Alternative Non-Linéaire en Analyse Convexe*, Université de Montréal, 1982, 7 pages.
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- **e) Theses**
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- H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, Quelques Principes Topologiques en Analyse Convexe, PhD Thesis, Université de Montréal, 1987.
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- H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh, Points Fixes et Coïncidences pour les Applications Multivoques, M.Sc. Thesis, Université de Montréal, 1982.
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- **f) Other**
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- **(i) Redaction of Lecture Notes:**
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- Méthodes Topologiques en Analyse Convexe by A. Granas, NATO Advanced Studies Institute, Séminaire de Mathématiques Supérieures, Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 1990.
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- **(ii) Translation**
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- Translation from English into French of "Non-linear Boundary Value Problems for Certain Classes of Ordinary Differential Equations", by R.B. Guenther, NATO Advanced Studies Institute, Séminaires de Mathématiques Supérieures, Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 1985.
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- **2. Selected Presentations**
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- **a) Selected Invited Talks**
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- *Generalized Variational Inequalities Without Convexity*, Modern Methods, problems and Applications of Operator Theory and Harmonic Analysis, OTHA 2018, Rostov-on-Don, Russia, April 22-27, 2018.
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- *Fixed Points for Set-Valued maps and General Systems of Inequalities Without Convexity*, Workshop on Analysis and Its Applications, American University of Sharjah, October 14, 2017
- 
- *Approximation Methods in Topological Fixed Point and Equilibrium Theory*,

- Equilibrium and Optimization Methodology in Finance and Economics, King Saud University, Riyadh, KSA, November 9-11, 2015.
- 
- *Systems of nonlinear inequalities without convexity: a topological fixed point approach.* 2015 Canadian Mathematical Society Summer Meeting, Charlottetown, Canada.
- 
- *Topological fixed point theorems and constrained nonlinear inequalities,* The 4th International Workshop on Fixed Point Theory and Applications, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, 2015.
- 
- *Panel Discussion: What is the mathematics we 'should' teach and the pedagogy we 'should' use in this 21st Century?* 2014 Canadian Mathematical Society Winter Meeting. Undergraduate Mathematics Education in 21st Century: Rethinking Curriculum, Hamilton, Canada.
- 
- *Approximations of set-valued maps and topological fixed point theorems.* Analysis, Topology and Applications 2014, Vrnjacka Banja, Serbia.
- 
- *General solvability theorems for nonlinear inclusions without convexity.* Nonlinear Analysis and PDEs Seminar, Tunis, Tunisia. 2014.
- 
- *Continuous Approximations and selections for Set-Valued Maps and Applications,* Main Speaker, Third Mathematics Day, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, March 20, 2013.
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- *Selections and Approximate Selections for Multimaps and Fixed Points,* Main Speaker, International Workshop on Nonlinear Analysis and Optimization, University of Tabuk, Tabuk, March 18-19, 2013.
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- *Approximation Methods in Set-Valued Fixed Point Theory,* Main Speaker, KFUPM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop On Nonlinear Analysis and Fixed Point Theory, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Dhahran, December 31, 2012.
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- *Zeros and Fixed Points for a Class of Approximable Set-Valued Maps,* Main Speaker, International Conference on the Theory, Methods and Applications of Nonlinear Equations, Texas A&M University Kingsville, December 17-21, 2012.
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- *The Poincaré IVT on Nonsmooth Domains,* Plenary Lecture, 10th UAE Mathematics Day, American University of Sharjah, UAE, April 14, 2012.
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- *Zeros for Set-Valued Maps on Nonconvex Domains,* Invited address, International Conference on Analysis and its Applications, Aligarh Muslim University, India, November 19-21, 2011.
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- *Equilibria for set-valued maps without convexity*, One hour invited lecture, WCNA 2008 (World Congress of Nonlinear Analysts 2008), Orlando, Florida, July 2-9 2008.
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- Organizer of a Special Session on *Fixed Point Theory and Applications*, WCNA 2008, Orlando, Florida, July 2-9 2008
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- *Strong Approximation for set-valued maps and equilibria without convexity*,
- ICNODEA 2007 (International Conference on Nonlinear Operators, Differential Equations and Applications), Babes-Bolyai University, Romania, July 4-8 2007.

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- *Louis Bachelier's 1938 Volume on the Calculus of Speculation: Efficient Markets and Mathematical Finance in Bachelier's Later Work*, joint session of the American Finance Association and the History of Economics Society at the Allied Social Science Associations annual conference, New Orleans, January 2008 (joint work with Robert Dimand; presented by R. Dimand).
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- *General Equilibrium Reaches North America: Irving Fisher's Mathematical Investigations in the Theory of Value and Prices (1891)*, Conference on "General Equilibrium as Knowledge," Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne), September 2007, (joint work with Robert Dimand; presented by R. Dimand).
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- *The von-Neumann-Sion Minimax Theorem: A Circular Tour*, Gilles Fournier Memorial Conference on Classical and Computational Topological Methods, Bishop's University, September 22-24, 2006.
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- *On The Solvability of Nonlinear Equations*, Ryerson University Seminar Series in Mathematics, March 15, 2007
- 
- *Zeros for set-valued maps on non smooth domains*, McMaster School of Computational Engineering and Science, May 1, 2006.
- 
- *Some Remarks on the von Neumann Minimax Theorem*, International Conference on Fixed Point Theory and Applications, Bedlewo, Poland, August 2005.
- 
- *Spaces and Maps Approximations*, Third Congress of Nonlinear Analysis, Catania, Italy, July 2000.
- 
- *Solvability of nonlinear problems with nonconvex constraints*, Edmonton Workshop on Methods of Nonlinear Analysis, University of Alberta, Edmonton, August 16-20, 1999.
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- *Recent developments in fixed point theory for set-valued maps*, International Conference on Mathematical Analysis and Applications, Gyeongsang National University, Korea, August 3-4, 1998.
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- *Fixed points theory on non-smooth retracts*, Conference on Nonlinear Analysis and Convex Analysis 98, Niigata University and The Tokyo Institute of Technology, July 28-31, 1998.
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- *Non convex methods in optimization*, International conference in nonlinear analysis, Detroit, June 1997.

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- *Equilibria in nonconvex sets*, Meeting of the American Math. Society, Wayne State University, Detroit, May 1997.
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- *Existence result for set-valued maps and optimization problems: the nonconvex case*, International Conference on Functional Analysis with Applications, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India, December 1996.
- 
- *Fixed points and equilibria for set-valued maps without convexity*, Second International Congress in Nonlinear Analysis, University of Athens, Athens, Greece, July 1996.
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- *Existence theorems in Lipschitzian retracts*, Workshop on Convex Analysis, Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada, September 28 - October 1, 1995.
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- *Equilibres pour les applications multivoques sans convexité*, Troisième Colloque de la Société Tunisienne de Mathématiques, Hammamet, Tunisia, April 1995.
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- *Some remarks on KKM theorems related to differential inclusions*, NATO Advanced Studies Institute, Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada, July 1994.
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- *Fixed points and equilibria for correspondences*, Workshop on Geometry Topology and Markets, The Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Waterloo, Canada, July 1994.
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- *Fixed points for non-convex set-valued maps*, Conference on Topological Methods in Nonlinear Analysis, University Nicholas Copernicus, Bachotek, Poland, September 1990.
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- *On the fixed point property for set-valued maps*, Conference on Applicable Analysis, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, August 1990.
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- *Note on a class of set-valued maps having continuous selections*, Colloque International sur la Théorie du Point Fixe et Applications, Marseille, June 1989.
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- **b) Other Selected Contributions**
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- Regular invited lectures at various Analysis seminars and colloquia and numerous contributions at international, national, and regional conferences such as:
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- Séminaire d'analyse fonctionnelle et d'EDP, Faculté des Sciences de Tunis, May 13, 2014.

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- Séminaire d'Optimisation de l'Université Paris 1, Panthéon-La Sorbonne, Paris, France, June 1995.
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- Séminaire de Mathématiques, Ecole Normale Supérieure et Faculté des Sciences de Rabat, Rabat, Morocco, April 1995, July 1993.
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- Séminaire d'Economie Mathématique, Institut des Hautes Etudes Commerciales de Tunis, March 1995.
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- Séminaire de Mathématiques de La Faculté des Sciences de Tunis, Tunis, Tunisia, February 1995, July 1993.
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- Colloque des sciences mathématiques du Québec, Collège Militaire Royal de St-Jean, Québec, October 31, 1992.
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- An Afternoon in Analysis, Brock University, St. Catharines, December 11, 1992.
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- 1st Joint meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the London Mathematical Society, Cambridge, England, June 29-July 1, 1992.
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- The Second International Conference on Fixed Point Theory and Applications, Dalhousie University - Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax, June 9-14 1991.
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- 90th Ontario Mathematics Meeting, McMaster University, Hamilton, February 1991.
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- **c) Courses and Seminars Given as Invited Scholar**
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- Mini-course: *Intersection and Fixed Point Theorems in Set-Valued Analysis: An Introduction*, Training Programme on Nonlinear Analysis with Applications to Optimization and Game Theory, Aligarh Muslim University and Benaras Hindu University, India, November 16-19, 2011.
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- Mini-course: *Théorèmes d'existence sans convexité pour les applications multivoques*, Formation Doctorale, Méthodes Mathématiques en Economie, Université Paris I Panthéon-La Sorbonne, June 1995.
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- **3. Fellowships and Grants**
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- NSERC Research Operating Grant
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- April 1996-March 2000 (\$ 26,000; Title: Solvability of Nonlinear Problems Lacking Convexity)

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- Research Award of The American University of Sharjah
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- January 1999-July 1999 (DHS 10,000, Title: Fixed Point Theory for Set-Valued Maps and Applications)
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- NSERC Research Operating Grant
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- April 1993-March 1996 (\$30,000; Title: Coincidence Theory and Applications to Nonlinear Problems)
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- NSERC General Operating Grant
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- April 1990-March 1993 (\$ 36,000; Title: The Coincidence Problem for Set-Valued Maps and Applications)
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- Brock University NSERC GRG/SUS Grant
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- July 1988-July 1989
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- Fonds F.C.A.R. pour l'aide et le soutien a la recherche
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- Gouvernement du Québec, September 1984-September 1985
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- NSERC Doctorate Fellowship
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- September 1983-September 1984
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## **5. Other Scholarly Activities**

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- **a) Organization of Conferences**
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- Fixed Point Theory and Applications Session organizer, World Congress of Nonlinear Analysts 2008, Orlando, Florida, July 2-9 2008.
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- Founder and Chair of the Organizing Committee, *The 2003 UAE Mathematics Day*, May 8 2003, University of Sharjah (This annual event is in its 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year).
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- Co-chair of the mathematics education conference for school teachers: *Mathematics, Life and Enjoyment*, American University of Sharjah, April 4-5, 2001 (1100 participants).
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- Initiator and Member of the Organizing Committee of the *Conference in Mathematical Analysis and Applications- CMAA 2001*, American University of Sharjah, May 2-4, 2001.

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- Organizer of the workshop *An Afternoon in Analysis*, Brock University, April 2000.
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- Organizer of the *88th Ontario Mathematics Meeting*, Brock University, April 1990.
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- Organizer of *The International Workshop on Topological Methods in Minimax Theory, Optimization and Differential Equations*, Brock University, April 1990.
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- Organizer of the workshop *An Afternoon in Analysis*, Brock University, December 1992.
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- Organizer of the workshop *Analysis Day*, Brock University, May 1994.
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- **b) Current International Research Collaborations**
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- 2013-06-01 - 2017-08-31
  - Co-investigator, Saudi Arabia Joint project on "Generalized Variational Inequalities and Applications"
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- 2016-07-03 - 2018-10-31
  - Co-investigator, United Arab Emirates Research project on "Nonlinear Inclusions Without Convexity and Applications to Differential Equations" with Dr. Ali Saifi and Dr. Suheil Khoury, American University of Sharjah, UAE

**b) Other Evidence of Impact**

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- Contributions to fixed point theory for set-valued maps and applications to nonlinear analysis are regularly and widely cited by other mathematicians. (e.g., in recent monograph *"Antipodal points and fixed points"* by Jan Jaworowski, William A. Kirk and Sehie Park, some of my contributions are cited among important developments of the theory.)
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- Regular invitations from international journals to contribute papers on recent advances in fixed point theory and the solvability of nonlinear problems (I have just accepted an invitation to contribute a paper for a special issue of FPTA in honour of Prof. Art Kirk).
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- I was invited to be a permanent member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference on Mathematical Analysis and Applications, South Korea.

- **I. COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- **Sample Activities**

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- Director and contributor to annual Mathematics camps (Aboriginal math Camp and Canadian Mathematical Society – Esso - Brock University Camp).

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- Judge at Regional, National and International Science and Engineering Fairs.

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- Speaker at the annual secondary school mathematics seminars of the Niagara South Board of Education

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- Co-chair of the Session on International Implications of Bioenergy, International Conference on Sustainability, Bioenergy, and Conservation, Brock University, August 2005.

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- Traditional cooking demonstration A Taste of North Africa, Brock University 2007 Wellness Conference, June 20, 2007.

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- Chair of Orientation for New faculty Committee at the American University of Sharjah, August 1998.

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- Participant at annual Brock University orientation activities for incoming students

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **FORMAL EDUCATION**

- 1998 – 2003     **Doctorate in Mathematics (Dr. nat. sc.)**, University of Zurich (Switzerland)  
Thesis title: *A Topological Model of Motivic Structure and Analysis of Music: Theory and Operationalization*. Supervisors: Markus Brodmann and Guerino Mazzola
- 1995 – 1998     **Master in Mathematics (M.Sc.)**, Université Laval (Québec, Canada)  
Thesis title: *Motivic Topologies and Their Meaning in the Motivic Analysis of Music*.  
Supervisors: Günter Frei and Guerino Mazzola (University of Zurich)
- (1996-1997)     Exchange year at ETH Zurich
- 1992 – 1995     **Bachelor in Mathematics (B.Sc.)**, Université Laval (Québec, Canada)  
(Winter 1994)   Exchange semester at Scripps College (California, USA)

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD**

- 2018           **Full Professor**  
Brock University, Department of Mathematics and Statistics (St. Catharines, Canada)
- 2009 – 2018     **Associate Professor**  
Brock University, Department of Mathematics and Statistics (St. Catharines, Canada)
- 2015           **Visiting Scholar** (3 months)  
Universidad de Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- 2004 – 2009     **Assistant Professor**  
Brock University, Department of Mathematics and Statistics (St. Catharines, Canada)
- 2008           **Visiting Scholar** (5 months)  
Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique (Paris, France)

1998 – 2004    **Teaching Assistant**  
ETH Zurich, Department of Mathematics (Zurich, Switzerland)

## **ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS**

2000 – 2001    Bourse de Doctorat en recherche (B2) by Fonds pour la formation de chercheurs et l'aide à la recherche (FCAR) – \$7,566

1999 – 2001    Postgraduate Scholarship ÉS B by Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) – \$38,200

1995 – 1997    Bourse de maîtrise en recherche (B1) by Fonds pour la formation de chercheurs et l'aide à la recherche (FCAR) – \$22,000

1996 – 1997    Bourse d'échange ETH Zürich/Université Laval by ETH Zurich – \$17,250

1992 – 1995    Bourse d'excellence du Canada – \$7,000

## **RESEARCH THEMES**

Computational thinking in and for math learning; information and communication technology (ICT) in math learning; post-secondary mathematics education; mathematics training for future mathematics teachers; epistemic mathematics video games; mathematical theory in music (more particularly, topological analysis of the melodic structure of the music).

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

### ***External***

2017-22    **Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)**, Insight grant. Project titled *Educating for the 21st Century: post-secondary students learning 'pragmatics' (computer programming for mathematical investigation, simulation, and real-world modeling)*. Principal investigator: Buteau. Co-applicant: Joyce Mgombelo (Brock University); and collaborator: Ana Isabel Sacristán (Cinvestav, Mexico). (**\$183,981**)

2016-20    **Ontario Ministry of Education**, Knowledge Network for Applied Education Research grant. Project titled *Mathematics Knowledge Network*. Co-directors: George Gadanidis (Ontario Western University) and Donna Kotsopoulos (Wilfrid Laurier University). Partners: Buteau and Brock University et al. (**\$1,294,172**)

2016-18    **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)**, partnership development grant. Project titled *Computational Thinking in Mathematics Education*. Project co-directors: George Gadanidis (Ontario Western University) and Nathalie Sinclair (Fraser University). Co-applicants: Buteau et al. (**\$199,380**)

2008-10    **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)**, International Opportunities Fund Project Grant. Project titled *Computer Algebra Systems (CAS) in University Instruction: An International Research Study on CAS Usage and Sustainability*.

Principal investigator: Daniel Jarvis (Nipissing University). Co-applicants: Buteau and Zsolt Lavicza (Cambridge University, England). **(\$53,500)**

2007-08 **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)**, International Opportunities Fund Development grant. Project titled *Implementing Computer Algebra Systems (CAS) in University Mathematics*. Principal investigator: Daniel Jarvis (Nipissing University). Co-applicant: Zsolt Lavicza (Cambridge University, England) and collaborator: Buteau. **(\$15,000)**

2001-02 **Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF)**. Project titled *Computational Steering Algorithms for Sheaves of Weight Functions on Musical Motive Spaces*. Supervisor: Guerino Mazzola; Research assistant: Buteau. **(\$42,000)**

### ***Internal***

2016 Brock University SSHRC ORS Supplementary funds. Project titled *Educating for the 21st Century: post-secondary students learning computer programming for mathematical investigation, simulation, and real-world modeling*. Principal investigator: Buteau **(\$3,500)**

2016 Brock BSIG Internal Grant – Special Purposes. Project titled *International Congress on Mathematics Education*. Principal investigator: Buteau **(\$1,000)**

2014 Brock BSIG Internal Grant. Project titled *Mathematics Exploratory Objects and Microworlds*. Principal investigator: Buteau **(\$3,250)**

2014 Brock BSIG Internal Grant – Special Purposes. Project titled *Constructionism and Creativity International Conference*. Principal investigator: Buteau **(\$1,000)**

2013 Brock University 4A Supplementary Funding. Project titled *Appraising Implemented Mathematics Exploratory Objects in a Microworlds Framework*. Principal investigator: Buteau; collaborators: Eric Muller (Brock University), Ana Isabel Sacristán (Cinvestav, Mexico) and Joyce Mgombeo (Brock University). **(\$2,000)**

2008 Brock University Advancement Fund. Project titled *Computer Algebra Systems Usage and Sustainability in University Mathematics Instruction: A Literature Review Pilot Study*. Principal Investigator: Buteau. Co-supervisors: Daniel Jarvis (Nipissing University) and Zsolt Lavicza (University of Cambridge, England). **(\$2,000)**

2006-07 Brock University Advancement Fund. Project titled *Mathematics Learning Objects: Establishing a Learning Community on Brock MICA Philosophy*. Principal Investigator: Joyce Mgombeo (Brock University). Co-applicant: Buteau. **(\$5,500)**

2006 - ... Cumulative Brock University Experience Works and Match of Mind Program Funding for undergraduate research assistants. Diverse projects in mathematics education and mathematical music theory. **(\$67,200 cumulative)**

2004 New Faculty Start-up funding. **(\$35,000)**

## **ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS**

**Buteau, C. & Gadanidis, G.** (forthcoming – Nov. 2018). Computational thinking in Mathematics Education Session. *Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto (Canada)*.



Namukasa, I., **Buteau**, C., Gadanidis, G., & Kotsopoulos, D. (2017). *Symposium on Computational Thinking in Mathematics Education*. University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), Toronto (Canada), October 13-15, 2017. Funding (\$10,000) received from the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto (Canada).

**Buteau**, C. & M. Lovric (2014). *Undergraduate Mathematics Education in 21st Century: Rethinking Curriculum*. Two-day scientific session at the Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS) Winter Reunion. Hamilton (Canada), December 2014.

**Buteau**, C. & J. Mgombelo (2013). Local hosts of the *Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group (CMESG) 2013 Annual Meeting*, Brock University, St. Catharines, May 24-28, 2013.

Mgombelo, J., **Buteau**, C. & J. Irvine (2013). *Mathematics Education Research and Mathematics Teaching: Illusions, Reality, and Opportunities*. CMESG 2013 Pre-Conference, Brock University, St. Catharines (Canada), May 24, 2013. Funding received from the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto (Canada).

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*mathématique (K-16)*. Proceedings of the Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group (CMESG) annual 2012 meeting, Ste-Foy (Canada), May 2012, 95-100.

**Buteau, C., Etchecopar, P. & Gadanidis, G.** (2009). *New mathematical and information technology use in post-secondary education/Utilisation de technologies dans l'enseignement mathématique postsecondaire*. Proceedings of the Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group (CMESG) annual 2008 meeting, Sherbrooke (Canada), May 2008, 65-74.

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Mgombelo, J., & **Buteau, C.** (2006): *Establishing a Mathematics Learning Community in the Study of Mathematics for Teaching* in Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education (PME), Prague (Czech Republic), 2006, 301.

## INVITED GUEST LECTURES AT SCHOLARLY MEETINGS

**Buteau, C.** (forthcoming). *Pensée informatique et mathématiques*. Invited keynote at the research colloquium of 16<sup>e</sup> Congrès de l'APTICA (*Association pour l'avancement pédagogique des technologies de l'information et de la communication en Atlantique*), Université de Moncton, October 30 – Novembre 4, 2017.

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Buteau, C. & Anagnostopoulou, C. (2008). Computational Analysis Workshop Introduction: First movement of Brahms' Op 51 No 1 and an Overview of the Proposed Computational Approaches. *Séminaire MaMuX: Mathématiques, musique et relations avec d'autres disciplines* in the session titled *Computational Music Analysis*, Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique (IRCAM), Paris (France), April 2008.

Buteau, C. (2008). Topological Spaces of Motives of Brahms Op. 51 No1. *Séminaire MaMuX: Mathématiques, musique et relations avec d'autres disciplines* for the session titled *Computational Music Analysis*, Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique (IRCAM), Paris (France), April 2008.

Lavicza, Z., Jarvis, D., & Buteau, C. (2008). CAS-based technology in university mathematics teaching: Exploring issues of teacher beliefs, implementation obstacles, and cultural differences, in *on-line program of The 11th International Congress on Mathematical Education (ICME)*. Monterrey (Mexico), 2008, 6 pp.

Buteau, C. & Muller, E. (2006). Examples of Undergraduate Student Achievement in a Technological Learning Environment. Project presentation at the *Seventeenth International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) Study Conference: Digital Technologies and Mathematics Teaching and Learning: Revisiting the Terrain*, University of Hanoi (Vietnam), December 2006.

Buteau, C. (2004). Topological Spaces of Music Motives: An Application of  $T_0$ -Spaces. *Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS) Winter 2005 Meeting*, McGill University, Montreal (Canada), December 2004.

Buteau, C. (2004). Topological Model of Motivic Analysis. Workshop on *Music Information Processing Systems* in the *Neural Information Processing Systems Conference (NIPS)*, Whistler (Canada), December 2004.

Buteau, C. (2004). Motivic Topologies of Messiaen's Regard III: A Computational Motivic Analysis. *Séminaire MaMuX: Mathématiques, musique et relations avec d'autres disciplines* pour la séance *Outils informatiques en analyse musicale*, Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique (IRCAM), Paris (France), May 2004.

Buteau, C. (2004). A Topological Model of Motivic Analysis of Music: Theory and Implementation. *American Mathematical Society Joint Mathematics Meetings* in AMS-MAA special session on *Mathematical Techniques in Musical Analysis*, Phoenix (USA), January 2004.

Buteau, C. (2003). A Topological Model of Motivic Analysis of Music. *Herbsttagung der SMG (Swiss Mathematical Society)*, Solothurn (Switzerland), September 2003.

Buteau, C. (2003). Modèle topologique de l'analyse motivique: Théorie, application et implémentation dans RUBATO. *Séminaire MaMuX: Mathématiques, musique et relations avec d'autres disciplines*, Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique (IRCAM), Paris (France), April 2003.

Buteau, C. (2002). RUBATO's MeloTopRubette for Topological Analysis of Melodic Paradigms.

*Second Conference of Understanding and Creating Music, Caserta (Italy), November 2002.*

**Buteau, C.** (2001). Reciprocity Between Motivic Presence and Content Functions. *Second International Seminar on Mathematical Music Theory, Sauen (Germany), July 2001.*

## OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS AT SCHOLARLY EVENTS

**Buteau, C., Muller, E., Mgombelo, J., Rafiepour, A., & Sacristán, A. I.**(forthcoming). Features of 'Authentic' Programming-based Mathematical Tasks. Proceedings of Mathematics Education in the Digital Age, Copenhagen (Denmark), September 2018.

Broley, L., **Buteau, C., & Muller, E.** (2017). *Legitimate peripheral computational thinking in mathematics.* Poster presentation at the Math Gallery, Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group 2017, McGill University (Canada), June 2017.

Monaghan, M., with **Buteau, C.** (2017). *My Engagement with and Views on Computational Thinking as a Mathematics (MICA) Co-op Honours Student.* Poster presentation at the Math Gallery, Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group 2017, McGill University (Canada), June 2017.

**Buteau, C. & Muller, C.** (2017). *MDM4U students' mathematics in-game identity when playing E-Brock Bugs© computer game.* Poster presentation at *Fields MathEd Forum Annual Research Day Symposium*, Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto (Canada), January 28, 2017.

**Buteau, C., Muller, E., & Marshall, N.** (2014). *Could 'It' be an Implementable Form/Alternative To Microworlds?* Poster presentation and proceedings of the Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group (CMESG) 2013 annual meeting, St. Catharines (Canada), May 2013, 241-242.

Martinovic, D. & **C. Buteau** (2011). *Simulations and Role-Playing in the Context of Problem-based Learning: This is too good to be true!*". Poster presentation at the University of Windsor-Oakland University Fifth Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning, University of Windsor, Windsor (Canada), May 19-20, 2011.

Marshall, N., with **Buteau, C., Jarvis, D. H., & Lavicza, Z.** (2011). Do mathematicians integrate computer algebra systems (CAS) in university teaching? Comparing a literature review to an international survey study. Poster presentation at *Fields Math Education Forum Annual Research Day Symposium*, Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto, Ontario. *Poster presented by Marshall*

**Buteau, C.** (2007). Invited panelist at the *Mathematics and Computation in Music* conference for the discussion titled: *Dialogue on Topoi of Music: A Birthday Panel.* Staatliches Institut für Musikforschung, Berlin (Germany), 2007.

**Buteau, C.** (2006). Invited panelist at the *Music and Mathematics at Creative and Scientific Legacies of Iannis Xenakis International Symposium* for the discussion: *Music and Mathematics.* University of Guelph/Fields Institute for Research in Mathematics Sciences/University of Waterloo (Canada), 2006.

## CREATION OF FREE ONLINE MATHEMATICS VIDEO GAMES

Broley, L., with **Buteau, C.** & Muller, E. (2013). E-Brock Bugs<sup>®</sup>, a video game for learning basic probability concepts. Access to game :  
<https://brocku.ca/mathematics-science/departments-and-centres/mathematics/resources/brock-bugs/e-brock-bugs-video-game>

Broley, L., **Buteau, C.** & Muller, E. (2013). Teacher document for E-Brock Bugs<sup>®</sup>:  
[https://brocku.ca/webfm\\_send/32032](https://brocku.ca/webfm_send/32032)

**Buteau, C.**, Muller, E., and Broley, L. (2013). E-Brock Bugs<sup>®</sup> Webpage for teachers :  
<https://brocku.ca/mathematics-science/departments-and-centres/mathematics/resources/brock-bugs>

## WORK SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

**Buteau, C.**, Muller, E., Mgombelo, J., & Sacristán, A. (2018). *Computational Thinking in University Mathematics Education: A Theoretical Framework*. Submitted in August 2017 for presentation at the Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education conference, San Diego (USA), February 2018.

**Buteau, C.**, Mamolo, A., Muller, E., & Monaghan, M. (2018). *Computational Thinking in Mathematics: Undergraduate Student Perspectives*. Poster presented at the Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education conference, San Diego (USA), February 2018.

**Buteau, C.**, & Muller, E., & Broley, L. (2017). Computational Thinking : In our Undergraduate Mathematics programs? Accepted for publication in December 2017 in *Canadian Mathematical Society Notes*.

## EDITORIAL AND REFEREEING DUTIES

### *Journal editorship:*

Anagnostoupoulo, C. & **Buteau, C.**, Eds (2010). Computational Music Analysis [Special Issue]. *Journal of Mathematics and Music*, 4 (2).

#### *including:*

Anagnostoupoulo & C. **Buteau** (2010). Introduction. Can computational music analysis be both musical and computational? *Journal of Mathematics and Music* for the special issue *Computational Music Theory*, C. Anagnostoupoulo & C. Buteau (eds), 4 (2), pp. 75-83.

### *Journal editorial board membership*

2011 – 2015 Fields Mathematics Education Journal (FMEJ)

### *Journal paper referee:*

Computer Music Journal

Digital Experiences in Mathematics Education

International Journal of Technology in Mathematics Education

Journal of New Music Research  
Grazer Mathematische Berichte  
Teaching Mathematics and Computer Science Journal

*was also invited to referee for:*

*International Journal of Mathematical Education in Science and Technology*  
*International Journal of Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education*  
*Mathematical Thinking and Learning*  
*SIAM Journal on Applied Algebra and Geometry*

**Conference paper proposal referee:**

Congress of European Research in Mathematics Education (CERME) 2009, 2015, 2017  
Mathematics and Computations in Music (MCM) 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017  
International Conference for Mathematics Education (ICME) 2016  
International Society for Music Information Retrieval (ISMIR) conference 2011, 2012  
International Computer Music Conference (ICMC) 2005

## **EVALUATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS**

2017 *Invited to serve on the Education & Social Work adjudication committee for the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) 2017 Insight Grant and 2017 Insight Development Grant competitions*

2015 External expert for grant evaluation (Insight Program) at Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

2014 External expert for grant evaluation (Insight Program) at Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

## **COURSES TAUGHT AT BROCK UNIVERSITY**

### ***Undergraduate courses***

MATH 1P11/12 Linear Algebra I  
MATH 1P40 Mathematics Integrated with Computers & Applications I  
MATH 1P97 Calculus with Applications  
MATH 1P98 Practical Statistics  
MATH 2P12 Linear Algebra II  
MATH 2P95 Mathematics and Music  
MATH 3P41 Visual and Interactive Mathematics  
MATH 4P96 Technology and Mathematics Education  
MATH 4F90 Honours Thesis

### ***Graduate course***

MATH 5P96 Technology and Mathematics Education

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

### **Thesis Committee (doctorate)**

2014-Present Amy Lin, Faculty of education (Brock University)

**including a doctoral directed study co-supervision**

Winter 2015 EDUC 7P51 Directed Study co-supervision with J. Mgombelo (Fac. of Education)

### **Masters Thesis Direction (M.Sc. mathematics, with specialization in education)**

2010-12 Neil Marshall

Thesis title: *Contextualizing the Learning Activity of Designing and Experimenting with Interactive, Dynamic Mathematics Exploratory Objects.*

### **Masters Thesis Committee (M.Ed.)**

2011 Amanjot Toor (Brock University, Faculty of education).

Thesis title: *Undergraduate students' experiences of their mathematical identity*

### **Masters Thesis External Evaluator (M.Sc.)**

2017 Karl-Philippe Tremblay (Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Department of mathematics).

Thesis title: *Étude des effets transformateurs de la technologie pour l'activité mathématique: analyse de trois logiciels utilisés dans le milieu scolaire*

### **Honours Thesis (B.Sc.)**

2018 **Elsa Chambers, ...**

2017 Charles Austria. Math Raisers: A Mathematics Video Game.

2014 Alicia Mancuso. The effect the computer game, *E-Brock Bugs*, has on student achievement and motivation in Mathematics students and different genders

2013 Laura Broley. *E-Brock Bugs: The Creation and Analysis of an Epistemic Mathematics Computer Game*

2012 Marc Jovanov. Capture the Flag: Educational Board Game Research and Creation

2010 Neil Marshall. Do Mathematicians Integrate Computer Algebra Systems in University Teaching? Comparing a Literature Review to an International Survey Study

2008 Amanjot Toor. Gender Equity in Undergraduate Mathematics Curricula (co-supervision with Joyce Mgombelo, Faculty of Education)

2007 Sarah Camilleri. Fantasy Fractions Learning Object: A Collaborative Grade 5 Class Project (co-supervision with Joyce Mgombelo, Faculty of Education)

2007 Jennifer Corbett. Recreational Mathematics Clubs in Elementary and Secondary School (co-supervision with Joyce Mgombelo, Faculty of Education)

2005 Denis Poulin (Université Laval). *Topologie musicale* (co-supervision with Charles Cassidy)

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BROCK MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM — INTRODUCTION OF NEW COURSES, AND THEIR TEACHING**

*MATH 2P95 Mathematics and Music\**

Scales and temperaments, history of the connections between mathematics and music, set theory in atonal music, group theory applied to composition and analysis, enumeration of rhythmic canons, measurement of melodic similarity using metrics, topics in mathematical music theory, applications of statistics to composition and analysis.

*\* taught for the first time in Fall 2013*

*MATH 3P41 Visual and Interactive Mathematics\*\**

Techniques in the visual representation of mathematical data and the interactive presentation of mathematical ideas. Topics may include modelling and simulation, visualization of real world data, interactive learning environments, and interactive websites.

*\*\* designed by building on former MATH 2F40 and adapted for future mathematics teachers for the integration of computational thinking in school mathematics education. Taught for the first time in Winter 2017*

*MATH 4/5P96 Technology and Mathematics Education\*\*\**

Topics may include contemporary research concerning digital technologies, such as computer algebra systems and Web 2.0, in learning and teaching mathematics, design of educational tools using VB.NET, HTML, Geometer's Sketchpad, Maple, Flash, etc., critical appraisal of interactive learning objects in mathematics education.

*\*\*\* designed and taught for the first time in Fall 2012*

## **INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS TO SEMINARS AND COLLOQUIA RELEVANT TO TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**Buteau, C.** (2017). L'expérience de l'étudiant dans la classe universitaire à *faire des mathématiques différemment* par la programmation informatique. Invited seminar talk at Université du Québec À Montréal (UQÀM), Montreal (Canada), April 2017.

**Buteau, C.** (2016). *Mathematics and Music*. Workshop at 'Mathematics is a Verb', Brock University (Hamilton campus), Hamilton, February 2016.

**Buteau, C.** (2015). Math & Music: From Pythagoras until Today. *Colloquium of the Department of Mathematics*, Trent University, Peterborough (Canada), January 2015.

**Buteau, C.** (2015). A topological modeling of melodic structure and analysis of music. *Colloquium of the Department of Mathematics*, University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires (Argentina), April 2015.

**Buteau, C.** (2015). About the use of technology in teaching and learning mathematics. *Centro de Formación e Investigación en Enseñanza de las Ciencias*, University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires (Argentina), April 2015.

**Buteau, C.** (2008). Triggering University Students' Mathematical Creativity by Use of Technology. *Mathematics Education Lunch Time Seminar*, University of Cambridge (England), February 2008.

**Buteau, C.** (2005). Modèle topologique de l'analyse mélodique de la musique: Espaces  $T_0$  de motifs. Research colloquium at the *Centre de Recherche Mathématique (CRM) – Université de Sherbrooke – Bishop's College*, Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke (Canada), February 2005.

**Buteau, C.** (2005). Modèle mathématique de l'analyse motivique selon Rudolph Réti. Invited presenter at the *Music Department*, University of Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke (Canada), February 2005.



**Buteau, C.** (2005). *A Deterministic Model of Germinal Motives*. Presentation at Mathematics of Music Seminar Day, Department of Mathematics & Statistics at McMaster University, Hamilton (Canada), July 2005.

**Buteau, C.** (2004). *A Model of Motivic Analysis of Music*. Presentation at the Graduate Colloquium, ETH Zurich, Zurich (Switzerland), June 2004.

*Also, organisation of seminars:*

**Buteau, C.** & J. Mgombelo (since Fall 2013). Math Ed Seminar Series @ Brock. Instigators and organizers of the seminar series (2-4 invited seminars/year).

D. Earn & **Buteau, C.** (2005). *Music Research Day*. Department of Mathematics of McMaster University, Hamilton (Canada), July 2005.

## SCIENTIFIC POPULARISATION ARTICLES

**Buteau, C.** (2008). *Quelques liens entre musique et mathématiques*. Actes du 49e congrès Association mathématique du Québec, University of Sherbrooke, May-June 2006, 43-49.

**Buteau, C.** (2006). *Another Summer's Dalliance: The Musical Group*. Ontario Mathematics Gazette, 44(4), 20-21.

**Buteau, C.** (2000). *Et si les maths nous aidaient à mieux comprendre la musique?* Mathématiques d'hier et d'aujourd'hui, Collection L'Astéroïde, Modulo-Éditeur, Mont-Royal, Canada, 91-96.

## DISSEMINATION TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

### *University mathematics professors*

**Buteau, C.** & Muller, E. (2017). *When a university mathematics department adopted course mathematics courses of unintentionally constructionist nature – really?* Online video posted on : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNvTdaG04gc&feature=youtu.be>

**Buteau, C.** & Muller, E. (2017). *Programming and Mathematics at Brock University (Canada)*. Online video excerpt posted on : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=12&v=AeTmwVrK4uM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=12&v=AeTmwVrK4uM)

Muller, E., **Buteau, C.**, & Sacristán, A. (2015). Through the Looking-Glass: Programming interactive environments for advanced mathematics. Hoyles & Noss (guest eds.): Special issue *Windows on Advanced Mathematics in Mathematics Today*, 212-217.

**Buteau, C.**, & Lovric, M. (2015). Undergraduate Math Curriculum in 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Dictated by the Job Market? *Canadian Mathematical Society Notes*, 47(2), 10-12.

**Buteau, C.**, Jarvis, D. & Lavicza Z. (2014). About your Use of Computer Algebra Systems in University Teaching: A Canadian Survey. *Canadian Mathematical Society*, 46(4), 8.

**Buteau, C.**, Hardy, N., & Mgombelo, J. (2014). Should (or does) mathematics education research inform our mathematics teaching practices? / Est-ce que la recherche en didactique des mathématiques informe (ou devrait informer) notre enseignement des maths? *Canadian Mathematical Society Notes*, 46(6), 10-11.

**Buteau, C., D. Jarvis & Z. Lavicza** (2011). Technology Use in Undergraduate Mathematics Teaching and Learning. *Fields Notes*, 11(2), 10, 20.

Jarvis, D., **Buteau, C.** & Z. Lavicza (2009). Technology Use in Post-Secondary Mathematics Instruction: Report of a CMS Winter 2008 Meeting Session. *Canadian Mathematical Society Notes*, 41(4), 6-7.

Ben-El-Mechaiekh, H., **Buteau, C.,** Ralph, B. (2007). MICA: A Novel Direction in Undergraduate Mathematics Teaching. *Canadian Mathematical Society Notes*, 39(6), 9-11.

### *School mathematics teachers – Articles in professional journals*

**Buteau, C.** & Muller, E. (2017). Coding + Math at University: Just like Mathematicians do it! In *Math+Code'Zine*, 2 (3), May 2017.

Mulder, A., with **Buteau, C.** (2017). Needles, pi(e) and coding, In *Math+Code'Zine*, 2 (3), May 2017.

Broley, L, **Buteau, C.,** & Muller, E. (2015). *The E-Brock Bugs computer game: What if becoming a (better) mathematician was a fun-filled adventure?* Ontario Mathematics Gazette, 53(3), 27-32.

**Buteau, C.,** Camilleri, S., Fodil, K., Lacroix, M.-E., Mgombelo, J. (2008). *Fantasy Fractions: When a Grade 5 Class Creates Computer Mathematics Games.* Ontario Mathematics Gazette, 46(3), 26-30.

**Buteau, C.,** Camilleri, S., Fodil, K., Lacroix, M.-E., Mgombelo, J. (2008). *Fractions Fantastiques: Lorsqu'une classe de 5<sup>e</sup> année crée un jeu informatique de mathématiques.* Revue Envol, 143, 19-23.

**Buteau, C.** (2007). *Technology in University Mathematics Instruction? At Brock, Yes!* Ontario Mathematics Gazette, 46(2), 26-27.

### *School mathematics teachers – Presentations and workshops at their conferences*

**Buteau, C.** & N. Marshall (2017). *Coding icebreaker: Infor math learning.* Workshop at Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Meeting, Kingston (Canada), May 11-13, 2017.

**Buteau, C.** & N. Marshall (2017). *E-Brock Bugs: Computer "game" your MDM4U class!* Workshop at Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Meeting, Kingston (Canada), May 11-13, 2017.

**Buteau, C.** & Khan, S. (2017). *Coding icebreaker: Infor math learning.* Workshop for K-8 teachers at the Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Regional Chapter Meeting, Brock University, St. Catharines (Canada), April 2017.

**Buteau, C.** (2014). *Math Computer Game.* Workshop at Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Meeting, Toronto (Canada), May 2014.

**Buteau, C.** (2014). *Digital technology: What Research Has to Say!* Presentation at Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Meeting, Toronto (Canada), May 2014.

**Buteau, C.** & Broley, L. (2013). *Assessment in the Digital Era.* Workshop at Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Meeting, Toronto (Canada), May 2013.

**Buteau, C.** & Broley, L. (2013). *Grade 12 Math Computer Games (MDM4U – MCV4U).* Workshop at Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Meeting, Toronto (Canada), May



2013.

**Buteau, C.** (2013, 2009, 2006-2007). *Math and Music: From Pythagoras until Today*. Presentation at Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Meeting.

**Buteau, C., Corbett, J., with Mgombelo, J.** (2007). *Recreational Maths Activities: Let's Play!* Workshop at Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Regional Chapter Meeting, Brock University, St. Catharines (Canada), April 2007.

**Buteau, C., Poulin, D.** (2006). *Mathématiques et Musique*. Presentation at congrès annuel de l'Association des Mathématiques du Québec (AMQ), Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke (Canada), June 2006.

**Buteau, C.** (2006). *From Brain to Computer and Back*. Presentation at Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Regional Chapter Meeting, Brock University, St. Catharines (Canada), May 2006.

**Buteau, C.** (2005). *Maths & Music*. Short presentation at Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Annual Regional Chapter Meeting, Brock University, St. Catharines (Canada), April 2005.

**Buteau, C.** (2004). *Application mathématique à la musique: Espaces de mélodies*. Presentation at congrès annuel de l'Association mathématique du Québec (AMQ), Cégep Lévis-Lauzon, Lévis (Canada), October 2004.

## UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY SERVICE

### *Internal*

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 2016 – ...          | Library liaison officer  |
| 2016 – ...          | Departmental committee for sessional & ILTA teaching             |
| 2008, 2015 – ...    | Departmental committee for service courses                       |
| 2011 – ...          | Departmental committee for Future Mathematics Teachers (chair)   |
| 2004 – 09, 11 – ... | Departmental undergraduate curriculum committee (chair & member) |
| 2004 – 09, 15 – ... | Departmental Outreach Committee (chair & member)                 |
| 2008 – 09, 17       | Inter-faculty Concurrent Program Committee                       |
| 2005 – 06           | Departmental MSc Committee                                       |
| 2005                | Master Committee as Dean's Delegate                              |

### *External*

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 2012 – ... | Webmaster of online registration for <i>Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group</i> (CMESG) |
| 2012 – 15  | Webmaster for <i>Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group</i> (CMESG) website                |
| 2010 – 11  | Executive member of <i>Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group</i> (CMESG)                  |
| 2007 – ... | Elected member of the committee for the <i>Society of Mathematics and Computation in Music</i> |

## TEACHER COMMUNITY SERVICE: EVENTS ORGANISATION

### *Provincial*

2010 Local organizer for the *Ontario Association for Mathematics Education 2010 Annual Conference*, May 10-12, 2010.

### **Regional**

2014 – ... Local co-organizer (with Joyce Mgombelo and Steven Khan, Faculty of Education) of the regional chapter of the international Math Kangaroo Contest, including a related regional award ceremony.

2010 Coordinator of *Show Math* event hosted by Brock University Faculty of Mathematics and Science and Faculty of Education on May 12 for Niagara region Grade 9-12 school students., May 2010

2005 – ... Local organizer (since 2013, co-organizer with Joyce Mgombelo, Faculty of Education) of the annual meeting for the *Ontario Association for Mathematics Education Golden Section*.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Buteau, C.** (2012). Invited scientific table host (“mathematics and music”) in the *Royal Canadian Institute's "Science 2012 Gala"*, MaRS auditorium, Toronto, April 26, 2012.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### ***Workshops hosted by funding agency:***

2004 (Aug) NSERC General Information Session (hosted by NSERC), Brock University

### ***Workshops hosted by Brock University:***

2014 (June) Grant Writing Workshop. Facilitators: Office of Research Services

2014 (May) Research Leadership Day. Facilitators: Office of Research Services

2005 (May) *Best Practices in Teaching and Learning Symposium: Assessment and Evaluation* workshop, Brock CTLET

2004 - 05 CTLET workshop *Faculty Development Series*. Facilitators: Dr. Maureen Connolly and Jill Grose

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## A. EDUCATION

- University of Illinois at Chicago. Doctor of Philosophy in Physics, December 1997. Advisor: Prof. Nino Boccara. Thesis topic: “Cellular Automata Models of Diffusion of Information and Highway Traffic Flow”.
- University of Illinois at Chicago. Master of Science in Physics, May 1996. Bachelor of Science in Physics with College Honors and with Highest Distinction in Physics, May 1993.
- Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland. Studies at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, 1987–1990.

B. ACADEMIC  
DISTINCTIONS AND  
AWARDS

- Faculty of Mathematics and Science Distinguished Research Award, Brock University (2018)
- Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Brock University (2005)
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (1998–2000)
- University of Illinois Graduate Fellowship, awarded twice (for academic year 1995/96 and 1996/97)
- Larry L. Abels Memorial Scholarship, University of Illinois at Chicago (May 1993)
- Rector’s Award two times, Jagiellonian University (1988, 1989)
- Science Scholarship for three years, Jagiellonian University (1988–1990)

C. ACADEMIC  
POSITIONS HELD

- Professor, Department of Mathematics, Brock University, July 2012–present
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Physics, Brock University, August 2004–present
- Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Brock University, July 2003–July 2012
- Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Brock University, 2000–2003
- Special Graduate Faculty, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Guelph (2000–2002)
- NSERC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Guelph (Guelph, ON), 1998–2000.
- The Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences (Toronto, ON), 1998–2000:
  - *Probability and Its Applications*, Program Visitor, August 1998 – August 1999
  - Non-Program Visitor, September 1999 – June 2000
- NCE-MITACS (Network of Centres of Excellence - Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems) part-time postdoctoral fellow:
  - *Mathematical and Computer Modelling of Epidemics with Public Health Applications*, January 1999 – June 2000
  - *Building and Modelling Semiconductor Nanostructures Using Cellular Automata*, September 1999 – June 2000
- Graduate Fellow, Department of Physics, University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago, IL), 1995–1997

## D. CREATIVE AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

### JOURNAL ISSUES EDITED

- H. Fukś and A. Lawniczak, Eds., Summer Solstice 2015 International Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems, special issue of *Acta Physica Polonica B*, vol. 9 no. 1, (2016)
- H. Fukś and A. Lawniczak, Eds., AUTOMATA 2007, 13th International Workshop on Cellular Automata, special issue of *Journal of Cellular Automata*, part I, vol. 4 no. 2, (2009)
- H. Fukś and A. Lawniczak, Eds., AUTOMATA 2007, 13th International Workshop on Cellular Automata, special issue of *Journal of Cellular Automata*, part II, vol. 4 no. 3, (2009)
- H. Fukś and A. Lawniczak, Eds., AUTOMATA 2007, 13th International Workshop on Cellular Automata, special issue of *Journal of Cellular Automata*, part III, vol. 5 no. 6, (2010)

### CHAPTERS CONTRIBUTED TO BOOKS

- John Clements, Babak Farzad, and Henryk Fukś. Dynamics of large-scale networks following a merger. In Tansel Özyer and Reda Alhajj, editors, *Machine Learning Techniques for Online Social Networks*, Lecture Notes in Social Networks, pages 173–193. Springer, Cham, 2018
- Henryk Fukś. Orbits of Bernoulli measures in cellular automata. In Robert A. Meyers, editor, *Encyclopedia of Complexity and Systems Science*, pages 1–19. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2017
- H. Fukś. Computing the density of ones in probabilistic cellular automata by direct recursion. In P. Y. Louis and F. R. Nardi, editors, *Probabilistic Cellular Automata - Theory, Applications and Future Perspectives*, 2017. To appear in Lecture Notes in Computer Science
- H. Fukś. Mysterious sequence in A. A. Kochański's *Observationes Cyclometricae*. In W. Więśław, editor, *Dzieje matematyki polskiej (History of Polish mathematics)*, pages 97–109. Instytut Matematyki Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego, Wrocław, 2012
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**R** - Presentation with fully refereed paper

**A** - Presentation with refereed abstract

**I** - Invited presentations

- H. Fukś, *Explorations of ternary cellular automata*, Summer Solstice 2018 Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems, Gdańsk, Poland, June 25-27, 2018.
- H. Fukś, *Approximating cellular automata by finite-dimensional maps*, 24th Annual International Workshop on Cellular Automata (CAs) and Discrete Complex Systems AUTOMATA 2018, Ghent, Belgium June 20. (**I**)
- H. Fukś, *Evaluating the quality of local structure approximation using elementary rule 14*, 24th Annual International Workshop on Cellular Automata (CAs) and Discrete Complex Systems (DCSs) AUTOMATA 2018, Ghent, Belgium, June 21. (**R**)
- H. Fukś, *Open problems from the 17th century: Adam Adamandy Kochanski and his mathematical works*, 2016 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Mathematics, Calgary, May 30, 2016 (**A**)
- J. Clements, H. Fukś, and B. Farzad, *Dynamics of Large Scale Networks Following a Merger*, IEEE/ACM ASONAM 2016, Calgary, 18–21 August, 2016 (**R**, presented by J. Clements)
- H. Fukś, *Hyperbolic and degenerate hyperbolic behaviour in cellular automata*, 2015 Summer Solstice International Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems, June 19, 2015, Toronto, Canada
- H. Fukś and J. Midgley-Volpato, *Degenerate hyperbolicity in cellular automata*, Automata 2015, Turku, Finland, August 6, 2015. (**R**)
- H. Fukś and N Fatés, *Bifurcations of local structure maps as predictors of phase transitions in asynchronous cellular automata*. Workshop on Asynchronous Cellular Automata, part of ACRI 2014 - Cellular Automata for Research and Industry, Kraków, Poland, September 2014 (**R**)
- *Can stochasticity increase performance of cellular automata in solving density classification problem in two dimensions?* Unconventional Computation and Natural Computation 2014, London, Canada, June 2014 (**A**)
- *Local structure maps in cellular automata*, 2013 Summer Solstice International Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems, 27–29 June 2013, Warsaw, Poland
- *Inflection graphs and their models*, 37th Conference of the Middle European Cooperation in Statistical Physics, MECO37, Tatranské Matliare, Slovakia, March 19–21, 2012
- *Scaling in inflection graphs*, The International Nonlinear Science Conference, Barcelona, Spain, 15-17 March 2012
- *Orbits of the Bernoulli measure in single-transition asynchronous cellular automata*, Automata 2011: University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, November 21, 2011 **R**
- *Probabilistic initial value problem for cellular automaton rule 172*, Automata 2010, Nancy, France, June 14–16, 2010 (**R**)
- *Vocabulary of human languages as a complex system*, Summer Solstice 2009 International Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems, Gdańsk, Poland, 22-24 June 2009 (**I**)
- *Inflection system of a language as a complex network*, IEEE Toronto International Conference - Science and Technology for Humanity, Toronto, September 2009 (**R**)



- *Core Decomposition Spectra of Large Graphs and their Applications in Modelling*, presented at 19th IASTED International Conference on Modelling and Simulation, May 2008 (R)
- *Enumeration of number-conserving cellular automata*, presented at CANADAM conference, Banff, May 2007 (I)
- *Preimage trees in cellular automata*, 13th International Workshop on Cellular Automata AUTOMATA 2007, August 30, 2007 (A)
- *Combinatorial Structure of Pre-Image Trees in Cellular Automata*, NKS 2008, July 13, 2007 (A)
- *Toward a Model of Language Acquisition Threshold*, 17th IASTED International Conference on Modelling and Simulation, Montreal, May 2006 (R).
- *Dynamics of the language acquisition process*, Southern Ontario Dynamics Day Workshop, The Fields Institute, Toronto, April 7, 2006 (I).
- *Phase transitions in cellular automata with additive invariant*, AUTOMATA 2005, 11th Workshop on Cellular Automata, Gdansk, Poland, 3-5 September 2005 (I).
- *Spatial correlations in SIR epidemic models*, 7th WSEAS International Conference on Applied Mathematics, Canun, Mexico, May 11-14 2005 (R).
- *Number-conserving probabilistic cellular automata*, AIMS Fifth International Conference on DSDE June 16, 2004, Pomona, California (I).
- *Localized structures in number conserving cellular automata*, American Physical Society meeting in Montreal, March 24, 2004 (*Bulletin of the APS*, 49:1002 (2004) (A).
- *Discrete Models of Intersecting Granular Flows with Storage Rings*, First Joint Meeting of CAIMS and SIAM, June 16-20, 2003, Montreal, QC, Canada. (A).
- *Computation in simple models of parallelism* CASCON 2000 (IBM Centre for Advanced Studies Conference), Toronto, October 1, 2002.
- *Dynamics of two-dimensional cellular automata with additive invariants*, SIAM 50th Anniversary Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, June 2002 (A).
- *Dynamics of density-conserving cellular automata*, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, Snowbird, Utah, May 2001 (A).
- *Dynamics of data network models with random links*, Dynamical Networks in Complex Systems Conference, University of Kiel, Germany, July 2001 (A).
- *Individual-based lattice model for spatial spread of epidemics*, poster and software demonstration, MITACS (Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems) Annual Meeting, June 6-7, 2000.
- *EPILAB: modeling and simulation of epidemics*, poster and Technology Showcase software demonstration at CASCON 2000 (IBM Centre for Advanced Studies Conference), Toronto, November 13-16, 2000.
- *Spatial Epidemic Models*, meeting of MITACS project on Mathematical and Computer Modeling of Epidemics with Public Health Applications, The Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto, September 1999.
- *Dynamics of Cellular Automata Rules Conserving the Number of Active Sites*, Dynamics Day, McMaster University, Hamilton, February 1999 (I).
- *Agent-based Simulations of Epidemics*, meeting of MITACS project on Mathematical and Computer Modeling of Epidemics with Public Health Applications, The Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto, January 1999 (I).
- *Simulations of Complex Systems Dynamics with Lattice Models Using Parallel Update Algorithms*, IBM Centre for Advanced Studies Conference (CASCON'99), Mississauga, Ontario, November 10, 1999.

- *Cellular Automata Conserving the Number of Active Sites*, Workshop on Hydrodynamic Limits, The Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto, October 1998. (I).

OTHER  
PRESENTATIONS

- *Can you solve cellular automata?*, Trent University, Peterborough, invited colloquium talk, March 18, 2010
- *Euler vs. Lagrange: additive invariants in discrete dynamics*, University of Guelph, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, invited colloquium talk, November 2, 2004
- *Pleasures of discrete dynamics*, Brock Institute for Scientific Computing, October 2002.
- *Collective phenomena induced by transport*, University of Guelph, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, March 9, 2000.
- *Cellular and lattice gas automata models of complex systems with a large number of interacting components*, Brock University, Department of Mathematics, March 3, 2000.
- *Collective Dynamics of Data Network Models with Random Links and Propagation of Epidemic Waves in Lattice Gas Automata SIR Model*, posters, Guelph-Waterloo Physics Institute Info Night, Waterloo, January 27, 2000.
- Seminar series on cellular automata and their applications, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Guelph
  - *Lattice Gas Automata Models of Epidemics*, October 14, 1999
  - *Cellular Automata Theory and Applications I: Introduction*, October 21, 1999
  - *Cellular Automata Theory and Applications II: Models of Traffic and Granular Flow*, October 28, 1999.
- Demonstration of software simulations of spatial models of complex systems, *Cases in Applied Mathematics* seminar, University of Toronto, November 29, 1999.
- *Spatial Epidemic Models*, demonstration presented at The Fields Institute Open House, Toronto, February 5, 1999.
- *Cellular Automata and Granular Flow*, Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Western Ontario, London, December 1998.
- *Modeling Real World Phenomena with Cellular Automata*, UIC Department of Economics, November 1997.
- *Cellular Automata Models for Diffusion and Transport Phenomena in Complex Systems*, Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 1997.
- *Diffusion of Information*, Condensed Matter Physics Seminar, UIC Department of Physics, November 1996.

GRANTS OBTAINED

- NSERC Discovery grant, *Computational problems in spatially extended discrete dynamical systems*, \$11,000, 2015–2020.
- NSERC Discovery Grant, *Large complex graphs in discrete dynamical systems*, \$12000/year, 2010-2015.
- The Fields Institute conference grant, \$10,000, to organize AUTOMATA 2007 (13-th International Workshop on Cellular Automata), co-applicant with A. Lawniczak
- NSERC Discovery Grant, *Dynamical processes on complex networks*, \$9000/year, 2005-2010.
- NSERC strategic grant, *Microbial Food Safety -Integrated Modelling Techniques*, \$200,000 per year (group grant administered by University of Guelph), 2002-2005, co-applicant with M. Griffiths (University of Guelph) *et. al.*

- NSERC individual research grant, *Development of new mathematical methods for intermediate level analysis of dynamics of complex systems*, \$12,000/year, 2001-2004.
- Brock University start-up grant, \$9,100, 2000–2001.
- financial support from Santa Fe Institute to attend Complex Systems Summer School, Summer 1995.

EDITORIAL BOARDS  
OF JOURNALS

- Member of the Editorial Board of *Journal of Cellular Automata*, 2008–present
- Member of International Editorial Review Board of *International Journal of Natural Computing Research* (2009–present)
- Associate Editor (2006–2008) and member of the Editorial Board (2008-present) of *International Journal of Applied Mathematics and Statistics*
- Guest editor for special issues of *Journal of Cellular Automata*: vol. 4 no. 2 and 3, (2009), vol. 5 no. 6, (2010).

MEMBERSHIP IN  
PROGRAM  
COMMITTEES

- Scientific Program Committee of SUMMER SOLSTICE 2018, International Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems, Gdańsk, Poland, June 25–27, 2018
- Programme committee of Automata 2018, Ghent, Belgium, June 20–22, 2018
- Program Committee of the Asynchronous Cellular Automata workshop, part of ACRI conference, Fez, Morocco, September 5-8, 2016.
- Scientific Program Committee of SUMMER SOLSTICE 2015, International Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems
- Program Committee of TCA 2014 - Workshop on TRAFFIC AND CELLULAR AUTOMATA
- Program Committee of SUMMER SOLSTICE 2014, International Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems
- International Program Committee of the 4th Workshop on Cellular Automata Algorithms and Architectures, July 1–5, 2013, Helsinki, Finland
- Program Committee of TCA – Second International Workshop on Traffic and Cellular Automata, Santorini, Greece, September 24-27, 2012
- Program Committee of AUTOMATA 2011, Santiago, Chile
- Scientific Programme Committee of Summer Solstice 2011, International Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems, 6-10 June 2011, Turku, Finland
- Program Committee of TCA 2010 - First International Workshop on Traffic And Cellular Automata, Ascoli Piceno, Italy, September 21, 2010
- Program Committee of ACA- First international workshop on Asynchronous Cellular Automata, Ascoli Piceno, Italy, September 21, 2010
- Program Committee of Special Session on Cellular Automata, Algorithms and Architectures (CAAA 2010) at HPCS 2010, Caen, France, June 28 – July 2, 2010
- Steering Committee and the Program Committee of AUTOMATA 2010, Nancy, France, 14th – 16th June 2010.
- Program Committee of AUTOMATA 2009
- Program Committee of Summer Solstice 2009 International Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems
- Scientific Committee of The 9th WSEAS International Conference on Applied Mathematics (MATH 06)

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- *Fundamenta Informaticae*
- *Theory of Computing Systems*
- *Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and General*
- *International Journal of Modern Physics: Physics and Computers*
- *Statistical Physics and Transport Phenomena*
- *Journal of The Franklin Institute*
- *Chaos*
- *Physical Review Letters*
- *Physical Review E*
- *New Journal of Physics*
- *International Journal of Mathematics and Computer Modelling*
- *Journal of Biological Systems*
- *Journal of Cellular Automata*
- *Theoretical Computer Science*
- *LATIN 2006* conference

ORGANIZATION OF  
CONFERENCES

- Co-organizer (with A. Lawniczak, D. Makowiec, B. DiStefano and M. Cojocaru) of Summer Solstice 2015, International Conference on Discrete Models of Complex Systems, Toronto, June 17–19, 2015
- Co-organizer (with B. Farzad) of 18th Ontario Combinatorics Workshop, St. Catharines, May 7–8, 2010
- Co-organizer (with B. Farzad) of 18th Ontario Combinatorics Workshop, St. Catharines, May 7–8, 2010
- Co-organizer (with A. Lawniczak) of AUTOMATA 2007, 13-th International Workshop on Cellular Automata
- Vice-Chair of the IEEE Symposium on “Complex Systems Modeling and Simulation: Paradigms and Applications” (part of IEEE Science and Technology for Humanity - TIC-STH 2009 conference)

OTHER SCHOLARLY  
ACTIVITIES

- Member of Working Group 1.5 “Cellular Automata and Discrete Complex Systems” (part of the technical committee TC-1 “Foundations of Computer Science” in the International Federation for Information Processing)
- Refereed grant applications for Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Chilean Research Fund Council (FONDECYT), and The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO).
- Member of Canadian Research Institute for Food Safety (2000-2005)

SOFTWARE  
DEVELOPED

- “HCELL”, software library for symbolic manipulation and direct manipulation of deterministic and probabilistic cellular automata (2005)
- Algorithm and graphical front-end for simulation and visualisation of congestion in a model of data networks (1998-1999)
- Algorithm and graphical front-end (EPILAB) for visualisation of an epidemic process on a lattice (1999)

- C++ class library for cellular automata simulations and symbolic manipulations (1995-1997)
- “Percolator”, an educational software which demonstrates critical behavior of disordered systems using optimized Hoshen-Copelman algorithm. (1996)
- Created various tools for cellular automata visualisation and analysis (1995-1997)

## E. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

### COURSES TAUGHT

- Graduate:
  - Math 594, Mathematics Seminar, Winter 2013, enrollment: 1
  - Math 5P31, Advanced Topics in Mathematical Models of Complex Systems; Fall 2010, enrollment: 8 Winter 2010, enrollment: 4, Winter 2007, enrollment: 2.
  - Math 5P31, Complexity, entropy and chaos. Fall 2017: enrollment: 2
  - Math 5P30, Dynamical Systems, Winter 2017, enrollment: 5, Winter 2015, enrollment: 9, Winter 2009, enrollment: 1, Fall 2006, enrollment: 3, Fall 2012, enrollment: 4
- Undergraduate:
  - Math 4P93, Special Topics in Dynamical Systems and Topology, Winter 2007, enrollment: 10, Winter 2006, enrollment: 7
  - Math 3P96, Computational Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems, Fall 2016, enrollment: 16. Fall 2017: enrollment: 11
  - Math 3P72, Continuous optimization, Winter 2008, enrollment: 5, Winter 2004, enrollment: 12.
  - Math 3P40, Mathematics integrated with computers and applications III; Winter 2018, enrollment: 8, Winter 2017, enrollment: 11.
  - Math 3P06, Vector calculus and differential geometry; Winter 2018, enrollment: 19
  - Math 3P03, Real Analysis; Winter 2011, enrollment: 4, Fall 2009, enrollment: 4, Fall 2008, enrollment: 3, Fall 2007, enrollment: 5,
  - Math 2P40, Mathematics integrated with computers and applications II; Fall 2015, enrollment: 29.
  - Math 2F40, Mathematics integrated with computers and applications II; Fall 2010/Winter 2011, enrollment: 52, Fall 2009/Winter 2010, enrollment: 50, Fall 2008/Winter 2008, enrollment: 14, Fall 2007/Winter 2008, enrollment: 32, Fall 2006/Winter 2007, enrollment: 30, Fall 2005/Winter 2006, enrollment: 19, Fall 2004, enrollment: 20, Fall 2003/Winter 2004, enrollment: 23, Fall 2002/Winter 2003, enrollment: 12, Fall 2012/Winter 2013, enrollment: 24. Fall 2013/Winter 2014, enrollment: 10. Fall 2014/Winter 2015, enrollment: 11.
  - Math 2P03, Calculus III, Fall 2003, enrollment: 53 Fall 2016, enrollment: 62 Fall 2015, enrollment: 80 Fall 2004, enrollment: 41 Fall 2004, enrollment: 66, Fall 2003, enrollment: 25, Fall 2002, enrollment: 20, Fall 2001, enrollment: 20.
  - Math 2F00, Advanced Calculus, Fall 2000/Winter 2001, enrollment: 9
  - Math 1P02, Calculus II, Winter 2002 enrollment: 94
  - Math 2P04, Basic Concepts of Analysis, Winter 2002, enrollment:13
  - Math 1P12, Linear Algebra I, Fall 2001, enrollment: 128
  - Math 1P97, Differential and Integral Methods, Winter 2001, enrollment: 250
  - Physics 099 (Preparation for Physics Courses), Spring 1995, enrollment: 50 (University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Physics)

### STUDENTS SUPERVISED

- Graduate students

- Francis Combert (co-supervision with T. Wolf), M.Sc. student (September 2016–present)
- Maryam Molakarimi Dastjerdi (co-supervision with J. Li), M.Sc. student (May 2016–present)
- Joel Midgley-Volpato (co-supervision with O. Kihel), M.Sc. student (Sept. 2013 – Sept. 2015), co-supervision with O. Kihel
- John Clement, M.Sc. student (Sept. 2013 – February 2015), co-supervision with B. Farzad
- Arnoosh Golestanian, M.Sc. student (January 2014 – August 2015), co-supervision with B. Farzad
- Asefeh Salarinezhad, M.Sc. student (January 2014 – August 2015), co-supervision with B. Farzad
- Ayodeji Olumide Oluwole, M. Sc. student (January 2013– summer 2013), transferred to Dept. of Education
- Yvonne Adjei-Mensah, (co-supervision with J. Yuen), M. Sc. student (September 2012–April 2014) *Determining the critical value of the control parameter of a probabilistic cellular automaton*
- Yi Cao, M.Sc. student (co-supervision with B. Farzad) (September 2009 – August 2011) *Modelling of Language Inflection Graphs*
- Andrew Skelton, M.Sc. student (September 2009 – August 2011), *Response Curves of Deterministic and Probabilistic Cellular Automata in One and Two Dimensions*
- Christopher Hockey, M.Sc. student (September 2008 – April 2011). *Conservation of lattice animals and phase transitions in 2D cellular automata*
- Mark Krzeminski, M.Sc. student (September 2006-August 2008). Project title: *Linguistic Applications of Random Graph Models*
- Member of the advisory committee of Peng Zhao, M. Sc. student at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Guelph (2000-2002)
- Undergraduate students
  - Roman Procyk, Density classification problem in ternary cellular automata, physics undergraduate thesis, September 2017-May 2018
  - Josh Friesen (January 2016 – May 2016), analysis of local structure approximation of cellular automaton rule 60200
  - Andrew Cheesman (May–August 2011), development of software tools for statistical analysis of Latin texts (Experience Works program)
  - Daniel Rammuno, summer 2008, preimage trees for all nearest-neighbour one-dimensional cellular automata, BUSRA award
  - Mark Krzeminski, M.Sc. student (September 2006-August 2008)
  - Bryan Penfound, summer 2007, core decomposition and visualization of large graphs, BUSRA award
  - Jeff Haroutunian, summer 2007, dynamical processes on geometric graphs, NSERC USRA award
  - Jeff Haroutunian, Fall 2006/Winter 2007, regularities in preimage sequences of cellular automata (Math 4F90 Honours Project)
  - Kate Sullivan, Fall 2005/Winter 2006, enumeration of conservative cellular automata (Math 4F90 Honours Project)
  - Colin Phipps, summer 2005 and summer 2006, dynamics of the language acquisition process, NSERC USRA award
  - Darius Dadgari, summer 2004, dynamics of interacting particles in 2D space (Math 4F90 Honours Project)

- Ryan Duchesne, Fall 2003/Winter 2004, epidemic models on random graphs (financed by Experience Plus program grant)
- Konrad Wagner, summer 2003, cellular automata models of traffic flow (Math 4F90 Honours Project)
- Salil Sharma, summer 2002, development of a library for visualization of growth and diffusion phenomena on a two-dimensional lattice (financed from NSERC grant)
- Joseph W. Troop, summer 2002, visualization of three-dimensional cellular automata (financed from NSERC grant)
- Sumit Rohatgi, Fall 2002/Winter 2003, simulations of discrete dynamical systems (financed by Experience Plus program grant)

OTHER  
PEDAGOGICAL  
CONTRIBUTIONS

- *Cellular automata modelling*, presentation to Brock Brain Benders high school students, Feb. 17, 2009
- *Introduction to mathematical modelling*, presentation and lab for high school student participants of CMS/Eso Mathematics Camp, yearly in August 2002 - 2007.
- Participated in CBC Radio One broadcast *A new kind of science*, September 28, 2002
- Presented seminar series on lattice gas automata and cellular automata. University of Guelph, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Fall 1999.
- Served as an instructor in a workshop for new teaching assistants, University of Illinois at Chicago, Summer 1997.
- Teaching Assistant for laboratory, tutorial and computer workshop sections of various undergraduate physics courses. University of Illinois at Chicago, 1993–1997.

F. UNIVERSITY  
SERVICE

Department of Mathematics

- Lead writer of the mathematics part of the joint PhD proposal with Computer Science (July 2018–present)
- Member of Applied Mathematics Committee (2016-18)
- Member of Rules of Procedure Committee (2016-18)
- Member of Mathematics Integrating Computers and Applications (MICA) Committee (2016-18)
- Lead writer of the self-study document for the review of Mathematics and Statistics M.Sc. program (June 2013–December 2013)
- **Graduate Program Director** for Mathematics graduate program (July 2007– July 2010, July 2012–July 2015, and July 2018–present)
- Member of committees revising MICA program and designing new mathematics major program (Spring 2013)
- Member of MICA curriculum committee (2005–2007, 2010/2011)
- Member of departmental graduate committee (2003-2011, committee chair 2007-2010)
- Member of the departmental committee developing mathematics co-op program (2009/10)
- Member of the departmental computer committee (Fall 2005–2007)
- Member of the advisory committee for the statistics position (Winter 2006)
- Member of the search committee (Fall 2003 – Winter 2004)
- Member of the statistics position search committee, (Fall 2001-Winter 2002)
- Member of the departmental committee on double cohort (2000/2001)
- Member of the departmental MICA program committee (2000/2001)

#### Faculty of Mathematics and Science

- Member of the Advisory Committee for selection of associate deans (Fall 2017)
- Member of the Advisory Committee for selection of associate deans (Spring 2013)
- Member of adjudication committee for NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (2010/2011)
- Member of the advisory committee for selection of the Dean and Associate Deans for Faculty of Mathematics and Science (2009/2010)
- Member of the Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee, Faculty of Mathematics and Science (several times 2003–2007)
- Member of the Brock Institute for Scientific Computing

#### Brock University

- Member of IT Strategic Planning Committee (Fall 2005–2007)
- Member of Graduate Council (2007-2010)

#### Examination committees

- Member of examination committee in M.Sc. thesis defence of Mahsa Daneshmandmehraban, July 2017
- Member of examination committee in M.Sc. thesis defence of Oksana Picugina, September 17, 2015
- External examiner in M.Sc. thesis defence of Mohammad Goodarzi, January 31, 2014, Dept. of Computer Science, Brock University
- External examiner in M.Sc. thesis defence of M. Edalatmanesh, August 26, 2013, Dept. of Computer Science, Brock University
- External examiner in Ph.D. thesis defence of Heather Betel, University of Ottawa, May 10, 2012
- External examiner in M.Sc. thesis defence of Corrado Coia, May 2011, Dept. of Computer Science, Brock University
- Member of examination committee in M.Sc. thesis defence of Samaneh Malekan, January 2011, Department of Mathematics, Brock University
- External examiner in M.Sc. thesis defence of Ryan Faulkner, November 2010, Department of Mathematics, Trent University
- External examiner in M.Sc. thesis defence of Joseph Brown, August 2009, Dept. of Computer Science, Brock University
- Member of examination committee in M.Sc. thesis defence of Chris Plyley, July 2009, Department of Mathematics, Brock University
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## A. FORMAL EDUCATION

| <u>INSTITUTION</u>               | <u>DEGREE</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>MAJOR</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| University of Windsor            | Ph.D.         | 1990        | Statistics   |
| University of Windsor            | M.Sc.         | 1986        | Mathematics  |
| China Academy of Railway Science | M.Sc.         | 1981        | Mathematics  |
| China Hobei Normal University    | B.A.          | 1964        | Mathematics  |

## B. ACADEMIC POSITIONS

|                     |                           |  |                                      |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Professor           | July, 2001 – Present      | Department of Mathematics                    | Brock University                     |
| Visiting Professor  | Sept. 1995 – Dec. 1995    | Department of Statistics                     | Stanford University                  |
| Associate Professor | July, 1995 – June, 2001   | Department of Mathematics                    | Brock University                     |
| Assistant Professor | July, 1991 – June, 1995   | Department of Mathematics                    | Brock University                     |
| Research Associate  | May, 1990 – June, 1991    | Dept. of Management Science                  | Univ. of Windsor                     |
| Teaching Assistant  | Sept., 1985 – April, 1990 | Department of Mathematics                    | Univ. of Windsor                     |
| Research Assistant  | Sept., 1985 – April, 1990 | Department of Mathematics                    | Univ. of Windsor                     |
| Assistant Professor | Jan., 1982 – July, 1985   | The Graduate School,<br>Dept. of Mathematics | China Academy of Railway<br>Sciences |
| Lecturer            | Sept., 1964 – July, 1978  | Dept. of Mathematics                         | China Hobei Teaching College         |

## C. SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

### 1. PUBLICATIONS (*HQP with “\*”*)

#### (A) ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

1. Huang, M. L. and \*Nguyen, C. (2018). “A Nonparametric Approach on Quantile Regression”, *Journal of Statistical Distributions and Applications*, Volume 5, Issue 3, pp.1-14.. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40488-018-0084-9>.
2. Huang, M. L., Kerman, R. and \*Spector, S. (2018). “An Estimate of the Root Mean Square Error Incurred when Approximating an  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  by a Partial Sum of its Hermite Series”, *Mathematics*, 2018, Volume 6, Issue 64; pp. 1-18, <https://doi.org/10.3390/math6040064>.
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5. Huang, M. L., Xu, X., and \*Tashnev, D. (2015). “A Weighted Quantile Linear Regression”, *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, Volume 85, No.13, pp. 2596-2618. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00949655.2014.938240>.
6. Ha, H., Huang, M. L., and Li, D. (2014). “A Remark on Strong Law of Large Number for Weighted U-Statistics”, *Acta Mathematica Sinica*, Volume 30, No. 9, pp. 1595-1605.
7. \*Coia, V. and Huang, M. L. (2014). “A Sieve Model for Extreme Values”, *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, Volume 84, No. 8, pp. 1692-1710.
8. \*Fajardo, V. A. and Huang, M. L. (2014). “A Least Square Method on Confidence Regions for High Quantile of Heavy Tailed Distributions”, *Advances and Applications in Statistics*, Volume 38, Number 2, pp. 81-111.
9. Huang, M. L. and \*Zhao, K. (2013). “Weighted Efficient Estimation for Risk Models”, *ISRN Probability and Statistics*, Volume 2013, pp. 1-12.
10. Huang, M. L., \*Coia, V., and Brill, P. H. (2013). “A Cluster Truncated Pareto Distribution and its applications”, *ISRN Probability and Statistics*, Volume 2013, pp. 1-10.

11. Huang, M. L., Yuen, W. K., and \*Zhang, M. (2013). "Efficient Methods on Confidence Intervals of Prediction Intervals", *Advances and Applications in Statistics*, Volume 33, No. 1, pp.1-21.
12. \*Yu, K., Huang, M. L., and Brill, P. H. (2012). "An Algorithm for Fitting Heavy-Tailed Distributions with Generalized Hyperexponentials", *INFORMS Journal on Computing*, Volume 24, No. 1, pp. 42-52.
13. Huang, M. L. (2011). "Optimal Estimation for the Pareto Distribution", *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, Volume 81, No. 12, pp. 2059-2076.
14. Huang, M. L. and \*Zhao, K. (2010). "On Estimation of the Truncated Pareto Distribution", *Advances and Applications in Statistics*, Volume 16, No. 1, pp. 83-102.
15. Huang, M. L. (2010). "An Efficient Estimation Method for the Pareto Distribution", *Journal of Statistics, Advances in Theory and Applications*, Volume 3, No. 1, pp. 61-78.
16. Huang, M. L. and Yuen, W. K. (2010). "A Bivariate Density Estimation Method based on Level Crossings", *Statistics, a Journal of Theoretical and Applied Statistics*, Volume 44, No. 1, pp.31-55.
17. Kerman, R., Huang, M. L., and \*Brannan, M. (2009). "Error Estimates for Dominici's Hermite Function Asymptotic Formula and Some Applications", *The ANZIAM Journal*, Volume 50, pp.550-561.
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19. Brill, P. H., Huang, M. L., and Hlynka, M. (2009). "A Note on an  $\langle s, S \rangle$  Inventory System with Decay", *IAENG International Journal of Applied Mathematics*, Volume 39, Issue 3, pp. 171-174.
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24. Huang, M. L. and Brill, P. H. (2004). "A Level Crossing Distribution Estimation Method", *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*, Volume 124, Number 1, pp. 45-62.
25. Huang, M. L. (2003). "The Efficiencies of the Estimators for the D Distribution", *The International Mathematical Journal*, Volume 4, Number 3, pp. 265-280.
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28. Huang, M. L. (2001). "On a Distribution-Free Quantile Estimator", *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, Volume 37, Number 4, pp. 477-486.
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41. Huang, M. L. and Fung, K. Y. (1989). "The R Distribution and its Applications", *Communications in Statistics, Simulations and Computations, Volume 18, Number 1*, pp. 99-119.
42. Huang, M. L. and Fung, K. Y. (1989). "Intervened Truncated Poisson Distribution", *Sankhya, Series B, Volume 51*, pp. 302-310.
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44. Huang, M. L. (1984). "Mathematical Methods for Minimal Cost Movement of Repairmen", *Railway Science Journal, Volume 3*, pp. 24-27.
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49. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2017). "Approximating Probability Distributions in an Extreme Renewal Process", *2017 JSM Proceedings, Statistical Computing Section. Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association*, pp. 1393-1401.
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52. Huang, M. L., \*Mottola, J. and Brill, P. H. (2015). "On a Mixture Pareto Distribution", *2015 JSM Proceedings, Statistical Computing Section. Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association*, pp. 1416-1427.
53. Huang, M. L., \*Xu, Y., and Yuen, W. K. (2015). "On Quantile Regression for Extremes", *2014 JSM Proceedings, Statistical Computing Section. Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association*, pp. 591-601.
54. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2014). "Example of a Renewal Process with No-mean Interarrival Times", *2014 JSM Proceedings, Statistical Computing Section. Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association*, pp. 633-642.
55. Huang, M. L., \*Thorpe, L., and Brill, P. H. (2013). "A Nonparametric Method for Extreme Values", *2013 JSM Proceedings, Statistical Computing Section. Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association*, pp.2905-2914.
56. Huang, M. L., \*Coia, V., and Brill, P. H. (2012). "A Mixture Truncated Pareto Distribution", *2012 JSM Proceedings, Statistical Computing Section. Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association*, pp.2488-2498.
57. Huang, M. L., Brill, P., H., and Gross, D. (2005). "A Weighted Estimation Method for the Pareto Variance", *Proceedings of the American Statistical Association, Nonparametric Statistics Section*, pp.1649-1654, 2005.
58. Huang, M. L. and \*Tang J. (2004). "On Estimation of the Pareto Distribution", *2004 Proceedings of the American Statistical Association, Nonparametric Statistics Section*, pp. 1975-1979.
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60. Huang, M. L. (2003). "The Efficiency of a Weighted Distribution Function Estimator", *2003 Proceedings of the American Statistical Association, Nonparametric Statistics Section*, pp.1891-1896.
61. Huang, M. L. and Brill, P. H. (2002). "On Rank Tests for Experimental Designs", *2002 Proceedings of the American Statistical Association, Statistical Computing Section*, pp. 1502-1506.
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63. Huang, M. L. and Brill, P. H. (1999). "A Weighted Regression Method", *1999 Proceedings of the American Statistical Association, the Statistical Computing Section*, pp. 143-146.

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### (C) PUBLICATIONS IN WORKING PAPER SERIES

1. Huang, M. L. and Brill, P. H. (1999). "A Level Crossing Method", *Windsor Mathematics & Statistics Report, University of Windsor, No. WMSR#99-01, pp. 1-28, 1999.*
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1. "The D Numbers and the D Distribution", *Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Windsor, 1990.*
2. "Intervened Truncated Poisson Distribution and Its Applications", *M.Sc. Major Paper, University of Windsor, 1986.*
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3. Huang, M. L. and \*Xu, Y. "A Weighted Quantile Regression for Extremes", submitted to *Journal of Optimization*, 2018.
4. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. "Approximating the Fixed Finite-time t Distributions in an Extreme Renewal Process by related Limited Distribution", submitted to *Probability and Statistics Letters*, 2018.

## 3. WORK IN PROCESS

- **Invitation to Write Book:** "On Heavy Tailed Distributions", invited by David Grubbs, the Editor of Chapman Hall/CRC, New York, August, 2017.
- **Research Papers**

1. Hunag, M. L. "A New Method for Confidence Intervals for High Quantiles", 2018.
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10. Huang, M. L. "Exact Efficiency Function of a Weighted Distribution Function Estimator", 2018.
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#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

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4. \*Nguyen, C., Huang, M. L. and Yuen, W. K. (2016). "On Weighted Quantile Regression", *Invited by Prof. Edward Susko, Program Chair, at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, Canada, May 29-June 1, 2016.*
5. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2013). "On a Renewal Process with No-mean Inter-arrival Times", *Invited by Prof. E. Jewkes, University of Waterloo, at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Canadian Queueing Theorists and Practitioners, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, August 23-24, 2013.*
6. Brill, P. H., Huang, M. L., and Hlynka, M. (2012). "On M/G/1 Queues with Reneging", *at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Canadian Operational Research Society (CORS), Niagara Falls, ON, Canada, June 11-13, 2012.*
7. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2011). "Analysis of Single server Queues with Bulk Service via Level Crossing", *Invited by Prof. W. Grassmann, University of Saskatchewan, at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Canadian Queueing Theorists and Practitioners, Banff International Research Station (BIRS), Banff, AB, Canada, August 26-28, 2011.*
8. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2010). "M/M/c/c Queues with State-dependent Arrival Rate", *Invited by Prof. A. Alfa, University of Manitoba, at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Canadian Queueing Theorists and Practitioners, Radisson Resort Hecla Provincial Park, MB, Canada, August 27-29, 2010.*
9. Huang, M. L. (2008). "Extreme Value Distribution and Risk Analysis", *Invited by Prof. K. Y. Fung, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, December 4, 2008.*
10. Huang, M. L. (2006). "Orthogonal Series Density Estimators", *Invited by Prof. D. Li, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, October 13, 2006.*
11. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2006). "Analysis of Reneging in Queues" *Invited by Prof. M. Carter, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineer, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 5, 2006.*
12. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2006). "Discussion of Reneging in Queues" *Invited by Prof. A. Ingolfsson, University of Alberta, at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Canadian Queueing Theorists and Practitioners, Banff International Research Station, Canada, September 14-16, 2006.*
13. Huang, M. L. (2006). "Hermite Wavelet Estimator of Probability Density", *Invited by Prof. R. Lockhart, Simon Fraser University, Statistics Society of Canada (SSC) Program Chair, at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SSC, London, Ontario, Canada, May 28-31, 2006.*
14. Huang, M. L. (2005). "A Weighted Distribution Function Estimation" *Invited by Prof. R. Singh, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Guelph University, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, November 11, 2005.*

15. Huang, M. L. (2005). "On Nonparametric Distribution Function Estimation" *Invited by Prof. R. Viveros, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, October 4, 2005.*
16. Huang, M. L. (2004). "On Weighted Distribution Function Estimation", *Invited by Prof. N. Balakrishnan, McMaster University, at the International Conference on Distribution Theory, Order Statistics and Inferences in Honor of Barry C. Arnold, University of Cantabria, Santander, Spain, June 16-18, 2004.*
17. Huang, M. L. (2003). "On Nonparametric Quantile Estimation Methods", *Invited by Prof. Donald Gross, the Department of System Engineer and Operation Research, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, U.S.A., April 28, 2003.*
18. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2001). "Some Variations of M/G/1 Queues and Their Applications", *Invited by Prof. Les Servi, MIT, Lincoln Lab, the INFORMS International Conference in Maui, Hawaii, U.S.A., June 18, 2001.*
19. Huang, M. L. (2000). "A Nonparametric Regression Method", *Invited by Prof. P. Lakshmikantham, the President of International Federation of Nonlinear Analysts, at the Third World Congress of Nonlinear Analysis, Catania, Italy, July 24, 2000.*
20. Huang, M. L. (1999). "On the R numbers" *Invited by Prof. P. Chen, at the Institute of Applied Mathematics, China Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, September 12, 1999.*
21. Huang, M. L. (1999). "On Nonparametric Forecasting of Time Series" *Invited by Prof. Z. Hou, the President of the Changsha Railway University, at the Department of Mathematics, Changsha Railway University, Changsha, Hunan, China, September 3, 1999.*
22. Huang, M. L. (1999). "A Level Crossing Analysis of Bulk Service Queues" *Invited by Prof. Z. Hou, the President of the Changsha Railway University at the Department of Mathematics, Changsha Railway University, Changsha, Hunan, China, September 2, 1999.*
23. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (1999). "On the Waiting Time in State Dependent Bulk Service Queues" *Invited by Prof. Z. Hou, the President of the Changsha Railway University, at the International Workshop on Markov Processes & Controlled Markov Chains, Changsha, Hunan, China, August 24, 1999.*
24. Huang, M. L. and Brill, P.H. (1999). "On Estimation in M/G/c/c Queues" *Invited by Prof. C. M. Harris, at the International Federation of Operational Research Societies, 15<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference (IFORS99), Beijing, China, August 20, 1999.*
25. Huang, M. L. (1999). "The Model of Training Creative High Quality Scientists in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", *at the Conference of Training Creative High Quality Scientists, Beijing, China, September 21 - October 2, 1999.*
26. Huang, M. L. (1998). "On Quantile Estimators", *Invited by Prof. N. Balakrishnan, at the International Conference IISA 1998, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, October 10, 1998.*
27. Huang, M. L. (1997). "The D Number and D Distribution" *Invited by Prof. R. Viveros, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, October 8, 1997.*
28. Huang, M. L. and Brill, P.H. (1997). "A Level Crossing Density Estimation Method", *Invited by Prof. C. P. Tsokos, the Vice President of International Federation of Nonlinear Analysts, at the 2nd World Congress of Nonlinear Analysis, Athens, Greece, July 12, 1996.*
29. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (1995). "Level Crossing Estimation in Variants of M/G<sup>a,b</sup>/1 Queues", *Invited by Prof. H. G. Hui, the Director of the Institute of Applied Mathematics, China Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, August 31, 1995.*
30. Huang, M. L. (1995). "The R Distribution and Its Applications", *Invited by Prof. S. Xing, the Chairman of the Dept. of Mathematics, Graduate School of China Academy of Railway Sciences., Beijing, China, Sept. 6, 1995.*
31. Huang, M. L. and Brill, P. H. (1995). "A Level Crossing Empirical Distribution Function", *Invited by Prof. B. Efron, Max H. Stein Professor of Humanities and Sciences, Professor of Statistics and Biostatistics, Department of Statistics, Stanford University, Stanford, California, U.S.A., November 15, 1995.*

• **PRESENTATION AT OTHER CONFERENCES (selected)**

1. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2018). "The Posterior Service Time in an M/G/1 Queue with a Workload Barrier and Extreme Prior Service Time", *at the 2018 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada., July 28- August 2, 2018.*
2. \*Tieu, J. and Huang, M. L. (2018). "On Nonparematric Quantile Regression Method", *at the 2018 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada., July 28- August 2, 2018.*
3. \*Morris, R. and Huang, M. L. (2018). "A Direct Quantile Regression", *at the 2018 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada., July 28- August 2, 2018.*
4. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2017). "Approximating Probability Distributions in an Extreme Renewal Process", *at the 2017 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A., July 29- August 3, 2017.*



5. Huang, M. L., \*Rat, R. and Yuen, W. K. (2017). "An Efficient method for Quantile Regression", *at the 2017 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A., July 29- August 3, 2017.*
6. \*Tieu, J., \*Rat, R. and Huang, M. L. (2017). "A New Weighted Quantile Regression", *at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, June 11-14, 2017.*
7. Huang, M. L. and \*Nguyen, C. (2016). "On Optimal Quantile Regression", *at the 2016 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., July 30- August 4, 2016.*
8. Huang, M. L. \*Mottola, J. and Brill, P. H. (2015). "On a Mixture Pareto Distribution", *at the 2015 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., August 8-13, 2015.*
9. Huang, M. L. (2015), "On Estimation of High Quantile Regression", *at the 2015 IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability, Yunnan University, Kunming, China, July 1-4, 2015.*
10. Huang, M. L. (2015), "On High Conditional Quantiles for Extremes", *at the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference on Extreme Value Analysis, Probability Models and their Applications, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A., June 15-19, 2015.*
11. \*Nguyen, C., \*Mottola, J. and Huang, M. L. (2015). "On Inference of a Mixture Pareto Distribution", *at the 43<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada, June 14-17, 2015.*
12. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2014). "Example of a Renewal Process with No-mean Interarrival Times", *at the 2014 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Boston, MA, USA, August 2-7, 2014.*
13. Huang, M. L., \*Xu, Y., and Yuen, K. W. (2014). "On Quantile Regression for Extremes", *2014 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Boston, MA, USA, August 2-7, 2014.*
14. \*Thorpe, L., and Huang, M. L. (2014). "On Nonparametric Methods for Extreme Value Distributions", *at the 42<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 25 – 28, 2014.*
15. \*Xu, Y., Huang, M. L., and Yuen, K. W. (2014). "On High Quantile Regression", *at the 42<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 25 – 28, 2014.*
16. Huang, M. L., \*Thorpe, L., and Brill, P. H. (2013). "A Nonparametric Method for Extremes Values", *at the 2013 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 3-8, 2013.*
17. \*Yan, X. and Huang, M. L. (2013). "On Confidence Intervals of High Quantile", *at the 41<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, University of Edmonton, Edmonton, AB, Canada, May 26 – 29, 2013.*
18. Huang, M. L., \*Coia, V., and Brill, P. H. (2012). "A Mixture Truncated Pareto Distribution", *at the 2012 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, San Diego, CA, U.S.A., July 28 – August 2, 2012.*
19. \*Coia, V. and Huang, M. L. (2012). "On Estimation of Heavy Tailed Distributions", *at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, Guelph University, Guelph, Ontario, June 3 – 6, 2012.*
20. Huang, M. L. and Brill, P. H. (2011). "An Efficient Estimation Method for Risk Models", *at the 7<sup>th</sup> Conference on Extreme Value Analysis, Probability Models and their Applications, University of Lyon, Lyon, France, June 27 - July 1, 2011.*
21. \*Farjado, V. A. and Huang, M. L. (2011). "On Confidence Regions for High Quantiles of a Heavy Tailed Distribution", *at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, June 12 – 15, 2011.*
22. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2010). "M/G/c/c Queues with Workload-dependent Arrival Rate", *at the 3rd Madrid Conference on Queueing Theory, Toledo, Spain, June 28-July 1, 2010.*
23. \*Falsetti, H. and Huang, M. L. (2010). "Tail Index Estimation for Heavy Tailed Distributions", *at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SSC, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, May 23-26, 2010.*
24. \*Conroy, T. and Huang, M. L. (2010). "On Estimation of Extreme values in Survival Analysis", *at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SSC, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, May 23-26, 2010.*
25. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2009). "An Inventory System with Order-size Dependent Cost Rate", *at the 2009 Annual Conference for Canadian Queueing Theorists and Practitioners, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, August 27-28, 2009.*
26. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2009). "A Note on an  $\langle s, S \rangle$  Inventory System with Decay", *at the 2009 International Conference of Computational Statistics and Data Engineering, July 1-3, London, UK, 2009.* This paper was nominated the Best Paper Award in the conference.
27. \*Zhang, Z. and Huang, M. L. (2009). "On High Quantile Estimation for Heavy Tailed Distributions", *at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SSC, Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 31-June 3, 2009.*
28. \*Zhao, K. and Huang, M. L. (2008). "On Inverse Power Laws and Risk Analysis", *at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SSC, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, May 25-29, 2008.*

29. Huang, M. L. and Brill, P. H. (2007). "On Orthogonal Series Estimation Methods", *at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Multiple Comparison Procedures, Vienna, Austria, July 8-11, 2007.*
30. Huang, M. L. (2007). "An Efficient Randomized Quasi Monte-Carlo Method for the Pareto Distribution", *at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SSC, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, June 10-13, 2007.*
31. Huang, M. L. (2006). "Hermite Series Density Estimator", *at the Statistics Workshop, Brock University, October 19, 2006.*
32. Huang, M. L. (2005). "A Weighted Estimation Method for the Pareto Variance", *at the 2005 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A., August 7-11, 2005.*
33. Huang, M. L. (2005). "A Bivariate Distribution Estimation Method based on Level Crossings", *at the CSPS/IMS Joint Meeting, Peking University, Beijing, China, July 9-12, 2005.*
34. Huang, M. L. (2005). "A Weighted Multivariate Density Estimation Method", *at the International Statistical Conference, Baptist University, Hong Kong, China, June 20-24, 2005.*
35. \*Tang, J. and Huang, M. L. (2004). "On Estimation of the Pareto Distribution", *at the 2004 Joint Statistical Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Toronto, Canada, August 8-11, 2004.*
36. Huang, M. L. (2003). "The Efficiency of a Weighted Distribution Function Estimator", *at the 2003 Joint meetings of the American Statistical Association, San Francisco, California, August 3-7, 2003.*
37. Huang, M. L. (2002). "On Rank Tests for Experimental Designs", *at the 2002 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, New York City, New York, U.S.A., August 11-15, 2002.*
38. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (2001). "Steady State Analysis of  $G^{(1)} + \dots + G^{(N)}/M_i/1$  Queues", *at the Canadian Queueing 2001 Conference, Waterloo, Canada, August 24-25, 2001.*
39. Huang, M. L. (2000). "A Nonparametric Predictor", *at the 2000 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A., August 13-17, 2000.*
40. Huang, M. L. (1999). "A Weighted Regression Method", *at the 1999 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Baltimore, MD, U.S.A., August 8-12, 1999.*
41. Huang, M. L. (1998). "On Weighted Quantile Estimators", *at the 1998 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Dallas, Texas, U.S.A., August 9-13, 1998.*
42. Huang, M. L. (1997). "On Efficiencies of Quantile Estimators", *at the 1997 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Anaheim, California, U.S.A., August 10-14, 1997.*
43. Huang, M. L. (1997). "On the D Numbers and D Compound Distribution", *at the International Conference on Combinatorial Methods and Applications to Probability and Statistics, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, June 25-28, 1997.*
44. Huang, M. L. (1997). "The D Compound distribution", *at the 1997 International Symposium on Contemporary Multivariate Analysis and its Applications, Hong Kong, May 19-22, 1997.*
45. Huang, M. L. (1996). "A Nonparametric Estimation Method", *at the 1996 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., August 4-8, 1996.*
46. Huang, M. L. (1995). "A New Weighted Estimation Method", *at the 50<sup>th</sup> Session of International Statistical Institute Conference, Beijing, China, August 21-29, 1995.*
47. Huang, M. L. (1995). "A New Weighted Density Estimation Method", *at the 1995 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Orlando, Florida, U.S.A., August 13-17, 1995.*
48. Huang, M. L. (1994). "Some Estimation Problems in M/G/c/c Queues", *at the 1994 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 14-18, 1994.*
49. Brill, P. H. and Huang, M. L. (1993). "System Point Estimation of the Probability Distribution of the Waiting Time in Variations of  $M/G^B/1$  Queues", *at the 1993 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, San Francisco, California, U.S.A., August 8-12, 1993.*
50. Huang, M. L. (1992). "On Estimation of the R Distribution", *at the 1992 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., August 10-13, 1992.*
51. Huang, M. L. (1991). "Recurrence Relation for the Minimum Variance Unbiased Estimator for the Probability of the More Generalized Stirling Distribution of the Second Kind", *at the 1991 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., August 18-22, 1991.*
52. Huang, M. L. (1990). "A Computational Method for the Generalized Stirling Distribution", *at the 1990 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Anaheim, California, U.S.A., August 5-9, 1990.*
53. Huang, M. L. (1989). "Certain Properties of the R Distribution", *at the 1989 Joint Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Washington, D. C., U.S.A., August 6-10, 1989.*
54. Huang, M. L. (1989). "Some Properties of the R Distribution", *at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, May 30 – June 2, 1989.*

55. Huang, M. L. (1989). "Applications of the R Distribution", *at the 1989 CORS/TIME/ORSA Joint International Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, May 8-10, 1989.*

### 5. CONFERENCES ATTENDED OR PLAN TO ATTEND

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>CONFERENCE</u>                                    | <u>LOCATION</u>             | <u>DATE</u>            |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 2018        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Vancouver, BC, Canada       | July 28-August 2, 2018 |
| 2018        | 60 <sup>th</sup> Annual CORS Conference              | Halifax, NS, Canada         | June 4-6, 2018         |
| 2017        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Baltimore, MD, U.S.A.       | July 29-August 3, 2017 |
| 2017        | 45 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Winnipeg, MB, Canada        | June 11- 14, 2017      |
| 2016        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> ICOSDA 2016 Conference               | Niagara Falls, ON, Canada   | October 14-16, 2016    |
| 2016        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.   | July30-August 4, 2016  |
| 2016        | World Congress of Prob. and Stat./IMS                | Toronto, ON, Canada         | July 11-15, 2016       |
| 2016        | 44 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | St. Catharines, ON, Canada  | May 29-June 1, 2016    |
| 2015        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. | August 8-13, 2015      |
| 2015        | IMS International Conf. on Stat. & Prob.             | Kunming, China              | July 1-4, 2015         |
| 2015        | 9 <sup>th</sup> Conference on Extreme Value Analysis | Ann Arbor, MI, U.S.A.       | June 15-19, 2015       |
| 2015        | 43 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Halifax, NS, Canada         | June 14-17, 2015       |
| 2014        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Boston, MA, U.S.A.          | August 2-7, 2014       |
| 2014        | 42 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Toronto, ON, Canada         | May 25-28, 2014        |
| 2013        | Canadian Queueing 2013 Conference                    | Waterloo, ON, Canada        | August 23-24, 2013     |
| 2013        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Montreal, QB, Canada        | August 3-8, 2013       |
| 2013        | 41 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Edmonton, AB, Canada        | May 26-29, 2013        |
| 2012        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | San Diego, CA, U.S.A.       | July 28-August 2, 2012 |
| 2012        | CORS Annual Meeting 2012                             | Niagara Falls, ON, Canada   | June 11-14, 2012       |
| 2012        | 40 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Guelph, ON, Canada          | June 3-6, 2012         |
| 2011        | Canadian Queueing 2011 Conference                    | Banff, AB, Canada           | August 26-28, 2011     |
| 2011        | 7 <sup>th</sup> Conference on Extreme Value Analysis | Lyon, France                | June 27-July 1, 2011   |
| 2011        | 39 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Wolfville, NS, Canada       | June 12-15, 2011       |
| 2010        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> MCQT'10 Conference                   | Toledo, Spain               | June 28-July 1, 2010   |
| 2010        | 38 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Quebec City, QB, Canada     | May 23-26, 2010        |
| 2009        | ICCSDE'09 Meeting                                    | London, UK                  | July 1-3, 2009         |
| 2009        | 37 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Vancouver, BC, Canada       | May 31-June 3, 2009    |
| 2008        | 36 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Ottawa, ON, Canada          | May 25-29, 2008        |
| 2008        | SORA Annual Meeting                                  | Toronto, ON, Canada         | May 15, 2008           |
| 2007        | 5 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on MCP      | Vienna, Austria             | July 8-11, 2007        |
| 2007        | 35 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | St. John's, NF, Canada      | June 10-13, 2007       |
| 2006        | Canadian Queueing 2006 Conference                    | Banff, AB, Canada           | September 14-16, 2006  |
| 2006        | 34 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | London, Canada              | May 28 - 31, 2006      |
| 2005        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Minneapolis, U.S.A.         | August 7-11, 2005      |
| 2005        | CSPS/IMS Joint Meeting                               | Beijing, China              | July 9-12, 2005        |
| 2005        | International Conference on Statistics               | Hong Kong, China            | June 20-24, 2005       |
| 2004        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Toronto, ON, Canada         | August 8-11, 2004      |
| 2004        | Conference on Distribution Theory                    | Santander, Spain            | June 16-18, 2004       |
| 2004        | 32 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Montreal, QB, Canada        | May 30 - June 2, 2004  |
| 2003        | Canadian Queueing 2003 Conference                    | Toronto, Canada             | September 19-20, 2003  |
| 2003        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | San Francisco, U.S.A.       | August 3-7, 2003       |
| 2002        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | New York City, U.S.A.       | August 11-15, 2002     |
| 2002        | 30 <sup>th</sup> SSC Annual Meeting                  | Hamilton, ON, Canada        | May 26-29, 2002        |
| 2001        | MAA Seaway Section Fall Meeting                      | St. Catharines, ON, Canada  | November 2-3, 2001     |
| 2001        | Canadian Queueing 2001 Conference                    | Waterloo, Canada            | August 24-25, 2001     |
| 2001        | INFORMS International Conference                     | Mauai, Hawaii, U.S.A.       | June 17-21, 2001       |
| 2001        | ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium                    | Chicago, IL, U.S.A.         | June 7-9, 2001         |

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|-------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2000        | Canadian Queueing 2000 Conference                    | London, ON, Canada        | Sept. 15 -16, 2000    |
| 2000        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Indianapolis, U.S.A.      | August 13-17, 2000    |
| 2000        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> World Congress of Nonlinear Analysis | Catania, Italy            | July 19-26, 2000      |
| 1999        | IFORS99  | Beijing, China            | August 16-20, 1999    |
| 1999        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Baltimore, U.S.A.         | August 8-12, 1999     |
| 1998        | IISA98 Conference                                    | Hamilton, ON, Canada      | October 11-12, 1998   |
| 1998        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Dallas, U.S.A.            | August 9-13, 1998     |
| 1997        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Anaheim, U.S.A.           | August 10-14, 1997    |
| 1997        | Combinatorial to Prob. & Statistics                  | Hamilton, ON, Canada      | June 25-28, 1997      |
| 1997        | Multivariate Analysis Symposium                      | Hong Kong                 | May 19-22, 1997       |
| 1996        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Chicago, U.S.A.           | August 4-8, 1996      |
| 1996        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Chicago, U.S.A.           | August 4-8, 1996      |
| 1996        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> World Congress of Nonlinear Analysis | Athens, Greece            | July 10-17, 1996      |
| 1996        | SSC Annual Meeting                                   | Waterloo, ON, Canada      | June 3-5, 1996        |
| 1995        | ISI 50 <sup>th</sup> Session Conference              | Beijing, China            | August 21-29, 1995    |
| 1995        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Orlando, U.S.A.           | August 13-17, 1995    |
| 1994        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Toronto, ON, Canada       | August 14-18, 1994    |
| 1993        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | San Francisco, U.S.A.     | August 8-12, 1993     |
| 1993        | Directions on Probability Meeting                    | Stanford Univ., U.S.A.    | August 6-7, 1993      |
| 1992        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Boston, MA, U.S.A.        | August 10-14, 1992    |
| 1992        | 21 <sup>st</sup> Stochastic Proc. & Appl. Conference | York Univ., ON, Canada    | June 14-19, 1992      |
| 1991        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Atlanta, U.S.A.           | August 18-22, 1991    |
| 1991        | SSC Annual Meeting                                   | Univ. of Toronto, Canada  | June 3-6, 1991        |
| 1990        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Anaheim, U.S.A.           | August 5-9, 1990      |
| 1989        | Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA-IMS)                 | Washington, D. C., U.S.A. | August 6-10, 1989     |
| 1989        | SSC Annual Meeting                                   | Ottawa, ON, Canada        | May 30 – June 2, 1989 |
| 1989        | CORS/TIMS/ORSA Joint Conference                      | Vancouver, Canada         | May 8-10, 1989        |

## 6. AWARDS OF GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2018      | <b>DEAN'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD</b> , Brock University          |
| 2016-2017 | <b>MATCH AND MINDS RESEARCH GRANT</b> , Brock University              |
| 2014-2019 | <b>NSERC DISCOVERY RESEARCH GRANT, Canada</b>                         |
| 2009-2014 | <b>NSERC DISCOVERY RESEARCH GRANT, Canada</b>                         |
| 2004-2009 | <b>NSERC DISCOVERY RESEARCH GRANT, Canada</b>                         |
| 2004      | <b>FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE FOR TEACHING</b> , Brock University   |
| 2001      | <b>YWCA WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARD, SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>      |
| 2000-2004 | <b>NSERC RESEARCH GRANT, Canada</b>                                   |
| 1996-2000 | <b>NSERC RESEARCH GRANT, Canada</b>                                   |
| 1994-1995 | <b>NSERC GENERAL GRANT</b> , Brock University                         |
| 1993-1996 | <b>NSERC RESEARCH GRANT, Canada</b>                                   |
| 1991-1993 | <b>NSERC GENERAL GRANT</b> , Brock University                         |
| 1990-1991 | <b>RESEARCH POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP</b> , University of Windsor       |
| 1987-1990 | <b>DELTA KAPPA GAMMA WORLD FELLOWSHIP</b> , Delta Kappa Gamma Society |
| 1987-1990 | <b>UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR SCHOLARSHIP</b> , University of Windsor      |
| 1985-1987 | <b>C. P. CROWLEY SCHOLARSHIP</b> , University of Windsor              |
| 1985-1990 | <b>TEACHING/RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS</b> , University of Windsor       |

## 7. MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### • Membership in Associations

- American Statistical Association (ASA), 1988-Life time;
- Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), 1988-Life time;
- International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA), 1988-2004, 2014-life time.
- Statistical Society of Canada (SSC), 1986-present

- Serve as the Representative of the SSC at Brock University, 2009 – 2017.
- Brock Univ. became an Institutional Member of the SSC, 2009-present.
- Brock Univ. became an Institutional Member of the Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute (CSSI), 2015- present.
- Member of the Local Organizing Committee of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SSC in 2016 at Brock University.
- Canada Statistical Sciences Institute (CANSSI), 2015-present
- Serve as the Representative of the CANSSI at Brock University, 2017
- Brock Univ. became an Institutional Member of the CANSSI, 2015-present.

• **Professional Service**

- ▶ **Serve as an Associate Editor of *Journal of Statistical Distribution and Applications*, SpringerOpen, December 2015-present.**
- ▶ **Referee papers for Journals:**  
*AStA Advances in Statistical Analysis*  
*Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics*,  
*American Statisticians*;  
*Communications in Statistics: Theory and Methods*  
*Communications in Statistics: Simulation and Computation*  
*Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*  
*International Transactions in Operational Research*  
*Journal of American Statistical Association*  
*Journal of Applied Statistics*  
*Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*  
*Journal of Statistical Distributions and Applications*  
*Journal of Zhajiang University Science A*  
*Mathematics of Operations Research*,  
*Statistical Heft*.  
*Statistics: a Journal of Theoretical and Applied Statistics*
- ▶ **Referee papers for conferences:**  
*The 20<sup>th</sup> WMSCI Conference, 2016. December, 2015.*
- ▶ **Referee for applications of NSERC Discovery Research Grants, 2006(1), 2008(2). 2017(1), 2018(1).**
- ▶ **Referee for Faculty Promotions, Canadian universities, 2006(1), 2007(1), 2009(1), 2010(2), 2011(2), 2017(2),**
- ▶ **Reviewer for *Mathematical Reviews*, 2009(2), 2010(2), 2011(2), 2012(1).**
- ▶ **Attended the *Heads Meeting at the Annual Meetings of the SS C*, 2004, 2006-2010, 2014, 2016-2017.**
- ▶ **Attended the *Annual meeting of CANSSI, as the Representative of Brock University*, 2017. ,**
- ▶ **Served as a member of the Scientific Program Committee for the *2nd International Conference on Statistical Distributions and Applications (ICOSDA 2016)*. Organized a Topic-invited session “Extreme Value Distributions and Models”, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, October 14-16, 2016.**
- ▶ **Organized and chaired an invited session “Quantile Regression and Extreme Value Analysis”, for the *44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the SSC in 2016 at Brock University, may 29-june 2, 2016.***
- ▶ **Assisted organizing the *Fields Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, Dr. Fabrizio Ruggeri “Bayesian Methods in Complex Problems”, October 24, 2017; and a Mini Course “Bayesian Inference for Poisson Processes and Applications in Reliability, October 24-26. 2017.***
- ▶ **Organized, chaired and attended the six colloquium talks in Statistics at Brock University, 2015-2016.**
- ▶ **Organized and chaired “Workshop on Level Crossing Methods in Stochastic Models”, Brock University, August 27-28, 2013.**
- ▶ **Organized and chaired “Actuarial Science Workshop”, Brock University, October 29, 2010.**
- ▶ **X. Xu and M. L. Huang presented the *Statistical Society of Canada: “The Statistical Society of Canada and Statistical Programs”, at the Co-op Programs Association Night, Brock University, October 29, 2007.***
- ▶ **Organized and chaired “Statistics Workshop”, Brock University, October 14, 2006.**
- ▶ **Member of the International Advisory Committee of the *Third International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture for Food, Energy and Industry, hosted by International Council for Sustainable Agriculture, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, August 22-27, 2005.***
- ▶ **Organized and chaired session for Meetings: Statistical Session in *IFORS99, Beijing, 1999.***

## D. UNIVERSITY/COMMUNITY SERVICE

### • UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- ▶ Serve as the Representative of *the Statistical Society of Canada* at Brock University, 2009-2018.
- ▶ Serve as the Representative of *the Society of Actuaries* (US and Canada) at Brock Univ., 2007-2018.
- ▶ Served as member on Wan-Yi Huang's M.Sc. Thesis Committees, 2014- 2015.
- ▶ Serve as a consultant for the Administration of Brock Univ. and BUFA Workload Task Force, 2012.
- ▶ Serve as a jury panel member in Science & Technology for YWCA Women of Distinction Awards, Canada, 2005 - 2012.
- ▶ Served as the Dean's Delegate on Y. Lin's M.Sc. Committee, 2004.
- ▶ BUFA representative of "Senate Budget Advisory Committee", Brock University, 2003-2004.
- ▶ Member of "Advisory Committee of the Appointment of the Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science", Brock University, 2001-2002.
- ▶ Member of "Salary and Benefits Committee", Brock University Faculty Association, 1999-2000.
- ▶ Member of "Pension Committee", Brock University, 1999-2000.
- ▶ Served as Dean's representative on G. Tachon's M.Sc. Committees, 1997.
- ▶ Served as Dean's representative on D. Moor's M.Sc. Committees, 1993.
- ▶ Member of "Senate Research Committee", Brock University, 1996-1997.
- ▶ Member of "Undergraduate Curriculum Committee", Brock University, 1992-1995.
- ▶ Member of "Curriculum Review Committee", Brock University, 1992-1993.
- ▶ Member of "Status of Women in Sciences Committee", Brock University, 1991-92, 93-94.  
- Organized "Scientifically Yours" Workshop, 1992, 1994.

### • DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- ▶ Chair (or member) of "Statistics Committee", 1992-2018.
- ▶ Serve as "Advisor of the Concentration in Statistics Undergraduate Honor Program", 2010-2018.
- ▶ Chair (or Member) of "Committee of Promotion and Tenure", 2009-2013, 2017-2018.
- ▶ Member of "Hiring committee for Statistics Position", 2018.
- ▶ Member of "Undergraduate Curriculum Committee", 2007-2010, 2016-2017.
- ▶ Member of "Service Course Committee", 2016-2017.
- ▶ Member of "Sessional & ILTA Teaching Committee", 2016-2018.
- ▶ Member of "Professional Applied Statistics Masters Program Committee", 2012-2018.
- ▶ Member of "Hiring committee for the Mathematical Help Center", 2015.
- ▶ Member of "Hiring committee for the Online Course Developer", 2015.
- ▶ Serve as a coordinator of the Statistics Co-op Program, 2010.
- ▶ Serve as a Mentor for a tenured faculty member, Dr. Xiaojian Xu, 2006-2010.
- ▶ Serve as a coordinator of the Statistics Co-op Program, 2010.
- ▶ Served as an Acting Chair, July 6 – 31, 2009.
- ▶ Member of "Applied Statistics Master Program Committee", 2007-2008.
- ▶ Member of "Statistics Accreditation Committee", 2005-2009.
- ▶ Member of "Master in Science Program Committee", 2003-2007
- ▶ Member of "Recruitment Committee", 1993-1995, 1996-2003, 2005-2006.
- ▶ Member of "Statistics Service Course Committee", 2000-2003.
- ▶ Member of "Task Force Committee", 1999-2002.
- ▶ Member of "Planning Committee", 1997-1998.
- ▶ Member of "Graduate Scholarships Committee", 1997-1998.
- ▶ Member of "Equipment Purchase Committee", 1993-1995.

### • CONSULTING SERVICE (*Non-Remunerated*)

In 1993, Brock University did not have many statisticians. Since 1993, a number of consulting projects within or outside Brock University were overwhelming. I have made non-remunerated consulting contributions to Brock University and communities in Canada, United States and China. These are examples:

- ▶ Consulted for a DNA research project of Geron Corporation, California, U.S.A.
- ▶ Consulted for research projects (6) of Guelph University, University of Toronto, State University of New York at Buffalo, U.S.A., Shanton University, China. .

- ▶ Consulting for several (over 22) research projects of Agriculture Canada, Niagara Weather Network, Niagara Pest Monitoring, Niagara Municipality and other Agencies in Toronto and Niagara region.
- ▶ Consulted on a quality control problem for John Deere Company.
- ▶ Consulted for research projects (over 58) for the Dept. of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Applied Linguistics, Economics, Psychology and Political Science, Earth Science, Faculty of Business, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, the Applied Health Science, Education, Brock University.
- ▶ Consulted for Ph.D. theses (1), Sabdra VanderKaay, Rehabilitation Science, McMaster University, Canada.
- ▶ Consulted for Ph.D. theses (5), Masters theses (18) of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, Dept. of Biology, Earth Sciences and Faculty of Applied Healthy Science, Brock University.

## **E. TRAINING HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL**

A number of my students have become MSc, Ph.D.s. and professional statisticians in government, hospitals, companies, schools and universities. These are some examples:

### **1. Supervisor of the Master students: 26**

- Prentice, Brayden, “Approximations on Heavy Tailed distributions”, September 2018-June 2020.
- Clemens, Rachel, “Methods of Nonparametric Quantile Regression”, September 2018-June 2020.  
**2018-2019 NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship Award.**  
**2018 NSERC Under Graduate Student Research Award (USRA).**
- Morris, Rachel, “Direct Nonparametric Quantile Regression”, Jan. 2018-June 2019.  
**2018-2019 Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award (OGS)**  
**Co-op Risk Analyst, Sun Life Financial, 2016-2017.**
- Kenig, Andrew, “Extreme Quantile Regression”, Sept. 2017-October 2019.  
**2018-2019 Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award (OGS)**  
**2017-2018 Art Bicknell Graduate Scholarship in Mathematics,**  
**2017-2018 NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship Award.**  
**2017 Dean’s Gold Medal for the Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Brock University.**
- Tieu, Jenny, “Nonparametric Quantile Regression”, Sept. 2017-October 2019.  
**2018-2019 Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award (OGS)**  
**2017-2018 NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship Award.**  
**Research Associate, Brock University, May-June, 2017**  
**2016 NSERC Under Graduate Student Research Award (USRA)**
- Rat, Ramona, “On Inference of Quantile Regression”, Jan. 2016-June 2017.  
**Digital Analyst, Burberry Headquarter, London, United Kingdom**  
**2017 Distinguished Graduate Student Award, Brock University.**  
**2015-2017 NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship Award, Brock University**  
**Research Associate, Brock University, May-June, -2017**  
**Co-op Credit Risk Analyst, Canadian Tire Financial, 2013-2014.**
- Nguyen, Christine (co-supervised with Dr. J. Yuen), “On Weighted Quantile Regression”, Sept. 2014-June 2016.  
**Process Validation Coordinator, Apotex Company, Toronto, 2017-Present**  
**Research Associate, Brock University, Jan. 2016-2017**  
**Lecturer, Niagara College, 2016**  
**2014-2016 Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST).**
- DeAngelis, Christian (co-supervised with Dr. J. Yuen), “Predicting the Development of Coronary Heart Disease through a Joint Modeling Framework and Non-HDL Cholesterol”, Sept. 2014-October 2016.  
**Ph.D. student, University of Guelph, 2017-present;**  
**Lecture, Brock University, 2016-2017**  
**Lecturer, Niagara College, 2015-2017.**
- Moosajee, Hassan (co-supervised with Dr. X. Xu), “Optimal Designs for Weighted Quantile Regression”, Sept. 2014-October 2016.  
**Business Analyst, Compass Group Canada, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, August 2017-present.**
- Mottola, Justyne, “Mixture Pareto Distribution”, Sept. 2013-June 2015.  
**Senior Institutional Analyst of the Institutional Analysis and Planning, Brock University, Sept. 2018-present.**  
**Credit Risk Analyst, Canadian Tire Financial, Jan. 2015-Sept. 2018.**  
**2013-2014 Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award (OGS).**
- Xu, Yin, (co-supervised with Dr. J. Yuen), “Quantile Regression for Extremes”, Sept. 2012-June 2014.

- Actuarial Analyst, AI State Insurance Company, Toront, 2017-present*  
*Risk Model Analyst, TD Bank Group, Toronto, 2015-2017*  
**2014 Governor General’s Gold Medal Award.**  
**2014 Distinguished Graduate Student Award, Brock University.**
- Thorpe, Lucas, “Estimation Methods for Extreme Value Distributions”, Sept. 2012- June, 2014.  
**Credit Risk Analyst, Canadian Tire Financial, 2014-present.**
  - Yan, Xiang, “On Methods of Confidence Intervals of High Quantiles”, Sept. 2011- June 2013.  
**Research Associate, May-June, 2017, Brock University**  
**Lecture, Brock University, 2013-present**  
**Professor, Niagara College, 2013-present.**
  - Coia, Vincenzo, “On Estimation of Extreme Value Distributions”, Sept. 2011- August, 2012.  
**Teaching Fellow, University of British Columbia, 2017-2018;**  
**Ph.D., Dept. of Statistics, University of British Columbia, 2012-2017.**  
**2013 Governor General’s Gold Medal Award.**  
**2013 Distinguished Graduate Student Award, Brock University.**  
**2012-2015 NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship Award, Ph.D. (PGS).**  
**2011-2012 NSERC Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship Award, MSc. (CGSM).**  
**2011 Presedent’s Surgite Award, Brock University.**  
**2011 Dean’s Gold medal, for the Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Brock University.**  
**2011 Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award, Brock University.**  
**2010 NSERC Under Graduate Student Research Award (USRA)**
  - Chen, Youwei, “On High Quantile Estimation Methods”, Sept. 2010- June, 2012.  
**Financial Manager, Kunlun Bank, Beijing, China.**
  - Sindelar, Erika, (co-supervised with Dr. J. Yuen), “Applications of Bayesian Longitudinal Models”, Sept. 2010– August 2012.  
**Professor, Niagara College, 2012-present.**  
**Lecture, Brock University, 2012.**
  - Cheung, Chi Ho, (co-supervised with Dr. J. Vrbik) “Approximate Confidence Interval for Generalized Pareto Distribution”, Sept. 2009-June, 2011.  
**Senior Statistical analyst, Canadian Tire, January, 2018-present**  
**Senior Data Scientist, Precima, Loyaltyone, Toronto, Ontario, July-December, 2017.**  
**Ph.D., Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Windsor, 2011-2017.**
  - Fajardo, Val Andrei, “On Confidence Regions for High Quantile of a Heavy Tailed Distribution”, Sept. 2009– Dec., 2010.  
**Machine Learning Scientist, Integrat.ai, Toronto, October 2017-present.**  
**Senior Data Scientist, Precima, Loyaltyone, Toronto, Ontario, Jan. 2016-September 2017.**  
**Ph.D., Dept. of Statistics and Actual Science, University of Waterloo, 2011-2015.**  
**2012-2015 NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship Award, Ph.D. (PGS).**  
**2011 Governor General’s Gold Medal Award.**  
**2011 Distinguished Graduate Student Award, Brock University.**  
**2009-2010 NSERC Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship Award, MSc. (CGSM).**
  - Conroy, Theresa, “On Estimation of Extreme Value in Survival Analysis”, Sept. 2008–Dec., 2009.  
**Professor, St. Lawrence College, Kingston, 2016-present.**  
**Lecture, Brock University, 2010-2015.**  
**Lecturer, Niagara College, 2010-2015.**
  - Falsetti, Holly, “On Tail Index Estimation of Heavy Tailed Distributions”, Sept. 2008–Dec., 2009.  
**Risk Modelling Analyst, TD Bank group, Ontario, 2010-present.**  
**Lecture, Brock University, 2010.**
  - Tashnev, Dmitry, (co-supervised with Dr. X. Xu) “On Quantile Regression”, Sept. 2008–Dec., 2009.  
**Research Analyst, Blackberry Company, Canada 2009- present**
  - Zhang, Zheng, “On High Quantile Estimation of a Heavy Tailed Distribution”, Sept. 2007–June, 2009.  
**Senior Actuarial Associate, Manulife Company, Toronto, 2010-present.**  
**2009 Distinguished Graduate Student Award, Brock University;**
  - Zhang, Miao (co-supervised with Dr. J.Yuen), “On Confidence Interval of a Quantile”, Sept. 2007 – Dec. 2008.  
**Research Analyst, GFK Company, Beijing, China, 2007-present**
  - Zhao,Ke, “On Inverse Power Laws and Risk Analysis”, Jan., 2007 – August, 2008.



*Portfolio Analyst, Accountability and Operations, Advance Education, Government of Albert, 2017-present.*  
*Project Assistant, Alberta Health, 2013-2017.*

*Ph.D., Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Calgary, 2009-2012.*

*2008 Distinguished Graduate Student Award, Brock University.*

- Fisher, Jacqueline, “*On Estimation of Survival Function*”, Sept. 2006 – Dec. 2007.  
*Analyst, Goldfarb Marketing, Toronto.*
- Homryer, Cheryl (co-supervised with Dr. Lorne Stobbs), “*Sensitivities of Isolates of Venturia Inaequalis to Metiram*”, 2000-2003.

## **2. Supervisor of NSERC Postdoctoral Fellows: 5**

- Liu, Chao (co-supervised with Dr. Y. Li), Ph.D., Nankai University, China, “*Combinatorial Number Theory and Applications in Statistical Models*”, August 2018 – July 2019.
- Spektor, Susanna (co-supervised with Dr. R. Kerman), Ph.D., University of Alberta, Canada, “*An Estimate of the Root Mean Square Error Incurred when Approximating an  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  by a partial Sum of its Hermite Series*”, Sept. 2014 – April 2016.
- Yu, Kaiqi (co-supervised with Dr. P. H. Brill), Ph. D., Western University, Canada, “*Approximation Methods for Heavy Tailed Distributions*”, Sept. 2008 – August, 2010.
- Liu, Zaiming (co-supervised with Dr. P. H. Brill), *Ph.D., Southern University, China*, “*Steady State Analysis of  $G(I)+\dots+G(N)/M/I$  Queues*”, May-August 2001;
- Chen, Peter (co-supervised with Dr. P. H. Brill), *Ph.D., Colorado State University, U.S.A.* “*Level Crossing Method*”, Feb.1998 – August 1999.

## **3. Supervisor of students of the NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA): 6**

- Clemens, Rachel, “*On High Quantile Regression Methods*”, May-June 2018.
- Tieu, Jenny, “*On Quantile Regression and Heavy Tailed Distributions*”, May-August, 2016.
- Coia, Vincenzo, “*On Heavy Tailed Distributions and their Applications*”, May-August, 2010.
- Couture, Kristen, “*On Estimation of Heavy Tailed Distributions*”, May-August, 2005;  
*Methodologist, Statistics Canada, 2008 - present.*  
*2006-2007 NSERC Graduate Scholarship Award.*  
*MSc student of University of Waterloo, 2006-2008.*
- Tomaino, Nicholas, “*On Nonparametric Quantile Estimation*”, May-August, 1999.
- Painter, Deborah, Western Ontario Univ., “*Kernel Spectral Bootstrap Estimation*”, May-August, 1996.

## **4. Supervisor of students of the BURSA Award : 1**

- Couture, Kristen, “*On Estimation of the Lognormal Distribution*”, August 2005 – April 2006.

## **5. Supervisor of students of the NSERC Research Projects: 13**

- Yan, Xiang, “*Conference Interval for Extreme Quantiles*”, May-June, 2017.
- Tieu, Jenny, “*A Direct Method for Quantile Regression*”, May-June, 2017.
- Rat, Ramona, “*A Direct Method for Quantile Regression*”, January-April, 2017.
- Morris, Rachel, “*On Applications of Quantile Regression and Heavy Tailed Distributions*”, May-August, 2016.
- Rat, Ramona, “*On Quantile Regression*”, May-October, 2015.
- Nguyen, Christine, “*On High Quantile Regression*”, May-August, 2014.
- Mottola, Justyne, “*On Models of Extreme Value Distribution*”, May-August, 2013.
- Coia, Vincenzo, “*On Estimation of Heavy Tailed Distributions*”, May-August, 2011.
- Zhang, Zheng, “*On High Quantile Estimation of a Heavy Tailed Distribution*”, May –August, 2009.
- Zhao, Ke, “*On Generalized Pareto Distributions*”, May –August, 2009.
- Tang, Jing, “*On Estimation of the Pareto Distribution, Part II*”, July -August 2004;  
*Research Analyst, Fraser Health Authority, Surrey, BC, Canada.*  
*MSc student of University of Windsor, 2004-2006;*
- Tang, Jing, “*On Estimation of the Pareto Distribution, Part I*”, May -August 2003;
- Reinhart, Michael, “*Estimation of Quantiles*”, June – September 1994.

## **6. Supervisor of Undergraduate Theses (or Honors Projects): 9**

- Thorpe, Lucas, “*On Extreme Value Distributions*”, Sept. 2011-April 2012.
- Marshall, William, “*On Orthogonal Series Density Estimation*”, Sept. 2006-April 2007;  
*Assitant Professor, Brock University, January, 2019-present.*  
*Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2014-Dec. 2018.*

*MSc and Ph.D., Dept. of Statistics and Actual Science, University of Waterloo, 2007-2014.*

**2007-2011 NSERC Graduate Scholarship Award;**

- Maddalena, Kristen, “*Estimation of the Pareto Distribution*”, Sept. 2004-April 2005;

**Market Segment Analyst, Meridian Credit Union, Canada.**

**MSc student of University of Waterloo, 2005-2007;**

- Eckert, Mike, “*Estimation of the Moments of the Pareto Distribution*”, Sept. 2004-April 2005;
  - Tang, Wai Hung, “*Nonparametric Rank Tests*”, Sept. 2003-April 2004;
  - Tang, Jing, “*On Estimation of the Pareto Distribution, Part II*”, May -August 2003;
  - Wills, Chris, “*Statistical Analysis of Traffic Collision in Niagara Region*”, Sept. 2001-April 2002;
- Teacher, Sutton District High School, Toronto, Ontario.**
- MSc student of University of Windsor, 2002-2004;**
- Bell, Michael, “*Factor Affecting the Levels of Downy and Powdery Mildews*”, Sept. 2001-April 2002;
- Teacher, Lindsay High School, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.**
- Absolonne, Fred, “*On Quantile Estimation*”, Sept. 1997-April 1998.

7. Trained a number of students who have obtained Ph.D.’s or MSc’s and have become professors, or other professionals in the U.S.A., Australia, Canada and China, 1982 - 2007. E.g.
  - Dr. Marshall, B. was a Mathematics student under my supervision Honors Undergraduate Thesis “*On Orthogonal Series Density Estimation*”, Sept. 2006-April 2007. He had a Ph. D. at University of Waterloo in 2014. Currently is an Assistant professor at Brock University
  - Dr. Brannan, M. was a research associate during, 2007, under supervision of I and Dr. Kerman. He was a Ph.D. at Queens University, currently is an Assistant professor at University Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
  - Dr. Pratola, M. entered the Undergraduate Honors Statistics Program. I supervised his case study project “*Analyzing Greenhouse Gas Emission in Canada*” in 2003. He had a Ph. D. of Simon Fraser University in 2010. Currently is an Assistant professor at Ohio State University.
8. Served as members of several Ph.D. and MSc. committees, 1984 - 2015.
9. Supervised Case Study Projects in Statistics courses, in average 15 projects per year, 1992 – 2015.

## F. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

### COURSES TAUGHT AT CHINA ACADEMY OF RAILWAY SCIENCES, 1982-1985

#### Graduate Level Courses

| Course                         | Times    | Enrollment ( <i>Average</i> ) |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Probability Theory</b>      | <b>4</b> | <b>35</b>                     |
| <b>Mathematical Statistics</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>35</b>                     |
| <b>Stochastic Processes</b>    | <b>2</b> | <b>40</b>                     |

### COURSES TAUGHT AT CHINA HOBEI TEACHING COLLEGE, 1964-1978

(There were interruptions during the Cultural Revolution (1966 – 1976) in China.)

#### Undergraduate Level Courses

| Course                       | Times*   | Enrollment ( <i>Average</i> ) |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Advanced Calculus</b>     | <b>4</b> | <b>60</b>                     |
| <b>Analytic Geometry</b>     | <b>4</b> | <b>60</b>                     |
| <b>Linear Algebra</b>        | <b>4</b> | <b>55</b>                     |
| <b>Mathematical Analysis</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>50</b>                     |

### COURSES TAUGHT AT BROCK UNIVERSITY

#### Graduate Level Courses, 2007-2018

| Course          | Name                         | Times     | Enrollment ( <i>Total</i> ) |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Math5P81</b> | Sampling Theory              | <b>9</b>  | <b>17</b>                   |
| <b>Math5P82</b> | Nonparametric Statistics     | <b>7</b>  | <b>11</b>                   |
| <b>Math5P99</b> | Master Project               | <b>10</b> | <b>24</b>                   |
| <b>Math5V75</b> | Selected Topic in Statistics | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>                    |

### Undergraduate Level Courses, 1991 – 1993

| Course           | Name                                    | Times    | Enrollment (Average) |
|------------------|---|----------|----------------------|
| <b>MATH 1P98</b> | Basic Statistical Methods               | <b>2</b> | <b>182</b>           |
| <b>MATH 1P97</b> | Differential and Integral Methods, labs | <b>2</b> | <b>180</b>           |
| <b>MATH 2F96</b> | Mathematical Probability and Statistics | <b>2</b> | <b>20</b>            |
| <b>MATH 4F21</b> | Topics in Advanced Statistics           | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b>             |

#### 1993-2001: Developed a Concentration in Honors Program Statistics and a SAS Lab

In 1993, we started four new upper-year statistics courses\* for the Department of Mathematics, and also started a new SAS (Statistical Analysis System, the top statistics package in the world) Computer Lab which was the first SAS lab at Brock University. These courses and SAS lab attracted a number of students, faculty members and staffs of Brock University and Agriculture Canada. These efforts built the foundation for a new statistics program. In 1999, we started a new Mathematics Honors program (Concentration in Statistics) and several new Combined Major Honors Programs. They all have been very successful.

| Course            | Name                                    | Times    | Enrollment (Average)    |
|-------------------|---|----------|-------------------------|
| <b>MATH 1P98</b>  | Basic Statistical Methods               | <b>1</b> | <b>292</b>              |
| <b>MATH 2F96</b>  | Mathematical Probability and Statistics | <b>1</b> | <b>36</b>               |
| <b>*MATH 3P95</b> | Experimental Design                     | <b>5</b> | <b>10</b>               |
| <b>*MATH 3P96</b> | Sampling Theory                         | <b>6</b> | <b>8</b>                |
| <b>MATH 4F21</b>  | Topics in Advanced Statistics           | <b>2</b> | <b>13 or Thesis (1)</b> |
| <b>*MATH 4P22</b> | Regression Analysis                     | <b>4</b> | <b>8</b>                |
| <b>*MATH 4P23</b> | Nonparametric Statistics                | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b>                |

#### 2001-2018

Developed a Honors Concentration in Statistics Program, 1999-2018

Developed a Concentration in Statistics MSc Program, 2006-2018

Developed a Statistics Co-op Program, 2010 -2018

Developed a Professional Masters of Applied Statistics Program, 2012 -2018

Developed a Data Science Program, 2016 -2018

- Designing an application for Accrediting Statistics Program by the SSC (*Statistical Society of Canada*) - a graduate of this program will earn a certification of “Associate Statistician”, 2005-2018.
- Member of “MSc Program Committee”, designed and started a new MSc graduate Program (Concentration in Statistics) at Brock University. 2005-2006.
- Member of “MICA Program Committee”. Designed a new Concentration in Statistics in MICA Program at Brock University, 1999-2002.
- Member of “Task Force Committee” which designed new “MICA” Honors Programs in Mathematics and several new Combined Major Honors Programs. 1999-2002.
- Designed and started a new Honors Program in Mathematics (Concentration in Statistics) and several new Combined Major Honors Programs (Concentration in Statistics). 1999.

| Course           | Name                          | Times     | Enrollment (Average) |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| <b>MATH 1P98</b> | Basic Statistical Methods     | <b>2</b>  | <b>315</b>           |
| <b>MATH 2P82</b> | Mathematical Statistics       | <b>1</b>  | <b>11</b>            |
| <b>MATH 3P81</b> | Experimental Design           | <b>16</b> | <b>18</b>            |
| <b>MATH 3P82</b> | Regression Analysis           | <b>12</b> | <b>17</b>            |
| <b>MATH 4P81</b> | Sampling Theory               | <b>65</b> | <b>18</b>            |
| <b>MATH 4P82</b> | Nonparametric Statistics      | <b>14</b> | <b>18</b>            |
| <b>MATH 4F83</b> | Topics in Advanced Statistics | <b>1</b>  | <b>2, Theses</b>     |
| <b>MATH 4F90</b> | Honors Thesis or project      | <b>6</b>  | <b>6, Projects</b>   |

## TEACHING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### A. Developed and Enhance a Concentration in Statistics Honor Program, 1994-2018

We developed new statistics courses for the Mathematics department and the first SAS Statistics computer Lab at Brock University in 1994. These courses attracted a number of students, faculty members and staffs of Brock University and Agriculture Canada. A new Statistics program started in 1999 – Honors Program in Mathematics (Concentration in Statistics) and several new Combined Major Honors Programs (Concentration in Statistics). They all have been very successful. We have been sending students to the best graduate schools in Statistics successfully. A number of graduates have become Ph.D.s or professional statisticians in government, hospitals and universities. A number of senior students earned NSERC Scholarships and Research Awards and presented their research projects in Statistics conferences. A number of their projects have been written as research papers and published in refereed journals. Above effects provided good conditions to the new MSc program in Statistics and Accrediting Statistics Program.

### B. Developed and Enhance a Concentration in Statistics MSc Program, 2006-2018

The concentration in statistics MSc program with eight new courses started in Sept., 2006. It has successfully attracted a number of students from other universities, international students. A number of graduates have become Ph.D.s or professional statisticians. Students presented their projects in several SSC meetings. Their projects have been written as research papers and published in refereed journals.

### C. Developed and Enhance a Statistics Co-op Program, 2010-2018

I have served as a coordinator of a new Statistics Co-op Program in 2010. The program started in 2010, and some students have been successfully worked in Statistics Canada, Canadian Tire, Hydra One, Sun Life and Royal Bank, etc.

### D. Developed a Professional Applied Statistics MSc Program, 2012-2018

I with other statisticians designed a new Professional Applied Statistics MSc Program during in 2012-2018.

### E. Developed a Data Science Program, 2016-2018

I with other statistician\*ns participate to design a new Undergraduate Data Science Program in 2016. The program is planned to start in 2018. We hope the program will attract a number of students.

## THE MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Established the Concentration in Statistics Undergraduate Honor Programs at Brock University.
2. Established the MSc Concentration in Statistics Graduate Program at Brock University
3. Established a number of new Statistics courses in the Department of Mathematics
4. Designing an application procedure for Accrediting Statistics Program by the SSC (*Statistical Society of Canada*) - a graduate of this program will earn a certification of “Associate Statistician”.
5. Designed a Statistics Co-op program.
6. Designed a Profession Applied Statistics MSc Program.
7. Designed a Data Sciences Program.
8. Established the first SAS (Statistical Analysis System) Labs at Brock University.
9. I Serve as the Representative of *the Society of Actuaries* (US and Canada) at Brock Univ., 2007-2018. Two Statistics Courses MATH 3P82, MATH 5P84 have been successfully approved by the *Society of Actuaries* as VEE credit courses, 2007-2018.
10. Helped Students taking Actuarial Science Exams. A number of Students were successful.
11. Helped Students taking Statistics Canada Exams. A number of Students were successful.
12. Innovative Teaching Methods:
  - Use “Case Study” method to develop students’ thinking and application ability
  - Introduce history, significant impact and recent developments of subjects, combined with “Statistical Videos”, “Work Sheet” and “Group Discussion” to motivate students to learn.
  - Use a series of high level textbooks and new computer technology to challenge students.

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### **A. Formal Education**

Ph.D. in Mathematics (Université Laval, Canada)

MSc. in Mathematics (Université Lyon I, France)

### **B. Academic Distinctions and Awards**

- *Distinguished teaching award, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Brock University, June 2017.*
- *Fellow of the Papua New Guinea Mathematical Society, since November 2013.*
- *Teaching award, First Year Calculus, The University of Lethbridge, Winter 2002.*
- Teaching award, CERTIFICAT-MERITANT, Université Laval, February 2000.
- First Prize at the department of Mathematics in Algeria for the undergraduate studies.
- Laureate of a national examination in mathematics organized by Algerian universities.
- Scholarship from Université Laval for doctoral studies.
- McGill University and Concordia University Scholarship Fellow, 1996-1997.

### **C. Academic Positions Held**

2013- Present • Professor at Brock University

2006 - 2013 • Associate Professor at Brock University

- 2002 - 2006 • Assistant Professor at Brock University
- 2000 - 2002 • Assistant Professor at The University of Lethbridge
- 1998 - 2000 • Post-Doctoral Fellow at Université Laval, CICMA
- 1997-1998 • Assistant Professor, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 1996 - 1997 • Post-Doctoral Fellow at McGill University, CICMA
- 1995 - 1996 • Instructor at Université Laval
- 1992 - 1995 • TA at Université Laval
- 1991- 1992 • Instructor at Université Paris XIII.
- 1990 - 1991 • TA at Université Paris XIII.

## D. Creative/Scholarly Activities

### 1. Publications

#### a) Refereed Journals

1. (With M. Ayad and R. Bouchenna), Indices in a Number Field II, accepted for publication in International Journal of Number Theory.
2. (With T. Garici and J. Larone), The number of solutions to  $y^2=px(Ax^2+2)$ , Publications de l'institut mathématiques, nouvelle serie, tome 118, 1-8, (2018).
3. (With M. Ayad and J. Larone), When does a given polynomial with integer coefficients divide another? The American Mathematical Monthly, 123(04): 376-381, (2016).
4. (With F. Bencherif, N. Benyahia-Tani, S. Bouroubi), [Integer partitions into Diophantine pairs](#), Quaest. Math. 40, 435-442, (2017).
5. (With M. Ayad and R. Bouchenna), Indices in a Number Field, Journal Theorie des Nombres de Bordeaux, 29, 201-216, (2017).
6. (With N. Benyahia Tani and Sadek Bouroubi), An effective approach for integer partitions using exactly two distinct sizes of parts, Elemente der Mathematik, 72, no. 2. 630-637, (2017).
7. (With S. Kebli) On a variant of Lucas' square pyramid problem. Ann. Math. Inf, Volume 46, 245-250, 2016.

8. (With M. Ayad and A. Bayad), On the denominator of an algebraic number in a number field, [J. Number Theory 149, 1-14 \(2015\)](#).
9. (With Jesse Larone), Prime rational functions, [Acta Arith. 169, No. 1, 29-46 \(2015\)](#).
10. (With M. Ayad and K. Belghaba), On Permutation Binomials over Finite Fields, The Bulletin of The Australian Mathematical Society, Volume 89, Issue 01, 112-124, 2014.
11. Permutation Polynomials over Finite Fields, South Pacific Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics, 2014.
12. (With M. Ayad and K. Belghaba), On Permutation Binomials over Finite Fields, The Rocky Mountain Journal of Mathematics, 45, No. 2, 389-399 (2015).
13. M. Ayad, V. Coia, **O. Kihel**, On relatively prime sets, J. Integer Sequences, 17, No. 3, Article 14.3.7, 8 p, 2014.
14. M. Ayad, **O. Kihel**, A new class of permutation polynomials of  $F_q$ , Elemente der Mathematik, volume 68, n 2, 53-55, 2013.
15. (With M. Talbi and J. Van Druten) A parametric family of dihedral extensions of degree 12 over  $Q$  and an independent system of units Ann. Sci. Math. Québec **36** (2012), 2, 535-543
16. **O. Kihel**, J. Lizotte, Small generators and reduced elements in a quadratic number field, J. Number Theory, [Volume 132, Issue 9](#), September 2012, 1888–1895.
17. M. Ayad, **O. Kihel**, Recognizing the primes using permutations, Inter. J. Number Theory, Vol. 8, No. 8 (2012) 2045–2057.
18. (With B. He and A. Togbe) Solutions of a class of quartic Thue inequalities, Computers & Mathematics with Applications Volume 61, (2011), 2914-2923.
19. M. Ayad, **O. Kihel**, Common Divisors of Values of Polynomials and Common Factors of Indices in a Number Field, accepted for for publication, Inter. J. Number Theory, [Volume: 7, Issue: 5](#) (2011), 1173-1194.
20. **O. Kihel**, F. Luca and A. Togbe, *VARIANTS OF THE DIOPHANTINE EQUATION  $n! + 1 = y^2$* , Portugal. Math. (N.S.) Portugaliae Mathematica, Vol. 67, Fasc. 1, 2010, 1–11.
21. **O. Kihel**, *A note on the Nagell-Ljungren Diophantine equation*, **Journal of Algebra, Number Theory and Applications**, 131-135, Volume 13 No. 2 (2009).

22. M. Ayad, **O. Kihel**, *On relatively prime sets*, **J. INTEGERS**, Vol. 9, A28, 343–352, de Gruyter Publisher, 2009.
23. M. Ayad, **O. Kihel**, *The number of relatively prime subsets of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$* , **J. INTEGERS**, 9, 2009 de Gruyter Publisher.
24. M. Ayad, **O. Kihel**, *On the number of subsets relatively prime to an integer*, **J. Integer Seq.** 11 (2008), 4 pp.
25. **O. Kihel**, F. Luca, *Variants of the Brocard-Ramanujan equation*. [J. Théor. Nombres Bordeaux](#) **20 (2008), no. 2**, 353--363.
26. **O. Kihel**, F. Luca, *Perfect powers with all equal digits but one*, **Journal of Integer sequences**, 1-7, no. 8, (2005).
27. **O. Kihel** and C. Levesque, *On the diophantine equation  $X^4-DY^4 = \pm Z^2$  and its associated elliptic curve  $V^2=U^3-DU$* , **International Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics**, 21 (2005), no. 3, 369--388.
28. K. Nwabueze, **O. Kihel** and A. Choudry, *Defining a group operation on the set of solutions of a parametrised quadratic Diophantine equation*, **International Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics**, no. 18 (2005), no. 4, 441-444
29. B. Dufour and **O. Kihel**, *The Brocard-Ramanujan diophantine equation*, **International Math. J.**, 5, (2004) 577-580.
30. **O. Kihel**, *Large  $k$ -Smith numbers*, **Transactions of WSEA, New York**, 469-81, (2004).
31. **O. Kihel** and K. Nwabueze, *On few diophantine equations related to the Brocard Ramanujan Diophantine equation* **International Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics**, no. 16, (2004), 477-483.
32. **O. Kihel**, *Extensions diédrales et courbes elliptiques*, **Acta Arith.**, 102 (2002), no. 4, 309-314.
33. **O. Kihel** and C. Levesque, *On a few diophantine equations related to Fermat's last theorem*, **Can. Math. Bull.**, 45 (2002), no. 2, 247-256.
34. A. Kihel and **O. Kihel**, *Sets in witch the product of any  $k$  elements increased by  $t$  is a  $k^{\text{th}}$ -power of an integer*, **Fib. Quart.**, Vol. 39(2), (2001), 376-381.
35. A. Kihel and **O. Kihel**, *On the intersection and the extendibility of  $P_r$ -sets*, **Far East J. Math. Sci. (FJMS)** 3(4) (2001), 637-643.



36. M. El Kadhi and **O. Kihel**, *Some remarks on the diophantine equation  $(x^2 - 1)(y^2 - 1) = (z^2 - 1)^2$* , **Proc. Japan. Acad.**, Ser. A Vol. 77, 2001, 155-159.
37. **O. Kihel**, *Groupe des unités pour une famille infinie d'extensions diédrales de degré 10 sur  $\mathbb{Q}$* , **J. Théor. Nombres Bordeaux**, Vol. 13, 2001, 469-481.
38. **O. Kihel**, *On the extendibility of the set  $\{1, 2, 5\}$* , **Fib. Quart.**, Vol. 38(3), 2000, 466-470.
39. B. Dufour and **O. Kihel**, *The Brocard-Ramanujan diophantine equation*, **International Math. J.**, 5, (2004) 577-580.
40. **O. Kihel**, *Sur une conjecture de M. Ruppert*, **C. R. Math. rep. Acad. Sci. Canada** Vol. 22 (2), 2000, 66-69.

## 2. Work submitted for journal publication/ Work in progress

41. (With M. Ayad and A. Bayad), Common divisors of the values of polynomials and algebraic number fields, work to be submitted.
42. (With N. BERBARA, S. MAVECHA, and J. MIDGLEY), ON THE DIOPHANTINE EQUATION  $h(a)x^2 + f(a) = g(a)a_n$

## 3. Presentations at national and international conferences

- Invited speaker at International Conference, University Dakar, February 2018
- Invited speaker at The American University of Sharjah, UAE, December 2016
- Invited speaker at The University of Sharjah, UAE, December 2016
- Invited speaker (two talks) at KICM International Conference on Mathematics, Bangkok, Thailand, December 2016
- Invited talk at Math Seminar at York University, Toronto, Canada, November 2016.
- Invited talk at Math Seminar at McMaster University, Toronto, Canada, November 2016.
- Invited speaker, Algeria, February 2016.
- Invited speaker (three talks) at Colloque sur la cryptographie et les codes connecteurs, Dakar, Senegal, December 2015.
- Invited scholar, South Korea, December 2015.
- Invited speaker (two presentations) at International Conference of Pure and Applied Number Theory, Daejeon, South Korea, August 2015.
- Talk at CMS meeting, Charlottetown, PEI, June 2015.
- Talk at Université Cadi-Ayad, Marrakech, Morocco, May 2015.
- Talk at Kasetsart University, Bangkok, December 2014.
- Talk at Université Laval, July 2014.
- Invited speaker at Université Ain Temouchent, May 2015
- Invited speaker at Paupa New Guinea, two invited talks, December 2014.

- Invited speaker a USTHB, Algiers, Algeria, November 2014.
- Invited speaker at Quebec-Maine Number Theory, September 2014, Université Laval, Quebec.
- Invited talk at Tokyo University of Sciences, Japan, February, 2014.
- Invited talk at University of Nakhon Pathom, Thailand, February, 2014.
- Invited talk at Mahidol University, Thailand, March, 2014.
- Invited talk at University of Nakhon Pathom, March 2014.
- Invited talk (2 talks) at International Conference of Mathematics, Ain Temouchent, Algeria, April, 2014.
- Invited speaker at an International Conference in Number Theory, University of Algiers, Algeria, October 2013.
- Keynote speaker at International Conference On Pure and Applied Mathematics, ICPAM-LAE, PNG University of Technology, LAE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, 26-28 Nov, 2013.
- Invited speaker at University of Port Moresby, Nov, 2013.
- Invited speaker Quebec-Maine Number Theory Conference, University of Maine at Orono, October 2013.
- Talk at Additive and Combinatorial Number Theory Conference, CANT, New York, May 21-24, 2013.
- Invited speaker at Quebec-Maine Number Theory Conference, September 2012.
- Invited speaker at Conference Internationale : Les journées mathématiques computationnelles, Algeria, Oran, June 2012.
- Invited talk at Université Limoges, France, December 2011.
- Talk The Combinatorial and Additive Number Theory (CANT 2011), the CUNY Graduate Center, New York, May 2011.
- Invited speaker at Journées arithmétiques de Meknes, Morocco, October 25-29, 2010.
- Invited speaker at Université Laval, Quebec, December 2010.
- Invited speaker at Université Calais, France, May 2010.
- Invited speaker at Université Limoges, France, May 2010.
- Invited speaker at Université Oran, Algeria, December 2009.
- Invited talk at The Quebec/Maine Number Theory Conference, Quebec, October 2008.
- Talk at The 4th INTERNATIONAL KYIV CONFERENCE on ANALYTIC NUMBER THEORY and SPATIAL TESSELLATIONS, September 2008.
- Conference on cryptography for high school students' La Marche, Welland, February 2008.
- Talk at Combinatorial and additive number theory (CANT), New York, May 2007.
- Talk at International Conference of Algebra and Number Theory, Morocco, May 2006
- Invited speaker at Symposium in discrete mathematics, Oran, Algeria, November 2006.
- Talk at Journées Arithmétiques, Marseille France July 2005.
- Invited speaker at Integers Conference 2005, State University of West Georgia, GA, October 2005, couldn't attend because of teaching.

- Talk given at Université Oran, Algeria, June 2005.
- Talk at Université Laval, April 2005.
- Participated at 12<sup>th</sup> International Workshop, FSE, Paris, France, February 2005.
- Invited speaker at Integers Conference 2003, State University of West Georgia, GA, November 2003.
- Invited speaker at Maine-Québec congress, October 2002.
- Invited speaker at Université Laval, August 2001.
- Talk given at the Canadian Mathematical Society, Montréal, December 1999.
- Talk given at the congress of the S.M.Q., Sherbrooke, October 1999.
- Invited speaker at Maine-Québec congress, University of Maine at Orono, October 1999.
- Invited speaker at Journées arithmétiques, Université Laval, July 1998.
- Invited speaker at Université de Sherbrooke, June 1997.
- Invited speaker at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, April 1998.
- Talk given at the congress of the S.M.Q., McGill University, April 1997.
- Invited speaker at the Quebec-Vermont Number Theory Seminar, Concordia University, December 1996.
- Talk given at the fifth conference of the Canadian Number Theory Association, Carleton University, Ottawa, August 1996.
- Talk given at Colloque des sciences mathématiques et congrès de l'A.M.Q., Québec-Lévis, November 1995.
- Talk given at Colloque des sciences mathématiques et congrès de l'A.M.Q., Université de Montréal, April 1994.

#### **4. Grants Obtained**

##### **a. Internal Grants**

- BUAF, Brock University 2014.
- Brock International Grant, 2008-2009.
- Start-Up Grant Brock University, 2002.
- The University of Lethbridge Research Fund, ULRF, 2001 – 2002.

##### **b. External Grants**

- NSERC: 2017-2022
- NSERC: 2012-2017
- Fields Institute Grant: 2011
- NSERC: 2011
- NSERC: 2006-2011
- NSERC: 2002 – 2006

## 5. Other Creative and Scholarly Activities

- Editor of three international journals of Mathematics.
- Invited Professor for one month, Université d'Evry, Paris, December 2012-January 2013.
- Invited Scholar for 2 weeks, Algeria, Université Oran, End November-December 2012.
- International Peer-Reviewer for Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia.
- Invited Professor for one month, Université du Littoral a Calais, June 2010.
- Invited Professor for one month, Université du Littoral a Calais, June 2008.
- Referee for International Journal of Number Theory
- Referee for Journal of Integer Sequences.
- Referee for Journal INTEGERS, de Gruyter Publisher.
- Referee for for Journal Discrete Mathematics.
- Referee for the journal Computers and Mathematics with Applications.
- Referee for the journal AJMS.
- Referee for the journal Publicationes Mathematicae Debrecen.
- Referee for Journal of Number Theory.
- Referee for Annales de mathématiques du Québec
- Referee for Fixed Point Theory and Applications.
- Referee for Czechoslovak Mathematical Journal.
- Referee for Acta Mathematica Academiae Paedagogicae Nyíregyháziensis.
- External member for six Ph.D. thesis.
- External member and reporter for a Ph.D. thesis, Université du Littoral, Calais, France, 2007.

- Member of the scientific committee and chair of Number Theory Session in Symposium in discrete mathematics, Oran, Algeria, November 2006.
- Chair of a Number Theory Session in International Conference of Algebra and Number Theory, Morocco, May 2006.
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, The University of Lethbridge, 2001-2004.
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Mathematics, Université Laval, 2000-2003.
- Reviewer for Mathematical reviews.
- Reviewer for NSERC, 2001/2002, 2004/2005, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011.
- External member for the committee of a master thesis, Université Laval, 2005.

### 1. Student Supervision

- 1 post-doc (co-supervision).
- 33 graduate students and honor projects at Brock University and overseas.

### 2. Other Contributions Devoted to Pedagogical Interest

- Conference on cryptography for high school students' La Marche, Welland, February 2008.
- PUTNAM advisor for Brock University

### F. University/Community Service

- I organized an international conference at Brock University August 2014.
- Co-organizer of **International Conference in Number Theory** at Brock University, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- I organized a conference "Number Theory and Algebra", July 2009 at Brock University.
- Organizer of the Number Theory Session at CMS, June 2002, Québec.
- Senate Budget Committee: Faculty representative: Fall 2003 and Winter 2004.
- University NSERC Committee: Departmental representative, 2002/2003.
- Graduate committee, department of mathematics, 2006–present.

- External member in the committee for the Master program, department of computer science, 2002 – 2011.
- Master committee as Dean's representative, November 2003.
- Organizer of the Math Colloquium for the years 2002/2012 (except when I was on leave).
- Member of several departmental Committees
- Member of a few universities committees
- Many graduate committees.
- Participated in the Math Camp and gave talks, August 2002, August 2003, July 2005 and July 2008.
- Co-organizer of An Afternoon in Financial Mathematics and Mathematical economics, April 2004.
- Math Majors Advising and Welfare Committee, 2005–2006.

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## A. Formal Education

- 1993.12 - 1996.12: Ph.D. Pure Mathematics, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.  
Supervisor: M.M.Parmenter; Ph.D. May, 1997.  
Thesis Title: Units In Integral Group Rings.
- 1985.9 - 1988.5 : M.Sc. Pure Mathematics, Nanjing University, China.  
(Supervisors: Boxun Zhou and Wenting Tong; M.Sc. June 1988.  
Thesis Title: Finitely Presented Dimension And Coherent Rings).
- 1978.2 - 1982.1 : B.Sc. Mathematics, Jianguo University, China. B.Sc. January 1982.

## B. Academic Distinctions, Awards and Major Appointments

- 2014-present: External Ph.D. Supervisor in Combinatorial Math. Nankai University, China (Co-supervised Ph. D. Students, Pingping Zhao, Hanbing Zhang, Chao Liu and Siao Hong).
- 2014-present: Guest Professor, Jianguo University, China.
- 2012-present: External Ph.D. Supervisor in Pure Math. Southeast University, China (Co-supervised Ph. D. Students, Honglin Zhou, and Yanyan Gao).
- 2014-2016 : Awards: State Key Talent Recruitment Project. Nankai University, China.
- 2010-present: Editorial boards: (1) "Far East Journal of Mathematical Sciences". (2) "JP Journal of Algebra, Number Theory and Applications". (3) "International Journal of Mathematics and Scientific Computing" (2011-2018).
- 2009, 2013 : Awards: Priority Research Project for visiting international experts, Shanghai Jiaotong University.
- 1997 : The Fellow of the School of Graduate Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland.
- 1993-1997 : Ph. D. Graduate scholarship, Memorial University of Newfoundland.
- 1992 : Provincial Award: The young outstanding teacher and researcher of Jianguo Province, China.

**C. Academic Positions Held**

- 2007.7 - Present : Full Professor at Brock Univ.  
 Courses Taught: Modern Algebra (5P10), Group Rings (5P11) Ring Theory (5V76) and Algebraic Coding Theory (5V77) (for graduate students), Coordinator for Graduate Seminar (5P94), Advanced Group Theory (4P11), Advance Ring Theory (4P13), Advanced Mathematical Structures: Group Algebra (4P14), Abstract and Applied Algebra (3P13 and 3P12), (Abstract) Linear Algebra (2P12 and 2P13).
- 2009.7 -2010.6 : Interim Chair of Mathematics Department at Brock Univ.  
 Courses Taught: Modern Algebra (5P10) and Group Rings (5P11) (for graduate students), Coordinator for Graduate Seminar (5P94), Applied Algebra (3P12).
- 2003.7 - 2007.6 : Associate Professor at Brock Univ.  
 Courses Taught: Advanced Group Theory, Abstract Algebra, Applied Algebra, Abstract Linear Algebra, Linear Algebra, I, II.
- 2001.7 - 2003.6 : Assistant Professor at Brock Univ.  
 Courses Taught: Group Theory, Abstract Algebra, Applied Algebra, Linear Algebra, I, II, III Calculus I.
- 2000.9 - 2001.7 : Assistant Professor at the Univ. of Ottawa. Adjunct Professor at Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland.  
 Courses Taught: Linear Algebra, Calculus I, II, III.
- 1998.9 - 2000.8 : Assistant Professor at Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland.  
 Courses Taught: Linear Algebra, Calculus I, II, Precalculus.
- 1997.9 - 1998.8 : Postdoctoral fellow and Instructor at the Univ. of Alberta. Sessional Instructor at the Univ. of Lethbridge.  
 Courses Taught: Calculus I, II, Linear Algebra, Statistics.
- 1997.5 - 1997.8 : Postdoctoral fellow at Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland, Canada.
- 1997.1 - 1997.4 : Instructor at Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland, Canada.  
 Courses Taught: Calculus I.
- 1993.12 - 1996.12: Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics., Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland, Canada.  
 Substitute instructor for algebra courses: Ring Theory, Group Theory, Abstract Algebra, Discrete Math. Linear Algebra. Lab instructor and marker for Calculus II & III. Discrete Math, Number Theory, Abstract Algebra, Ring Theory and Group Theory.
- 1993.1 - 1993.11 : Associate Professor.  
 Dept. of Mathematical Sciences, Jiangsu Univ. of Science and Tech., China.
- 1988.6 - 1992.12 : Assistant Professor at the same university.
- 1982.1 - 1985.8 : Instructor at the same university.  
 Courses Taught:  
 (The class size for undergraduate students is around 120 and the class size for graduate students varies from 2 to 20.)



- Calculus I, II & III;
- Linear Algebra I & II;
- Vector Calculus I & II;
- Complex Analysis and Ordinary Differential Equations;
- Discrete Mathematics, Group Theory and Ring Theory;
- Abstract Algebra (for both Undergraduate and Graduate Students);
- Matrix Theory and Applications (for Graduate Students);
- Statistics and Probability.

## D. Creative/Scholarly Activities

### 1. Publications

#### a) Articles In Refereed Journals

For all joint papers authors share work equally.

1. W. Gao\*, Y. Li, C. Liu and Y. Qiu, *product one subsequences over subgroups of a finite group*, Acta Arith. Accepted August, 2018.
2. X. Zeng and Yuanlin Li\*, *The structure of minimal zero-sum sequences of length five*, Ars Combinatoria, Accepted September 2017.
3. W. Gao, Y. Li, J. Peng and G. Wang\*, *A unifying look at zero-sum invariants*, Int. J. Number Theory, 14(3) (2018) 705-711.
4. L. Xia, Y. Li\* and J. Peng, *Minimal zero-sum sequences of length five over finite cyclic groups of prime power order*, Ars Combinatoria, 135 (2017) 369-390.
5. X. Zeng\*, P. Yuan and Y. Li, *On the structure of long unsplittable minimal zero-sum sequences*, Acta Arith. 176 (2) 2016, 131-159.
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## 2. Work Submitted For Publication

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## 4. Papers Presented at Conferences and Invited talks

- “On Reversible group rings”, Colloquium, Tongji University, Shanghai, China, June 15, 2018
- Attended China - US joint Mathematics Meeting, Shanghai, China, June 10-15, 2018
- “non-commutative \*-clean group rings”, Colloquium, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, June 4, 2018
- “\*-clean group rings II”, Colloquium, Tianjin Polytechnic University, Tianjin, China, June 1, 2018
- “\*-clean group rings”, Colloquium, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, May 30, 2018
- “A combinatorial problem in group theory –  $B(n, k)$  groups”, Invited talk, International conference on groups, representations and related topics, Yongchun, Chongqing, China, May 16-20, 2018
- “Non-commutative \*-clean group rings”, Colloquium, South East University, Nanjing, China, May 14, 2018
- “Some research problems in combinatorial group theory”, Colloquium, Jiangsu University, Zhengjiang, China, May 10, 2018
- “\*-clean group rings over non-abelian groups”, International conference on Rings and Factorizations, Graz Austria, Feb. 20, 2018
- “Reversible group rings”, Invited talk, University of Buffalo, USA, Nov. 13, 2017
- “A combinatorial problem in group theory”, Colloquium, Sichuan Normal University, Chengdu, China, June 15, 2016
- “\*-clean group rings”, Colloquium, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, June 14, 2016
- “Coleman automorphisms of generalized dihedral groups” The 14th National Conference on Algebras, Yangzhou, China, May 26-31, 2016

- “Recent development on the four-zero conjecture” Colloquium, Nanjign University, Nanjing, China, May 23, 2016
- “Reversible group rings” Colloquium, Qingdao University, Qingdao, China, May 19, 2016
- “A combinatoric problem in group theory” Colloquium, University of China Civil Aviation, Tianjin, China, May 16, 2016
- “Algebraic codes from matrices and group rings” Colloquium, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, May 14, 2016
- “Zero-divisor graphs of group rings” Colloquium, Tianjin Polytechnic University, Tianjin, China, May 12, 2016
- “Long zero-sum free and  $n$ -zero-sum free sequences over nite cyclic groups” Combinatorial and Additive Number Theory 2016, Graz, Austria, Jan. 4-8, 2016
- “ $*$ -clean group rings II” The 7th CHINA-JAPAN-KOREA International Symposium On Ring Theory, Hangzhou, China, July, 2-6, 2015
- “On Star-clean group rings II” Colloquium, Southeast University, Nanjing, China, May, 2015
- “On  $B(5, 18)$  Groups” Colloquium, Jiangu University, Zhenjiang, China, May, 2015
- “On The Davenport Constant” Colloquium, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, May, 2015
- ”On Reversible Group Rings” Colloquium, Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing, China, May, 2015
- “A Combinatorial Problem in Group Theory” Colloquium, Dalian Maritime University, Dalian, China, May, 2015
- “Star-clean group rings II” Colloquium, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, May, 2015
- “Additive Number Theory and The Davenport Constant” Colloquium, Memorial University, St. John’s NL April, 2015
- “Davenport Constant” Colloquium, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China, May, 2014
- Invited talk “Star-Clean Group Rings” Algebra Workshop, Nanjing Normail University, Nanjing, China, May, 16-17, 2014
- “Star-Clean Group Rings” Colloquium, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, May, 2014
- ”Reversible Group Rings” Colloquium, Tianjin University of Science and Technology, Tianjin, China, April, 2014
- “Star-clean group rings” Colloquium, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, April, 2014
- “Davenport Constant” Colloquium, Luo Yang Teachers University, Luo Yang, China, April, 2014
- “Davenport Constant of a finite abelian group” The Fourth Algebra International Workshop at Brock University, Saint Catharines Brock University, Ontario, March 19, 2014
- Invited talk “On The Davenport Constant” Number Theory Seminar at The Fields Institute, Toronto Canada, Feb. 2014

- Short course on “group rings” Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China, June, 2013
- “Star-clean group rings” Colloquium, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China, June, 2013
- “Morphic groups II” Colloquium, Nankai Univ. Tanjin, China, May, 2013
- “Morphic groups I” Colloquium, Nankai Univ. Tanjin, China, May, 2013
- “Mathematics Education in Canada” Colloquium, Jianguo Univ. Zhengjiang, China, April, 2013
- “Zero-divisor graphs for group rings (most recent report)” Atlantic Algebra Center, Memorial University, St. John’s Nfld, Nov. 2012
- “Zero-divisor graphs for group rings” Colloquium, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China, Nov. 2012
- “Zero-divisor graphs for group rings II” Colloquium, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, Nov, 2012
- “Reversible group rings-Recent development” Colloquium, Guangxi Teacher’s Education University, Nanning, China, Oct. 2012
- “Mathematics education in Canada” Invited talk in Guangxi Teacher’s Education University, Nanning, China, Oct. 2012
- “Zero-divisor graphs for group rings I” , Ohio Algebra conference on ring theory, Columbus, Ohio, USA, May, 2012.
- “Morphic p-groups”, Colloquium, Southeast University, Nanjing, China, May, 2012
- “Reversible group rings over commutative rings”, Colloquium, Nankai Univ. Tanjin, China, April, 2012.
- “The 4-sum conjecture”, Colloquium, Jianguo Univ. Zhenjiang, China, April 20, 2012.
- “Morphic groups”, Colloquium and Graduate Seminar Series, Brock University, Jan.25 2012.
- “Reversible group rings: Most Recent Development.”, Colloquium and Graduate Seminar Series, Brock University, Jan.18 2012.
- “Reversible group rings”, Colloquium, Wilfrid Laurier University, Oct. 2011.
- “Minimal Zero Sum Sequences of Length Four over Finite Cyclic Groups ”, Brock international conference in number theory, St. Catharines, Ontario, Sept. 9-11, 2011.
- “On morphic groups”, International conference on groups, rings and group rings , Edmonton, Alberta, July, 10-16, 2011.
- “Groups with small squaring properties”, Colloquium, Jianguo Univ. Zhenjiang, China, May, 2011.
- “ $B(5,k)$  groups”, Colloquium, South China Normal University, Guangzhou, China, May, 2011.
- “The four sum conjecture”, Colloquium, Najing Univ. May, 2011.
- “On morphic properties”, Colloquium, Najing Univ. May, 2011.
- “Morphic groups”, Colloquium, Shanghai Jaotong Univ. May, 2011.



- “On a combinatorial commutativity condition for rings”, Chinese 12th National Congress on Algebra, Lanzhou, China, June, 20-24, 2010.
- “Recent development in group rings”, Colloquium, Jiangsu Univ. June, 2010.
- “B-5 groups”, Colloquium, Civil Aviation University of China, Tianjin, China, June, 2010.
- “B-k rings”, Colloquium, NanKai Univ. June, 2010.
- “B-4 and B-5 rings”, South East University. June, 2010.
- “A combinatorial commutativity condition in ring theory”, Shanghai Jiaotong Univ. June 2010.
- “A combinatorial Problem in group theory”, Colloquium, Nanjing Univ. June, 2010.
- “Duo group rings (over integral domains)”, Aachen, Germany, March, 2010.
- “Reversible and Duo group rings”, Porto Cesareo, Lecce, Italy, June, 2009.
- “A combinatorial Problem in group theory”, Colloquium, Shanghai Jiaotong Univ. July, 2009.
- “Group rings and related topics”, Colloquium, NanKai Univ. July, 2009.
- “A combinatorial problem in an Abelian group”, Brock Algebra Workshop, Brock University, Feb 2009.
- “Subsums of a zero-sum free subset of an Abelian group”, International Conference on Groups, Rings, and Group Rings, Ubatuba, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 28th to Aug 2nd, 2008.
- “On duo group rings” (Recent Development), International Conference on Algebra and its Applications, Ohio, USA, June, 2008.
- “Reversible group rings”, Colloquium, Shanghai Jiaotong University, June, 2008.
- “Recent Development in Duo group rings”, Colloquium, Nanjing University, May, 2008.
- “On duo group rings”, Algebraic and combinatorial methods in concrete classes of algebras and groups, Alden Biesen, Belgium, Sept., 2007.
- “Strongly clean matrix rings over local rings”, Groups, Rings, Lie and Hopf Algebra II, Gros Morne, Newfoundland, Aug., 2007.
- “The derived length of the unit group in a group algebra”, Brock Algebra Workshop, Brock University, March, 2007.
- “Strongly clean matrix rings”, Brock Algebra Conference, Brock University, Aug., 2006.
- “Hypercentral units in G-adapted group rings”, Colloquium, Shanghai Jiaotong University, June, 2006.
- “Duo group rings”, Colloquium, Southeast University, June, 2006.
- “On reversible group rings on commutative rings”, Colloquium, Nanjing University, May, 2006.
- “Hypercentral units in group rings” Colloquium, Nankai University, May, 2006.
- “Reversible group rings on commutative rings” Colloquium, Memorial University of Newfoundland, March, 2006.

- “Hypercentral units in arbitrary group rings”, International Conference on Groups, Rings, and Group Rings, Ubatuba, Sao Paulo, Brazil, July, 2004.
- “The morphyic problem in group rings”, The fourth China-Japan-Korea International Conference on Ring Theory, Nanjing, China, June, 2004.
- “Trivial units in  $G$ -adapted group rings”, Canadian Mathematical Society, Summer Meeting, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June, 2004
- “Ascending central series of the unit group in an integral group ring” Alberta Algebra conference, Kananaskis, Alberta, Feb. 2004.
- “Hypercentral units in integral group rings”, Colloquium, the University of Regina, May, 2002.
- “The normalizer problem and its recent developments”, Colloquium, Brock Univ., Feb. 2001.
- “Cryptography and group ring transformations” video-conference, University of Alberta, Dec. 2000.
- “ $C$ -automorphisms and the normalizer problem of integral group rings” Algebra seminar, University of Ottawa, Nov. 2000.
- “The normalizer conjecture of integral group rings” International conference “Groups and Group Rings”, Wisla, Poland, June, 2000.
- “On the normalizer problem of integral group rings” Colloquium, York Univ., May, 2000.
- “On the normalizer problem of integral group rings of metabelian groups” CMS summer meeting, St.John’s, NF, June, 1999.
- “Normalizer property for integral group rings”, Colloquium, Memorial Univ., Feb. 1999
- “Some results on unitary and generalized unitary units”, Algebra Seminar, Univ. of Alberta, Nov. 1998.
- “Normalizers of unitary units in integral group rings”, Hopf Algebra and Group Rings workshop, Memorial Univ. May, 1997.
- “Units in integral group rings”, Algebra Seminar, Concordia University, March, 1997.
- “Generalized unitary units in integral group rings”, Algebra Seminar, Memorial Univ., March, 1996.
- “Unitary units in integral group rings”, Algebra Seminar, Memorial Univ., Feb., 1996.

## 5. Grants Obtained

### 1. a) Internal Grants

- Funding for Brock International Conference on Groups Rings and Group Rings July 28-Aug. 2 2014; BUAF. Special Purpose Conference Support Fund \$4700, Funds from Dean of Math and Science, Dean of Graduate Studies, Office of Research and Department of Mathematics and Statistics, \$ 7000, 2014.
- Zero-sum problem in combinatorial number theory, BUAF, Special Purpose Grant,

\$1000, 2012.

- Inverse problems to Zero-Sum theory supported by NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) through Brock (BUICFI), \$1800, 2009.
- Zero-Sum and Related Problems in Combinatorial Group Theory and Number Theory supported by NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) through Brock (BUICFI), \$3000, 2007.
- Computation of Class-preserving automorphisms of metabelian groups with GAP supported by Brock University Experience Works fund, 2006-2007.
- Computation of small reversible non-commutative rings with GAP supported by Brock Undergraduate Student Research Award , 2005-2006.
- Computation of automorphisms of metabelian groups with GAP supported by Brock University Experience Works fund, 2003-2004.
- Computation of units in group rings with GAP supported by Brock University Experience Works fund, 2002-2003.
- Description of the unit groups of group rings supported by Brock University Star-up fund, 2001-2002.

## 2. b) External Grants

- Arithmetic in group rings and study of zero-sum problems in combinatorial number theory supported by NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), \$70000, 2017-2022 (Principal grant holder).
- The Fields Institute Conference Fund \$ 15,000 (Sponsoring Brock International Conference on Groups, Rings and Group Rings) 2014.
- Arithmetic in group rings and study of zero-sum problems in combinatorial number theory supported by NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), \$60000, 2012-2017 (Principal grant holder).
- Algebraic structure of group rings and related topics supported by NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), \$50000, 2007-2012 (Principal grant holder).
- Algebraic structure of group rings supported by NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), \$36000, 2003-2007 (Principal grant holder).
- Group rings and related topics supported by NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), \$33600, 1999-2003 (Principal grant holder).
- Homological characterization of certain special rings supported by the Young Scientist Grants of Jiangsu University of Science and Technology, 1991-1993 (Principal grant holder).
- Homological Algebra and its applications supported by the Young Scientist Grants of Jiangsu University of Science and Technology, 1989-1991 (Principal grant holder).
- Homological characterization of rings and K-theory supported by the Chinese National Science Grants, 1985-1988.

## 6. Work in Progress

- Subsums of a zero-sum free subset of an abelian group.
- The Normalizer problem and Coleman automorphisms.
- Index problem of zero-sum sequences.
- Group rings and their applications in combinatorial number theory.
- Groups with small squaring property.
- Constructing central units in group rings.
- On Davenport constant.
- Improvement of the EGZ theorem.
- Algebraic codes in group rings.

## 7. Other Creative and Scholarly Activities

### a) Referee Work

- Handled 2 papers as editor. Refereed 3 journal papers and wrote 4 Math reviews in the academic year 2017-2018.
- Handled 2 papers as editor. Refereed 2 journal papers and wrote 1 Math reviews in the academic year 2016-2017.
- External reviewer for a research proposal for The United Arab Emirates University (UAEU)(2017).
- External reviewer for a Postdoctoral Fellow Renewal for Andreas Bachle (FWO-Belgium National Science Foundation)(2016).
- External reviewer for a National Science Fund for Eric Jespers (FWO-Belgium National Science Foundation)(2016).
- Handled 4 papers as editor. Refereed 6 journal papers and wrote 2 Math reviews in the academic year 2015-2016.
- Handled 3 papers as editor. Refereed 5 journal papers and wrote 2 Math reviews in the academic year 2014-2015.
- External Examiner (Starting from June 3, 2015) for a Ph.D Thesis of Gurmail Singh at the University of Regina and also for his final oral defense on Aug. 26, 2015. (Thesis Title: "Torsion Units of Integral Group Rings and Scheme Rings).
- External Examiner for a Ph.D Thesis of Huadong Su at Memorial University of Newfoundland and also for his final oral defence on April 23, 2015. (Thesis Title: A Study of Unit Graphs and Cayley Graphs Associated With Rings).
- Handled 3 papers as editor. Refereed 4 journal papers and wrote 2 Math reviews in the academic year 2013-2014.
- External referee for a Ph.D thesis defence of Meng Ye, Shanghai Jiaotong University. Shanghai, China, May, 2013 (Thesis Title: Graph Blow-up and Its Applications in Comaximal Graphs and Co-maximal Ideal Graphs).
- Refereed 3 journal papers and wrote 2 Math reviews in the academic year 2012-2013.
- Refereed 3 journal papers and wrote 3 Math reviews in the academic year 2011-2012.
- Chair of a Ph.D thesis defence committee for Guixin Deng, Sun Yet-Son University. Guangzhou, China, May, 2011.
- Refereed 7 journal papers and wrote 3 Math reviews in the academic year 2010-2011.

- External examiner for the master's thesis written by Zafor Ahmed in computer science at Brock, 2009.
- Reviewer for NSERC Individual Discovery Research Grants (Since 2007).
- Reviewer for the Georgian National Science Foundation (Since 2008).
- Reviewed the latest draft of the text book: Linear Algebra with Applications, 6th edition, by Keith Nicholson, (10 chapters and 600+ pages) 2008.
- Dean's delegate for M. Molly's master's thesis defence, September, 2007.
- The external referee for a master's thesis entitled "Classifying groups with small squaring properties" by T. Eddy, July, 2006.
- Reviewed the first draft of a text book: Linear Algebra with Applications, 6th edition, by Keith Nicholson, (9 chapters and 500+ pages) 2006.
- Referee for the "Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A" (since 2014).
- Referee for the "JP Journal of Algebra, Number Theory and Applications" (since 2010).
- Referee for the "Science China" Mathematics (since 2010).
- Referee for the "International Electronic Journal of Algebra" (since 2010).
- Referee for the "Bulletin Malaysian Mathematical Sciences Society" (since 2009).
- Referee for the "Canadian Mathematical Bulletin" (since 2007).
- Referee for the "Canadian Journal of Mathematics" (since 2006).
- Referee for the Journal "International Journal of Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences" (since 2006).
- Referee for the "Journal of Algebra and Its applications" (since 2006).
- Referee for the Journal "Communications in Algebra" (since 2005).
- Referee for the Journal "Algebra Colloquium" (since 2004).
- Referee for the Journal "ÓSarajevo Journal of Mathematics" (since 2004).
- Referee for the Journal "International Journal of Mathematics" (since 2003).
- Referee for the "Far East Journal of Mathematical Sciences" (since 2002).
- Reviewer for the Mathematical Reviews (since 2002). Reviewed 2-4 articles annually.
- Referee for the Journal "the Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society" (since 2001).
- Coordinator for the Mathematical Association of America at Brock (2001-2006).

#### **b) Professional Memberships**

- The Canadian Mathematical Society.
- The American Mathematical Society.
- The Mathematical Association of America.

#### **c) Conferences Organized**

- Brock International Conference on "Groups, Rings and Group Rings" sponsored by The Fields Institute For Research In Mathematical Science and Brock University, Brock University, St.Catharines, Ontario, July 28 to Aug. 1, 2014.

- The Fourth Brock Algebra Workshop on “Algebras and Combinatorics”, Brock University, St.Catharines, Ontario, March 19, 2014.
- Brock Algebra Workshop on “Algebras and Related Topics ”, Brock University, St.Catharines, Ontario, Feb. 20, 2009.
- Brock Algebra Workshop on “noncommutative rings, group rings and combinatorial number theory”, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, March 14, 2007.
- Brock Algebra Conference on “noncommutative rings and related topics”, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Aug. 8-9, 2006.
- (Co-organized with H. Bell) A special session on “noncommutative ring theory” at the American Mathematical Society Meeting, Binghamton, New York, Oct. 11-12, 2003.

**d) Training Highly Qualified Personnel**

- Sponsored over 20 research visits at Brock through visiting (international) scholar program since 2004:

1. Dr. C Liu, Nankai University, China, Aug. 1 2018 -July,31, 2019 (Postdoc at Brock).
2. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, July 23 -Aug,31, 2018.
3. Prof. J. Peng, Civil Aviation University of China, May 22-2018- May 20, 2019.
4. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, Aug.1 -Aug,31, 2017.
5. Prof. Lijuan Qian, Jiansu University. China, Sep. 2016 - Aug. 2017.
6. Prof. Wujie Shi, Chongqing University of Arts and Sciences, China, September, 2016.
7. Prof. Xiangneng Zeng, Zhongshan University, China, July 14-Aug. 15, 2016.
8. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, June 30-July 30, 2016.
9. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, Feb. 15-29, 2016.
10. Prof. Greg Lee, Lakehead University, Canada, April, 2015.
11. Prof. Zhengxing Li, Qingdao University, China, Mar. to Sep. 2015.
12. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, Feb., 2015.
13. Prof. Pingzhi Yuan, South China Normal University, July 23 to Aug, 22, 2014.
14. Prof. Yushuang, Fan, China University of Geosciences, July 1 to July 29, 2014.
15. Prof. Jujuan Zhang, Dalian Maritime University, China, Feb 2014 to Feb 2015.
16. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, Aug, 2013.
17. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, Oct. 10 to Nov. 10, 2011.
18. Prof. Tongso Wu, Shanghai Jiaotong University, China, July 10 to July 21, 2010.
19. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, Feb 1 to Feb. 28, 2010.
20. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, Feb 1 to March 31, 2009.
21. Prof. H. Qin, Nanjin University, China, July, 2008.
22. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, Feb. 1 to March 31, 2008.
23. Prof. X. Zheng, BTU Cottbus, Germany, July 15 to July 24, 2007.
24. Prof. L. Mao, Nanjing Institute of Technology, China, July 30 to Aug. 27, 2007.
25. Prof. W. Gao, Nankai University, China, March 1 to March 31, 2007.
26. Prof. Z. Balogh, College of Nyíregyháza, Hungary, Dec. 2006 to May 31, 2007.
27. Prof. N. Ding, Nanjing University, China, Aug. 1 to Aug. 31, 2006.
28. Prof. W. Gao, from Nankai, University, China, July 1 to Aug. 31, 2006.
29. Prof. J. Chen, Southeast University, China, May, 1- May, 31, 2004.
30. Prof. Y. Liu, University of Texas, USA, May, 20-22, 2004.

- Supervision of Postdoctoral Fellows and Research Associates.

1. Dr. C Liu, Nankai University, China, Aug. 1 2018 -July,31, 2019 (Postdoc at Brock).
2. Dr. Xiangneng Zeng, Zhongshan University, China, July 14 to Aug. 15, 2016.
3. Dr. Zhengxing Li, Qingdao University, China, Mar. to Sep. 2015.
4. Dr. Yushuang, Fan, China University of Geosciences, July 1 to July 29, 2014.
5. Dr. Jujuan Zhuang, Dalian, Maritime University, Dalian Liaoning China, Feb. 2014 to Jan. 2015.
6. Dr. Jiangtao Peng, Civil Aviation University of China, Tianjin, China, Jan 23 to July 23, 2011.
7. Dr. Z. Balogh, College of Nyíregyháza, Hungary, Dec. 2006 to May 31, 2007.

- Supervision of Ph. D. Students.

1. Siao Hong (co-supervised with Dr. Weidong Gao at Nankai University, China, since 2017).
2. Chao Liu (co-supervised with Dr. Weidong Gao at Nankai University, China, since 2017). Completed July. 2018.
3. Honglin Zhou (co-supervised with Dr. J. Chen at Southeast University, China, since 2014).
4. Hanbing Zhang (co-supervised with Dr. Weidong Gao at Nankai University, China, since 2014). Completed Aug. 2017, Current position: Postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Science Academy of China.
5. Pingping Zhao (co-supervised with Dr. Weidong Gao at Nankai University, China, since 2014), Completed Aug. 2016, Current Position: Assistant Professor, Tianjin Institute of City Construction.
6. Yanyan Gao (co-supervised with Dr. J. Chen at Southeast University, China), Completed Sep. 2013, Current Position: Assistant Professor, Nanjing Institute of Technology.



- Supervision of Masters Students:

1. Jiachao Wu and Yuchen Jin, (co-supervised with Prof. Fuks) (September 2018-July-2020).
2. Maryam Molakarimi, (April, 2016 to April-2018).
3. Vannesa Hamilton, (Sept,2014 to Aug.2016), Recipient of NSERC Graduate Scholarship, OGS and Dean of Graduate Scholarship.
4. Hongdi Huang, (Sept. 2013 and Aug. 2015), Current position: a Ph. D student at the University of Waterloo starting in Sep. 2015. We have written 4 research papers and all of them have been accepted for publication.
5. Farid Aliniaiefard, (Sept. 2011- Aug. 2013), Current position: Ph. D student York University (Sep. 2013 to Present).
6. Vivian Apety, (Sept. 2011- Aug. 2013), Current position: Ph.D student Univ. of Saskatchewan (Sep. 2014 to)
7. Xiaoying Pan, (Sept. 2009- Aug. 2011), Current position: Intermediate Actuarial Analyst in Sun Life Financial, Waterloo Canada.
8. Christopher Plyley (Sept. 2007 - Aug. 2009), Current position: Assistant Professor (Tenured Track), University of US Virgin Islands. (The first graduate student in the Thesis Stream in the department of Mathematics at Brock University, Ph.D, Western University, and a postdoc work with Prof, David Riley, Two joint papers with me, in top journals in number theory).
9. Yilan Tan (Sept. 2007 - Aug. 2009), Current position: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California at Riverside, (Ph.D, University of Alberta and 3 joint papers with me).

- Supervision of Undergraduate Honor and Research Students.

1. 4F90, (Honor Project), Tyler Nelson, (Sept. 2014 - April 2015), Research project: Representation of groups and character theory.
2. 4F90, Vanessa Hamilton, (Sept. 2013 - April 2014), Research project: Algebra codes generated by matrices and group rings.
3. 4F90, Jesse Ireland (Sept. 2011 - April 2012) Research project: Group character theory and its application in zero sum theory.
4. 4F90, Jesse Larone,(Sept. 2011 - April 2012), Research project: Constructing a large subgroup of the group of central units in group rings.
5. 4F90, Tyson Moss, (Jan. - April 2011), Research project: Small squaring properties of groups.
6. 4F90, Bryan Penfound, (July - Dec., 2007), Research project: Character theory and its applications.
7. Work Experience Plus Program, Jason Lizotte, (January - April 2007), Research project:Computing class-preserving automorphisms of met-abelian groups with GAP.
8. BUSRA (Brock Undergraduate Student Research Award), Colin Phipps, (Sep. 2005 - April, 2006, Research project: Using GAP to analyze small reversible rings,(published a joint paper with me).
9. 4F90, Kaisheng Tang, (Sep. 2004 - April, 2005), Research project: Metabelian groups and their automorphism groups.
10. Work Experience Plus Program, Amy Mcneely,( Sep. 2003 - April, 2004), Research project: Computing group automorphisms with GAP.
11. Work Experience Plus Program, Congfeng Lin, (January, 2003 - April, 2003), Research project: Computing units in group rings with GAP.

## E. Teaching Activities

### 1. Courses Taught

2018,1 - 2018,8 : 2P13 and 4P10.

2017,9 - 2017.12: 3P12. (medical reduction for a half course).

2017.1 - 2017.8 : No teaching assignments (due to Medical leave).

2016.9 - 2015.12: 3P12 and 4P13.

2016.1 - 2016.8 : No teaching assignments (due to Sabbatical leave).

2015.9 - 2015.12: 4P11 Topics in group theory, Fall, 2015, Class size: 5.

: 5P10 Modern Algebra, Fall, 2015, Class size: 6.

: 4P13 (Reading Course) Advanced Topics in Rings, Fall 2015, Class size: 2.

2014.9 - 2015.8 : 2P12 Linear Algebra II, Fall, 2014, Class size: 71.

: 4P13/5V76 Advanced Topics in Rings, Fall, 2014, Class size: 8.

- : 5V77 (Reading Course) Algebraic Codes, Fall, 2014, Class size: 1.
- : 2P13 Abstract Linear Algebra, Winter, 2015, Class size: 11.
- : 3P13 Abstract Algebra, Winter 2014, Class size: 10.
- 2013.9 - 2014.8 : 3P12 Applied Algebra, Fall, 2013, Class size: 37.
- : 5P10 Modern Algebra, Fall, 2013, Class size: 3.
- : 4P11 Topics in group theory, Winter, 2014, Class size: 8.
- : 3P13 Abstract Algebra, Winter 2014, Class size: 17.
- 2012.9 - 2013.8 : No teaching assignments (due to Sabbatical leave).
- 2011.9 - 2012.8 : 2P12 Linear Algebra II, Fall, 2011, Class size: 76.
- : 5P10 Modern Algebra, Fall, 2011, Class size: 5.
- : 4P11 Topics in group theory, Fall, 2011, (Reading Course), Class size: 3.
- : 2P13 Abstract Linear Algebra, Winter 2012, Class size: 24.
- : 5P11 & 4P14 Group rings, Winter, 2014, Class size: 6.
- : Supervised two graduate students and two 4F90 students.
- : Coordinator and speaker for 5P94 Graduate Seminar Course, Winter, 2012, Class size: 4.
- 2010.9 - 2011.8 : 3P12 Applied Algebra, Fall, 2010, Class size: 41.
- : 4P11 Topics in group theory, Fall, 2010, Class size: 2.
- : 3P13 Abstract Algebra, Winter 2011, Class size: 16.
- : 2P13 Abstract Linear Algebra, Winter, 2011, Class size: 10.
- : Supervised one graduate student and one 4F90 student.
- 2009.9 - 2010.8 : 3P12 Applied Algebra, Fall, 2009, Class size: 23.
- : 5P10 Modern Algebra, Fall, 2009, Class size: 3.
- : 5P11 Group Rings, Winter 2010, Class size: 1.
- : Coordinator and speaker for 5P94 Graduate Seminar Course, Winter, 2010, Class size: 3.
- : Supervised one graduate student.
- 2008.9 - 2009.8 : 2P12 Linear Algebra II, Fall, 2008, Class size: 35.
- : 3P12 Applied Algebra, Fall, 2008, Class size: 18.
- : 3P13 Abstract Algebra, Winter, 2009, Class size: 6.
- : 4P11 Advanced Topics in Group Theory, Winter, 2009, Class size: 4.
- : Coordinator for 5P94 Graduate Seminar Course, Spring, 2008, Class size: 3.
- : Supervised two graduate students.
- 2007.9 - 2008.8 : 2P13 Abstract Linear Algebra, Winter, 2008, Class size: 6.
- : 3P13 Abstract Algebra, Winter, 2008, Class size: 8.
- : 5P11/4P14 Group Rings, Winter 2008, Class size: 3.
- : 4P11 Advanced Topics in Group Theory, Fall, 2007, Class size: 3.
- : 5P10 Modern Algebra, Fall, 2007, Class size: 2.
- : Supervised a 4P90 honor project research student.
- 2006.9 - 2007.6 : 2P13 Abstract Linear Algebra, Winter, 2007, Class size: 18.
- : 3P13 Abstract Algebra, Winter, 2007, Class size: 8.
- : 4P11 Advanced Topics in Group Theory, Fall, 2006, Class size: 10.
- : 3P12 Applied Algebra, Fall, 2006, Class size: 32.

- 2006.1 - 2006.6 : Sabbatical Leave.  
: Supervised a (BUSRA) research student.
- 2005.9 - 2005.12: 4P11 Advanced Topics in Group Theory, Fall, 2005, Class size: 8.  
: 2P12 Linear Algebra II, Fall, 2005, Class size: 63.
- 2004.9 - 2005.7 : 2P13 Abstract Linear Algebra, Winter, 2004, Class size: 11.  
: 3P13 Abstract Algebra, Winter, 2005, Class size: 11.  
: 1P12 Linear Algebra I, Fall, 2004, Class size: 198.  
: 2P12 Linear Algebra II, Fall, 2004, Class size: 67.  
: 3P12 Applied Algebra, Fall, 2004,(Overload Teaching), Class size: 35.  
: 4P11 Advanced Topics in Group Theory, Winter, 2005,(reading course), Class size: 1.  
: 4F90, Honor Project, Fall and Winter, 2004-2005, Class size: 1
- 2003.9 - 2004.7 : 2P13 Abstract Linear Algebra, Winter, 2004, Class size: 13.  
: 3P13 Abstract Algebra, Winter, 2004, Class size: 15.  
: 1P12 Linear Algebra I, Fall, 2003, Class size: 150.  
: 2P12 Linear Algebra II, Fall, 2003, Class size: 29.
- 2002.9 - 2003.7 : 2P13 Abstract Linear Algebra, Winter, 2003, Class size: 6.  
: 3P13 Abstract Algebra, Winter, 2003, Class size: 9.  
: 1P12 Linear Algebra I, Fall, 2002, Class size: 147.  
: 2P12 Linear Algebra II, Fall, 2002, Class size: 18.  
: 4F10 Advance topics in Algebra, Fall (Overload Teaching), 2002-2003, Class size: 1
- 2001.7 - 2002.8 : 3P13 Abstract Algebra, Winter, 2002, Class size: 3.  
: 1P97 Introductory Calculus, Winter, 2002, Class size: 192.  
: 3P12 Applied Algebra, Fall, 2001, Class size: 3.  
: 2P12 Linear Algebra II (Overload Teaching), Class size: 20.
- 2000.9 - 2001.7 : Mat 1301 Introductory Calculus, Winter, 2001, Class size: 120 (at the Univ. of Ottawa).  
: Mat 1320 Calculus I, Winter, 2001, Class size: 93.  
: Mat 1322 Calculus II, Winter, 2001, Class size: 244.  
: Mat 1302 Linear Algebra, Fall, 2000, Class size: 140.  
: Mat 1301 Introductory Calculus, Fall, 2000, Class size:180.  
: Mat 2322 Calculus III, Fall, 2000, Class size: 147.
- 1999.9 - 2000.8 : Math 1000 Calculus I, Winter, 2000, Class size: 70 (at Memorial Univ.).  
: Math 1000 Calculus I, Winter, 2000, Class size: 35.  
: Math 2050 Linear Algebra I, fall, 1999, Class size: over 82.  
: Math 1090 Precalculus, fall, 1999, Class size:70.
- 1998.9 - 1999.8 : Math 1081 Calculus II, Winter, 1999 (two sections), Class size: 70 for each section.  
: Math 1080 Calculus I, Fall, 1998 (two sections), Class size: above 50 for each section.
- 1997.9 - 1998.8 : Math 120 Linear Algebra I, Summer, 1998, Class size: 27 (at the Univ. of Alberta).  
: Stat 1770, Introduction to Probability and Statistics, Summer, 1998, Class size: 18 (at the Univ. of Lethbridge, Edmonton Campus).  
: Math 101, Calculus II, Winter, 1998, Class size: 52 (at the Univ. of Alberta).

: Math 100, Calculus II, Fall 1997, Class size: 40.

1997.1 - 1997.7 : Math 1081, Calculus II, Winter, 1997, Class size: 48 (at Memorial Univ.).

## **F. University and Community Service**

1. Member of Ad Hoc Committee for joint Ph. D proposal (2018).
2. University OGS Scholarship Adjudication committee (2018).
3. Member of departmental service courses committee (2016-2018).
4. Member of departmental curriculum committee (2016-2018).
5. Member of departmental pure math committee (2016-2018).
6. I am the contact person for the exchange program with Jiangsu University in China. I will visit Jiangsu University again this April and to explore the possibility of a joint 3+1 undergraduate program. This work was started from 2004, and through a lot of work (email and phone contacts) an exchange agreement between 2 universities has been established. I have arranged a visit for Dean Brindle to Jiangsu University in November 2005 and during his visit, Dean Brindle signed a draft copy of the above mentioned agreement with Jiangsu. The formal agreement was signed by presidents Yang and Lightstone in September 2006, when a delegation of Jiangsu university visited Brock. In September 2007, another delegation from Jiangsu University visited Brock to reenforce and broaden the cooperations. Meanwhile, two delegations from Brock led by our president and a vice-president respectively visited Jiangsu University. I also arranged the financial support to sponsor a faculty member from Jiangsu to visit Brock to do joint research with our faculty members and to participate in the exchange program (since 2004).
7. Member of departmental sessional and ILTA teaching committee (2015-2016).
8. Member of departmental curriculum committee (2015-2016).
9. University OGS Scholarship Adjudication committee (2015).
10. Member of departmental sessional and ILTA teaching committee (2014-2015).
11. Member of departmental graduate curriculum and policy committee (2014-2015).
12. Member of departmental graduate admission and recruitment committee (2014-2015).
13. University NSERC Quenn II, CIHR Scholarship Adjudication committee (2014).
14. Departmental Committee for Linear Algebra Stream, Chair (2013-2014).
15. University NSERC USRA Adjudication committee (2012).
16. Departmental Working Committee preparing document for 4th year course offering (2012).
17. Departmental Working Committee for R. Kerman Replacement (2012).
18. Departmental Tenure and Promotion Committee Chair (2010-2012).
19. Distinguished Mathematics & Science Alumni Award Committee (2010).

20. Member of departmental graduate committee (2008-2009 and 2010-2012).
21. Member of Dean Advisor committee (2006).
22. Member of university pension committee (2004-2010).
23. Departmental library representative (2006-2007).
24. Departmental conference organizer (2006-2006).
25. Member of Faculty of Mathematics and Science Graduate Committee. Reviewed several applications for graduate study in Computer Science, Chemistry, Biology, and Earth Science.
26. Member of departmental Curriculum Committee (2005-2009).
27. Member of departmental M.Sc. Program Committee (2003-2005). Designed the new Mathematics Master program and developed new graduate courses: 5P10 and 5P11.
28. Departmental contact person for Mathematical Association of America (2001-2006).
29. Member of University Academic Programm Committee (2002 - 2003).
30. Involved in promotion of high school mathematics and the Esso Mathematics Training Camp at Brock (since 2001).

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

- Languages : Modula 2, C, C<sup>++</sup>.
- Operating Systems: Unix, MS-DOS, Windows 3.1, Windows 95.
- Software : Wordperfect, Latex, Maple, Magma, GAP.
- Experience :
  - Used Maple to calculate units in certain integral group rings and instructed students to solve problems with Maple in their Linear Algebra Course.
  - Excelled in various computer science courses including Vocational Languages, Computer Organization, Computer Architecture and Operating System, Abstract Machines, Languages and Computations, Algorithms and Complexity, Database Systems and Computer Networks.
  - Designed algorithms and coded several projects related to designing a (Computer Network) data link layer protocol, designing and implementing a database management system, simulating a finite state machine, and simulating a CPU processor.

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## PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

### EDUCATION /QUALIFICATION

- 1.Abilitation (Doctor of Science in Mathematics), Landau Institute for Theoretical Physics, Russia, June, 2004
- 2.Qualification of Professor in Mathematics, Ministry of Education and Researches, France, March 24, 2004
- 3.PhD in Mathematics, Department of Mathematics and Mechanic, Moscow State University, Russia, advisor Professor A.A.KIRILLOV, January 10, 1992.
- 4.Master degree in Applied Mathematics, Technical University in Moscow, Russia, February 3, 1987

### POSITIONS HELD

- 06.1990 -09.1995: Researcher at the Institute of New Technologies in Education, Moscow.
- 09.1995 - 12.1999: Researcher at the Institute of Non-Linear Researches, Moscow.
- 01.2000 - 07.2008: Senior researcher at the Landau Institute for Theoretical Physics, Moscow.

09.2005- 08.2008: Lecturer in Mathematics at the University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

07.2008- present: Associate member of Landau Institute for Theoretical Physics, Moscow, Russia

#### PERMANENT POSITION

07.2008- present: Associate Professor (Full Professor since July 2012) and SHARCNET Research Chair at Brock University, Department of Mathematics, St Catharines, Canada

#### TEACHING ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA

1993-1995: Associated invited professor at the Institute for Theoretical and Experimental Physics (ITEP), Moscow.

1995-1999: Associated professor at the Department of Mathematics, Independent University of Moscow.

#### RESEARCH AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

July - August 1992: Invited researcher at RIMS, Kyoto, Japan.

May - August 1995: Invited researcher at RIMS, Kyoto, Japan.

March - August 1996: Invited professor at RIMS, Kyoto, Japan.

July 1997: Invited researcher at RIMS, Kyoto, Japan.

July - August 1998: Invited researcher at RIMS, Kyoto, Japan.

November - December 1998: Invited researcher at MPIM, Bonn, Germany.

November - December 1999: Invited researcher at MPIM, Bonn, Germany.

April 2000: Invited professor at the University of Chicago, USA.

May 2000: Invited researcher at ENS (rue d'Ulm), Paris, France.

June 2000: Invited professor at the Department of Mathematics, University of Angers, France.

June-July 2001: Invited professor at the Department of Mathematics, University of Angers, France.

September - December 2001: Invited researcher at MPIM, Bonn, Germany.

August 2002 - August 2003: Invited researcher at IHES, Bures-sur-Yvette, France.

September 2003 - May 2004: Invited researcher at the Laboratory for Theoretical Physics, University Paris-Sud XI, Orsay, France.

June 2004: Invited professor at the Department of Mathematics, University of Saint-Etienne, France.

July 2004: Invited professor at the Department of Mathematics,  
University of Angers, France.

October 2004: Invited professor at the Department of Mathematics,  
University of Saint-Etienne, France.

January - June 2005: Invited researcher at MPIM, Bonn, Germany.

May 2007: Visitor at the Department of Mathematics, Brock University,  
Canada.

September - October 2007: Invited researcher at MPIM, Bonn, Germany.

November 2007: Invited researcher at IHES, Bures-sur-Yvette, France.

July - August 2011: Invited researcher at IHES, Bures-sur-Yvette, France.

March 11-16 2012: Participant of the Workshop: Advances in hyperkähler  
and holomorphic symplectic geometry, Banff International Research  
Station, Canada.

May - June 2012: Invited researcher at IHES, Bures-sur-Yvette, France.

February 19, 20, 26, 27 2015: Master Class on Elliptic Algebras and  
Poisson Structures at Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada

April 15 - June 15 2015: Invited researcher at IHES, Bures-sur-Yvette,  
France.

May 3 - July 4 2017: Invited researcher at IHES, Bures-sur-Yvette,  
France.

April 1 - May 31 2018: Invited researcher at IHES, Bures-sur-Yvette,  
France.

#### INVITED TALKS AT THE CONFERENCES

International NATO Conference  
Integrable structures of exactly solvable two-dimensional models of  
quantum field  
theory, Kiev, 2000

Workshop  
« Développements récents en théorie de Lie et Poisson »,  
University of Reims, 27-28 June 2001

Workshop  
Classification Problems in the theory of Integrable Systems,  
SISSA, Trieste, Italy, October 1-5, 2002

« Journées d'algèbre »,  
University of Saint-Etienne, 31 January -1 February 2003

International Workshop  
Recent Advances in the Theory of Quantum Integrable System,

LAPTH, Annecy -le -Vieux, France, 25-28 March 2003

XV Coloquio Latinoamericano de Álgebra,  
Ex-Hacienda Cocoyoc, Mor. México, 20-26 July 2003

Colloque  
« Quantification par déformation et algèbres elliptiques »,  
University of Bourgogne,  
University Blaise Pascal (Clermont-Ferrand II)  
Dijon, France, 8-12 March 2004

Workshop  
Hopf Algebras, Quantification (in the largest sense), bialgebras,  
associators, topological invariants  
CIRM Marseille, Luminy, March 29- April 3, 2004

Conference  
"Singularities of Differential Equations, Integrable Systems and Quantum  
Groups"  
University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, France, November 24-27, 2004

Workshop  
Compact course for PhD-students  
Department of Mathematics, University of Aarhus, Denmark, September 5-9,  
2005

Workshop  
Integrable day in Loughborough  
Department of Mathematics, Loughborough University, November 25, 2005

Conference  
Sklyanin Algebras and Beyond, Department of Mathematics, University of  
Leeds, December 16-17, 2005

XXth Meeting on Representation Theory of Algebras, University of  
Sherbrooke, 24.10.2008-25.10.2008

Workshop on Algebraic Structures in Geometry and Physics Leicester, UK,  
July 21-25, 2008

XXVIII Workshop in Geometric Methods in Physics, Bialowieza, Poland,  
June 28-July 4, 2009

XXIth Meeting on Representation Theory of Algebras, University of  
Sherbrooke, Canada, 2.10.2009-3.10.2009

XXIX Workshop in Geometric Methods in Physics, Bialowieza, Poland, June  
27- July 3, 2010

Workshop Surfaces and Representations, University of Sherbrooke, Canada,  
6.10.2010-9.10.2010

XXX Workshop in Geometric Methods in Physics, Bialowieza, Poland, June  
26- July 2, 2011

Brock International Conference in Number Theory, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, September 9-11, 2011

XXXI Workshop in Geometric Methods in Physics, Bialowieza, Poland, June 24- 30, 2012

2013 CMS Summer Meeting, Canada, Nova Scotia, Halifax, June 4-7, 2013

XXXII Workshop in Geometric Methods in Physics, Bialowieza, Poland, June 30-July 6, 2013

2014 CMS Winter Meeting, Canada, Ontario, Hamilton, December 5-8, 2014

5-day Workshop Modern Applications of Complex Variables: Modeling, Theory and Computation (15w5052) at BIRS, Banff, Canada, January 11-16, 2015

2016 CMS Winter Meeting, Canada, Ontario, Niagara Falls, December 2 - 5, 2016

2016 CMS Summer Meeting, Host: University of Alberta, Canada, Alberta, Edmonton, June 24 - 27, 2016

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Integrable Systems, Mathematical Physics, Computer Algebra, High Performance Computing, Representation Theory, Non-commutative Geometry, Algebraic Geometry, Number Theory

#### LANGUAGES AND INFORMATICS EXPERIENCE

RUSSIAN - native language;

ENGLISH, FRENCH - fluent;

MAPLE, REDUCE, Mathematica, FORTRAN, TEX;

High performance computing with computer algebra on SHARCNET clusters.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE (outside Brock University)

1. Compact course for PhD-students: five two-hour lectures and two exercises sessions on the topic "Elliptic algebras". Department of Mathematics, University of Aarhus, Denmark, September 5-9, 2005.
2. Two supervision classes in the first semester, September-December, 2005 (Sets, Numbers and Functions), University of Manchester, UK.
3. Two lecture courses in the second semester, January-May, 2006 (Discrete Optimization and Coding Theory), University of Manchester, UK.
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5. Supervision classes in the second semester, January-May, 2007  
(Calculus and  
Applications), University of Manchester, UK.

6. Two lecture courses in the second semester, January-May, 2007  
(Classical Integrable Systems and Calculus of Several Variables),  
University of Manchester, UK.

Grants obtained:

I had NSERC grant from 2009-2010 fiscal year for 5 years, \$14,000 per  
year

I have renewed this grant for the next 5 years, \$14,000 per year

## PUBLICATIONS

### Preprint

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arXiv:1709.00750 [math.QA],

### Academic Journal Papers, refereed

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[3] A. V. Odesskii, "Integrable structures of dispersionless systems and differential geometry",  
Theoretical and Mathematical Physics, May 2017, Volume 191, Issue 2, pp 692-709,

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J. Nonlinear Math. Phys. 24 (2017), no. 1, 73-78

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Comm. Math. Phys. 324 (2013), no. 1, 47-62

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# CURRICULUM VITAE

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Marital status: Married, with three children

## UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

1. 1963-1968 Charles' University, Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Field of specialization: *Nuclear Physics*.  
Degree received: *MSc. equivalent*.  
Thesis: *Study of Rotational States of Nonspherical Nuclei by (d,d') Scattering* (in Czech).

This was a five year study (standard in Czechoslovakia) with the course work dedicated almost entirely to Physics and Mathematics. During the last year I was employed by the university as a part-time Assistant Professor.

2. 1969-1971 University of Calgary, Canada.

Field of specialization: *Theoretical Physics*.  
Degree received: *MSc.*  
Thesis: *Nonlinear Realizations of Groups*.

I pursued my interests in the fields of Classical Electrodynamics and Elementary Particles.

3. 1971-1977 University of Calgary, Canada.

Field of specialization: *Statistics*.  
Degree received: *PhD.*  
Thesis: *Matching of Simple Markov Chains*.

My research was carried out in the area of Applied Statistics and Monte Carlo simulation. Due to my full-time employment (from 1974 on) I had to complete the program on a part-time basis.

## EMPLOYMENT

1. 1974-1975 Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computing Science, University of Calgary.

I was a Sessional Instructor, teaching several Statistics courses.

2. 1975-1981 Department of Academic Computing, University of Calgary.

I worked as a statistical and mathematical consultant to the university community, and was also heavily involved with design and development of computer software.

3. 1981-1982 Petroleum Recovery Institute, Calgary.

My official title was Senior Simulation Scientist. The job consisted of modeling petroleum reservoirs by computer, and recommending the appropriate course of action to the field operator.

4. 1982-present: Department of Mathematics, Brock University.

I was hired as Associate Professor, promoted to Full Professor effective July 1988. I teach courses in Mathematical Statistics, Stochastic Processes, and Numerical Analysis.

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| Luo WANG           | 2010               |
| Chi Ho CHUENG      | 2011               |
| Emmanuel NKINGI    | 2012               |
| Clarence KALITSI   | 2013               |
| Hao Yuan ZHANG     | 2014               |
| Yuhao LIU          | 2015               |
| Siqi WANG          | 2018 (in progress) |
| Matthew ROMANO     | 2017               |
| Veson LEE          | 2018               |
| Na LI              | 2018               |
| Julian DIFRANCESCO | 2018 (in progress) |

#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

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- 1985/11            Doctorate, Physics, Friedrich Schiller Universitaet Jena  
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### Employment

- 2002/11            Faculty  
Mathematics, Brock University  
Full-time, Professor  
Tenure Status: Tenure
- 2001/7            Faculty  
Mathematics, Brock University  
Full-time, Associate Professor  
Tenure Status: Tenure Track
- 1990/8            Senior Lecturer  
School of Mathematical Sciences, Queen Mary, University of London  
Full-time, Lecturer  
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## Research Funding History

### Awarded [n=2]

2017/5 - 2022/4  
Principal Applicant Applications of advances in computer algebra to studying classical integrable systems and related algebraic structures, Grant

#### Funding Sources:

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)

Discovery Grant

Total Funding - 120,000

Portion of Funding Received - 120,000

Funding Competitive?: Yes

2012/5 - 2017/4  
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#### Funding Sources:

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)

Discovery

Total Funding - 60,000

Portion of Funding Received - 60,000

Funding Competitive?: Yes

## Student/Postdoctoral Supervision

### Bachelor's [n=12]

2018/1 - 2018/8  
Principal Supervisor Parmdeep Bansal, Brock University  
Thesis/Project Title: Unlikely Correlations in Contests indicating Misconduct (co-op placement)  
Present Position: BSc student

2018/1 - 2018/8  
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Thesis/Project Title: An intelligent automated help robot (co-op placement)  
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2017/5 - 2017/8  
Principal Supervisor Tyler Crane, Brock University  
Thesis/Project Title: Combinatorial game theory applied to Chomp (co-op placement)  
Present Position: BSc student

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Principal Supervisor Ashley Kapoor, Brock University  
Thesis/Project Title: A Workbench for Mathematical Knot Theory (co-op placement)  
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Thesis/Project Title: Detecting Unfair Collaboration in Contests (co-op placement)  
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2016/5 - 2016/8  
Principal Supervisor Tyler Crane (In Progress) , Brock University  
Thesis/Project Title: Analysis and programming of the Sliding Boxes game (co-op placement)  
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2016/5 - 2016/8  
Principal Supervisor Karina Latcu (Completed) , Brock University  
Thesis/Project Title: Design of Challenging Math Problems in Contests (co-op placement)  
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| 2015/5 - 2015/8<br>Principal Supervisor | Sarah Bax (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Calcrostic Puzzles (summer research placement)<br>Present Position: teacher at math school for gifted kids   |
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| 2013/5 - 2013/8<br>Principal Supervisor | Ramona Rat (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Symmetries and Conservation Laws of Families of Integrable Non-Abelian Ordinary Differential Equations (co-op placement)<br>Present Position: MSc student, Brock University                       |

**Bachelor's Equivalent [n=1]**

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**Bachelor's Honours [n=3]**

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| 2014/5 - 2015/1<br>Principal Supervisor | Madeleine Hill (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Integrability of Non-Abelian Ordinary Differential Equations<br>Present Position: just completed another degree, applying for jobs |
| 2013/9 - 2014/4<br>Principal Supervisor | Ramona Rat (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: Lax Pairs of Integrable Non-Abelian Ordinary Differential Equations<br>Present Position: high school math teacher in the UK            |
| 2010/9 - 2011/5<br>Principal Supervisor | Kenneth Webster (Completed) , Brock University<br>Thesis/Project Title: The Inclusion of Precomputed Algebraic Solutions of Sparse Linear Systems into Multigrid Methods<br>Present Position: not known   |

**Master's non-Thesis [n=1]**

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**Master's Thesis [n=12]**

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Thesis/Project Title: Generation of 7x7 Calcrostic Puzzles and Rational Solution of Underdetermined Polynomial Systems  
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2. \*Bax S. (2016). Poster and short presentations: Caribou Contests - A Different Kind of Mathematics Contest. Superior Tech For Teachers Conference (ST4T) 2016, Clearwater, United States  
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Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
3. (2016). Caribou Contests - A Different Kind of Mathematics Contest. CONNECT 2016 - Canada's Learning & Technology Conference, Niagara Falls, Canada  
Main Audience: Knowledge User  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
4. Anco S. (2016). Conservation laws of incompressible magnetohydrodynamics. CMS (Canadian Math Soc) summer, Edmonton, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
5. \*Amadi C. (2016). Generation of 7x7 Calcrostic Puzzles and Rational Solution of Highly Underdetermined Polynomial Systems. CMS (Canadian Math Soc) summer meeting, Edmonton, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
6. (2016). Computing Symmetries and Recursion Operators of Evolutionary Super-Sytems. CMS (Canadian Math Soc) summer meeting, Edmonton, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: Yes, Keynote?: No
7. (2016). Panel Discussion and Press conference: Future of Go in Canada. University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada  
Main Audience: General Public  
Invited?: Yes, Keynote?: No
8. Anco S. (2015). Exact solutions of semilinear radial Schrödinger equations by group foliation reduction. AMMCS 2015 Conference in Session "Recent Advances in Lie Symmetry Methods and Conservation Laws for Differential Equations and Applications", Waterloo, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
9. Odesskii A. (2015). Compatible quadratic Poisson brackets related to a family of elliptic curves. AMMCS 2015 Conference in Session "Geometric and Analytic Methods in Classical and Celestial Mechanics", Waterloo, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
10. \*Hill M. (2014). Poster: Lax Pairs of Integrable Non-Abelian Ordinary Differential Equations. Compute Ontario Research Day 2014 held at the Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No

11. Anco S. (2014). A group foliation method for finding exact solutions to nonlinear PDEs. International Conference "Symmetry Methods, Applications and Related Fields" celebrating the work of George W. Bluman, Vancouver, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: Yes, Keynote?: No
12. Anco S. (2014). Integrability Study of Breaking-Wave Equations. CMS Winter meeting at McMaster U., Hamilton, Canada  
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13. (2013). A group foliation method for finding exact solutions to nonlinear PDEs. in session "Lie symmetry and other approaches in theory and applicatios of nonlinear equations" at the International Conference on Applied Mathematics, Modeling and Computational Science (AMMCS2013), St Catharines, Canada  
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14. Anco S. (2013). Symmetry analysis and exact solutions of nonlinear wave equations. CMS summer meeting 2013, Session on Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations and their Applications, Halifax, Canada  
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15. (2013). The many faces of integrability from an algebraic computation point of view. 15th International Workshop on Computer Algebra in Scientific Computing (CASC 2013), Berlin, Germany  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: Yes, Keynote?: Yes
16. Anco S. (2013). Symmetry analysis and exact solutions of semilinear Schrödinger equations. 8th IMACS International Conference on Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena, Athens, University of Georgia, United States  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
17. (2013). About integrable non-abelian Laurent ODEs. Workshop "Applications of symmetries to differential equations", Brock University, St Catherines, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
18. (2013). Traveling Waves and Conservation Laws for Complex mKdV-type Equations. in session "Symmetry in Nonlinear Dynamics: Theory and Applications" at the International Conference on Applied Mathematics, Modeling and Computational Science (AMMCS2013), Waterloo, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
19. (2013). The Mathematics of Seki. ACGA Spring Go Expo at Harvard University, Cambridge, United States  
Main Audience: Knowledge User  
Invited?: Yes, Keynote?: No
20. (2013). About integrable non-commutative Laurent polynomial ODE systems. Integrable Systems and Quantum Symmetries, Prague, Czech Republic  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
21. (2013). Poster: A Linear Sparse Systems Solver (LSSS) applied to the Classification of Integrable non-abelian Laurent ODEs. 38th International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation ISSAC 2013, Boston, United States  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No

22. (2013). About integrable non-abelian Laurent ODEs. Seminar talk at Dept of Math at University of Western Ontario, London, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: Yes, Keynote?: No
23. (2013). Solving very Large Linear Algebraic Systems for Integrability Investigations. Second Brock-Kobe Bilateral Workshop On Scientific Computation, 20-21 Aug, St Catharines, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
24. (2012). Integrable non-abelian Laurent ODEs. Symmetries of Differential Equations: Frames, Invariants and Applications A conference in honor of the 60th birthday of Peter Olver, Minneapolis, United States  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
25. (2012). Integrable non-abelian Laurent ODEs. New Jersey Institute of Technology, Bridgewater, United States  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
26. (2012). Recent extensions of the package CRACK for the solution of non-polynomial differential systems of equations. Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Annual Meeting, CAIMS 2012 in MS 4279 Minisymposium Applications of computer algebra in applied and industrial mathematics 2 at the Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
27. (2012). Hyperdeterminants as integrable 3D difference equations. Graduiertenkolleg Theoretisch Physikalisches Institut Universität Jena, Jena, Germany  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
28. (2012). Travelling waves and conservation laws for complex mKdV-type equations. SIAM Conference on Nonlinear Waves and Coherent Structures in the session Novel Symbolic Methods to Investigate (Integrable) Nonlinear Differential Equations that was co-organized with Willy Hereman, University of Washington, Seattle, United States  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
29. (2012). Travelling waves and conservation laws for complex mKdV-type equations. CMS Winter Meeting in Montreal in the session "Symmetries of Differential and Difference Equations", Montreal, Canada  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
30. (2012). Basic Seki in Go. International Go Symposium, Black Mountain, United States  
Main Audience: Knowledge User  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
31. (2012). Graph Theory applied to seki positions in the game of Go. Graduiertenkolleg Theoretisch Physikalisches Institut Universität Jena, Jena, Germany  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: No, Keynote?: No
32. (2012). A solver for linear algebraic systems resulting from filtering discrete structures. SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics DM12 at session MS41 Interactions between Computer Algebra and Discrete Mathematics - Part I of III Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada  
Main Audience: Researcher  
Invited?: Yes, Keynote?: No

## Publications

### Journal Articles

1. Wolf T, \*Amadi C. (2016). Rational Solutions of Underdetermined Polynomial Equations. Zapiski POMI (in English) and arXiv: 1608.00697.  
Accepted  
Refereed?: Yes
2. Anco S C, \*Mohammad S, Wolf T, Zhu C. (2016). Generalized negative flows in hierarchies of integrable evolution equations. JNMP and arXiv: 1604.07779 nlin.SI.  
Accepted  
Refereed?: Yes
3. Anco S C, \*Avdonina E D, \*Gainetdinova A, \*Galiakberova L R, Ibragimov N H, Wolf T. (2016). Symmetries and conservation laws of the generalized Krichever-Novikov equation. J. Phys. A: Math. and Theor. and arXiv:1407.1258 [nlin.SI]. 49(10): 105201 (29 pages).  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes, Open Access?: Yes
4. Wolf T. (2016). Seki with 2 Liberties per Chain. ICGA Journal. 39(2)  
Submitted  
Refereed?: Yes
5. Wolf T. (2015). Caribou Math Contests: Not just a contest but a way of learning and enjoying math. Fields Notes. 15(2): 6-7.  
Published  
Refereed?: No, Open Access?: Yes
6. Wolf T. (2015). A Classification of Semeai with Approach Moves. ICGA Journal. 38(4): 224-241.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes
7. Anco S C, \*Feng W, Wolf T. (2015). Exact solutions of semilinear radial Schrodinger equations by separation of group foliation variables. Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications and arXiv:1408.3751. 427(2): 759–786.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes
8. Euler M, Euler N, Wolf T. (2013). The Two-Component Camassa-Holm Equations CH(2,1) and CH(2,2). Journal of Nonlinear Mathematical Physics, supplement 1, DOI:10.1142/S1402925112400025. 19: 13-22.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes
9. Wolf T, \*Efimovskaya O. (2012). On integrability of the Kontsevich non-abelian ODE system. Lett. in Math. Phys. and arXiv:1108.4208v1 [nlin.SI]. 100(2): 161-170.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes, Open Access?: Yes
10. Odesskii A, Wolf T. (2012). Compatible quadratic Poisson brackets related to a family of elliptic curves. J. Geom. Phys. and arXiv:1204.1299. 63: 107-117.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes
11. Anco S C, \*MacNaughton S, Wolf T. (2012). Conservation Laws and Symmetries of Quasilinear Wave Equations in multi-dimensions. J. Math. Phys. and arXiv:1109.1719. 53(053703): 1-33.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes, Open Access?: Yes

12. Wolf T, Schrufer E, \*Webster K. (2012). Solving large linear algebraic systems in the context of integrable non-abelian Laurent ODEs. Programming and Computer Software and arXiv: 1109.2785 (nlin.SI).  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes, Open Access?: Yes
13. Anco S C, \*Mohiuddin M, Wolf T. (2012). Traveling waves and conservation laws for complex MKdV-type equations. Appl. Math. Comput. and arXiv:1110.2403. 219: 679-698.  
Published  
Refereed?: Yes

## Manuals

1. Wolf T, Schrufer E. (2016). SStools - a computer algebra package for computing symmetries and recursion operators of evolutionary super-systems. Computer Algebra System REDUCE, first submission in 2016.  
Published, Sourceforge
2. Wolf T. (2016). CRACK - Solving overdetermined algebraic- and differential systems. Computer Algebra System REDUCE, first submission in 1992, typically quarterly updated and extended.  
Published
3. Wolf T. (2015). LiePDE - computation of infinitesimal symmetries of differential equations and systems. Computer Algebra System REDUCE, first submission in 1995, typically bi-annually updated.  
Published
4. Wolf T. (2015). ConLaw - computation of conservation laws of polynomial and differential systems. Computer Algebra System REDUCE, first submission in 1999, bi-annually updated.  
Published
5. Wolf T, Schrufer E. (2012). LSSS - Linear Sparse Systems Solver for general linear algebraic systems especially for extremely large but sparse systems. Computer Algebra system REDUCE.  
Published



# CURRICULUM VITAE

**NAME:** Xiaojian Xu      **RANK:** Associate professor, tenured.

## FORMAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of Alberta, Canada, 2006
- M.A., State University of New York at Brockport, USA, 2000
- B.Sc., Shandong Teachers' University, China, 1987

## ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

- NSERC discovery grant (individual) for 2015-2020
- Excellent Oral Presentation Award, 2018 International Conference on Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence, Chendu, China, April 2018
- NSERC discovery grant (individual) for 2010-2015
- NSERC discovery grant (individual) for 2007-2010
- Winner of the 2006 Paper Award in Survey Methods, June 2007, the Statistical Society of Canada
- Student Travel Awards, May 2006, Survey Research Methods Section of the American Statistical Association
- Province of Alberta Graduate Fellowship, 05/2005-04/2006, Government of the Province of Alberta
- Research Internship Fund, 09/2005-01/2006, Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems (MITACS), Canada
- Professional Development Award, 07/2005, University of Alberta
- Mary Louise Imrie Graduate Student Award, 06/2005, University of Alberta
- Province of Alberta Graduate Fellowship, 05/2004-04/2005, Government of the Province of Alberta
- Province of Alberta Graduate Fellowship, 01/2004-04/2004, Government of the Province of Alberta
- Eoin L Whitney Scholarship, 05/2003, University of Alberta
- Graduate Intern Tuition Supplement Award, 01/2003, University of Alberta
- Graduate TA Scholarship, 09/2001-04/2004, University of Alberta
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship, 09/2001-04/2004, University of Alberta
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship, 08/1999-12/2000, SUNY Brockport
- Excellence in Teaching Award, 09/1989, Training School of Weifang Diesel Company

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

- Professor, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, 07/2018 to present
- Associate Professor, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, 07/2010 to present
- Assistant Professor, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, 07/2006 to 06/2010
- Research Internship fellow at Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, 09/2005 to 12/2005

- Teaching and research assistant at the Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, 09/2001 to 08/2005
- Instructor at Department of Science, Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton, Alberta, 09/2003 to 12/2003
- Consultant at Training Consulting Centre (TCC) of Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences in University of Alberta, 09/2002 to 05/2005
- Graduate assistant at the Department of Mathematics, SUNY Brockport, New York, 09/1999 to 12/2000
- Programmer at Information Technology Experts (ITX) Corp., Rochester, New York, 02/1999 to 08/1999
- Instructor at the Language Intelligent Company Ltd., Rochester, New York, 11/1998 to 02/1999
- Lecturer of mathematics and computer science at Shandong Physical Education Institute, Jinan, China, 07/1994 to 06/1998
- Assistant professor of mathematics and computer science at Shandong Physical Education Institute, Jinan, China, 10/1991 to 06/1994
- Instructor of mathematics at the Training School of Weifang Diesel Company, Weifang, China, 08/1987 to 09/1991.

**CREATIVE/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES (list each of the following under separate headings)**

**1. Publications (note that the names with \* are my students)**

**a. Books and chapters contributed to books**

- **X. Xu**, and W. Huang\* (2016). Optimal Robust Designs for Step-stress Accelerated Life Testing Experiments for Proportional Hazards Models. *Mathematical and Computational Approaches in Advancing Modern Science and Engineering*, Eds: Bélair, J., Frigaard, I.A., Kunze, H., Makarov, R., Melnik, R., Spiteri, R.J., New York: Springer, 585-594.
- **X. Xu** (2008). Probability, Limits in. *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Ed: Darity, W. A. Jr., Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, Vol. 6, 486-489.
- Y. Sun, and **X. Xu** (1995). *Applied computer science*. Beijing: China Business Press.
- **X. Xu** (1994). *Advanced mathematics in sport science*, Ed: Cheng, Z., Xi An: Shanxi People's Press (1994), Chapter two.

**b. Papers published in refereed journals**

- **X. Xu**, and X. Chen\* (2018). A Practical Method of Robust Estimation in Case of Asymmetry. *Journal of Statistical Theory and Practice*, 12(2), 370-396. DOI:10.1080/15598608.2017.1393779.
- **X. Xu**, and M. Krzeminski\* (2018). Optimal Designs for Accelerated Life Tests with Multiple Stress Factors and Heteroscedasticity. *Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods, Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods*, 47(6), 1273-1306. DOI:10.1080/03610926.2017.1317809.

- **X. Xu**, and X. Shang\* (2017). D-optimal Designs for Full and Reduced Trigonometric Regression Models. *Statistical Papers*, 58(3), 811–829. DOI: 10.1007/s00362-015-0727-6.
- C. Lu, M. McGinn, **X. Xu**, and J. Sylvestre (2017). Living in Two Cultures: Chinese Canadians' Perspectives on Health. *The Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 19(2), 423-429.
- S.K. Sinha, and **X. Xu** (2016). Sequential Designs for Repeated Measures Experiments. *Journal of Statistical Theory and Practice*, 10(3), 496-514.
- M. Huang, **X. Xu**, and D. Tashnev\* (2015). A Weighted Linear Quantile Regression. *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 85(13), 2596-2618.
- **X. Xu**, and X. Shang\* (2014). Optimal and Robust Designs for Trigonometric Regression Models. *Metrika*, 77(6), 753-769.
- **X. Xu**, and A. Chen\* (2014). Robust Prediction and Extrapolation Designs for Nonlinear Regression. *Metron*, 72(1), 25-44.
- S.E. Saffari, **X. Xu**, and R. Adnan (2013). On the Hurdle Negative Binomial Regression Model with Excess Zeros for a Right Truncated Count Data. *Journal of Mathematical Research and Applications*, 1, 1-9.
- **X. Xu**, and S. Hunt\* (2013). Robust Designs of Step-Stress Accelerated Life Testing Experiments for Reliability Prediction. *Matematika*, 29, 203-212.
- S. Hunt\*, and **X. Xu** (2012). Optimal Design for Accelerated Life Testing with Simple Step-stress Plans. *International Journal of Performability Engineering*. 8(5), 575-579.
- S.K. Sinha, and **X. Xu** (2011). Sequential Optimal Designs for Generalized Linear Mixed Models. *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*, 141, 1394-1402.
- **X. Xu**, and W.K. Yuen (2011). Applications and Implementations of Continuous Robust Designs. *Communications in Statistics – Theory and Methods*, 40(6), 969-988.
- **X. Xu**, and L. Zhao\* (2011). Robust Designs for Haar Wavelet Approximation Models. *Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry*, 27(9), 531-550.
- A.J. Adewale, and **X. Xu** (2010). Robust Designs for Generalized Linear Models with Possible Overdispersion and Misspecified Link Functions. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 54 (4), 875-890.
- **X. Xu**, and P. Lavallée (2009). Treatments for Link Nonresponse in Indirect Sampling. *Survey Methodology*, 35(2), 153-164.
- C. Lu, and **X. Xu** (2009). The Effect of Student Teaching Experience on Selected Personality Traits in Physical Education. *African Journal for Physical, Health Education, Recreation and Dance*. 15(3), 442-458.
- **X. Xu** (2009). Robust Designs for Misspecified Exponential Regression Models. *Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry*. 25(2), 179-193.
- **X. Xu** (2009). Robust Prediction and Extrapolation Designs for Censored Data. *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*. 139, 486-502

- D.P. Wiens, and **X. Xu** (2008). Robust Designs for One-point Extrapolation. *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*, 138 (5), 1339-1357.
- D.P. Wiens, and **X. Xu** (2008). Robust Designs for Biased Generalized Linear Regression Models. *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*, 138 (1), 30-46.
- M. Zuo, Z. Fang, J. Huang, and **X. Xu** (2003). Performance Evaluation of Decreasing Multi-Stat Consecutive-k-out-of-n: G Systems. *International Journal of Reliability, Quality and Safety Engineering*, 10 (3), 345-358.
- **X. Xu** (1995). Several problems of applied mathematics in sport science. *Journal of Shandong Physical Education Institute*, 11 (3), 17-21.
- C. Lu, and **X. Xu** (1992). The constitution of research methods in sport science. *Research on Sport Science*, 11 (1), 1-4.
- **X. Xu**, and C. Lu (1992). Improving the mathematical quality in sport science. *Journal of Shandong Physical Education Institute*, 8 (1), 1-3.
- C. Lu, and **X. Xu** (1991). A study of research methods in sport science. *Symposium of Junior Scientists and Technicians on Sport Science*, 105-106.

**c. Paper submitted to refereed journals**

**d. Published refereed conference proceedings**

- **X. Xu** (with W. Huang, 2018). Constrained Optimal Designs for Step-stress Accelerated Life Testing Experiments. *Proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> IEEE International Conference on Cloud Computing and Big Data Analysis*. 633-638.
- **X. Xu** (with S. Hunt\*, 2012). Robust Designs of Step-stress Accelerated Life Testing Experiments for Reliability Prediction. *Proceedings of the 1st ISM International Statistical Conference*. 504-511.
- **X. Xu** (with X. Shang\*, 2011). Optimal and Robust Designs for Full and Reduced Fourier Regression Models. *Proceedings of International Conference on Applied Mathematics, Modeling & Computational Science (July 25-29, Waterloo, Canada)*. 289-292.
- **X. Xu** (with A. Chen\*, 2011). Robust Designs for Three Commonly Used Nonlinear Models. *Proceedings of International Conference on Applied Mathematics, Modeling & Computational Science*. 313-316.
- **X. Xu** (with X. Shang\*, 2011). Optimal Designs for Fourier Regression Models. *Proceedings of the Seventh International Conference on "Mathematical Methods in Reliability"*. 889-895.
- **X. Xu** (2007). Robust Estimation and Extrapolation Designs of Misspecified Exponential Regression Models. *Proceedings of Joint ENBIS-DEINDE 2007 Conference (European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics & DEsign of INDustrial Experiments): Computer Experiments versus Physical Experiments*. 224-235.
- **X. Xu**, and W.K. Yuen (2007). Implementation Schemes for Continuous Designs under Kolmogorov-Smirnov Criterion. *Proceedings of the 9th Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical Sciences 2007*, 775-785.

- P. Lavallée, and **X. Xu** (2006). Indirect Sampling and the Problem of Identification of Links. *Proceedings of the 2006 Joint Statistical Meetings*, Alexandria, VA. American Statistical Association, 3292-3296.

**e. Theses or other publications not falling into any of the above categories**

- **X. Xu** (2006) Robust Prediction and Extrapolation Designs, with Applications to Accelerated Life Testing, Ph D. Thesis, University of Alberta.

**2. Papers presented at conferences and learned societies (indicate refereed papers)**

- **Xu, X.** (2018). Invited talk. "Robust Sequential Designs for Approximate Inference in Generalized Linear Mixed Models". *The 9<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Simulations*, Barcelona, Spain. June 25-29.
- **Xu, X.** (2017). Invited talk. "Robust design for a generalized linear mixed model when different types of departures may occur from its assumed form". *BIRS Workshop on "Latest Advances in the Theory and Applications of Design and Analysis of Experiments"*, Banff, Canada, Aug. 6-11.
- **Xu, X.** (2017). Invited talk. "Model-Robust Designs for Generalized Linear Mixed Models with Possible Misspecifications." *The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Statistical Society of Canada*, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. June 11-14.
- **Xu, X.** (2016). Invited talk. "Optimal designs for regression when measurement error is present." *The Second International Conference on Statistical Distributions and Applications*, Niagara Falls, Canada, Oct. 14-16.
- **Xu, X.** (2016). Invited talk. "Robustification in a statistical process." Workshop on "Robustness Theory and Methodology: Recent Advances and Future Directions". *Banff International Research Station*, Banff, Canada, Sept. 2-4.
- **Xu, X.** and Puglia\*, S. (2016). Invited talk. "Optimal designs for measurement error models when the second-order least square estimator is adopted." *Ordered Data and their Applications in Reliability and Survival Analysis: An International Conference in Honour of N. Balakrishnan for his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday*, Hamilton, Canada, Aug. 7-10.
- Puglia\*, S. (presenter) and **Xu, X.** (2016). Contributed talk. "D-optimal designs of linear measurement error models." *The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Statistical Society of Canada*, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. May 19-June 1.
- Huang\*, W. (presenter) and **Xu, X.** (2015). Contributed talk. "Optimal and robust designs of step-stress accelerated life testing experiments for proportional hazards models." *International Conference on Applied Mathematics, Modeling & Computational Science*, Waterloo, Canada. June 7-12.
- Sinha, S. (presenter) and **Xu, X.** (2014). Invited talk. "Optimal Designs for Generalized Linear Mixed Models", *International Conference on Advances in Interdisciplinary Statistics and Combinatorics*, Greensboro, North Carolina, Oct. 10-12.
- **Xu, X.** (2014). Invited talk. "Planning Accelerated Life Testing with Two Experimental Factors when Heteroscedasticity is Present", *The Australian Statistical Conference in conjunction with the Institute of Mathematical Statistics Annual Meeting*, Australia, Sydney, August 7-10.

- **Xu, X.** (2014). Invited lecture. “Optimal and Robust Designs for Accelerated Life Testing”, Faculty of Statistics and Mathematics, Shandong University of Finance & Economics, Jinan.
- Mizutani\*, S. (presenter) and **Xu, X.** (2014). “Optimal designs for shrinkage estimation in linear regression”. *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Statistical Society of Canada Student Conference*, Toronto, May 24.
- Huang\*, W. (presenter) and **Xu, X.** (2014). “Optimal designs for accelerated life testing experiment with step-stress plans for proportional hazards model”. *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Statistical Society of Canada Student Conference*, Toronto, May 24, 2014.
- Krzeminski\*, M. (presenter) and **Xu, X.** (2014). Contributed talk. “Optimal Designs for Accelerated Life Tests with Multiple Stress Factors.” *The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of Statistical Society of Canada*, Edmonton, May 26-29.
- **Xu, X.** and M. Krzeminski\*. (2013). Contributed talk. “Optimal Designs for Bivariate Accelerated Life Testing Experiments”. *2013 ENAR Spring Meeting*, Orlando, Mar 10 - 13.
- **Xu, X.** (2012). Invited talk. “Optimal Designs for Accelerated Life Testing Experiments with Step-stress Plans”. *Design and Analysis of Experiments Conference 2012, Athens, Georgia, USA*. Oct. 17-20.
- **Xu, X.** (2012). Contributed talk. “Optimal Step-Stress Designs for Heteroscedastic Accelerated Life Testing Models”. *2012 Joint Statistical Meetings*, San Diego, USA. July 28 - Aug. 2.
- Hunt\*, S. (presenter) and **Xu, X.** (2014). Contributed talk. Robust Designs for Accelerated Life Testing Models with a Step-Stress Plan. *The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada, Guelph, Canada*. June 3-6, 2012.
- **Xu, X.** (with X. Shang\*). Invited talk. “Optimal and robust designs for full and reduced Fourier regression models”. *International Conference on Applied Mathematics, Modeling & Computational Science*, Waterloo, Canada. July 25-29, 2011.
- **Xu, X.** (with X. Chen\*). Contributed talk. “Robust designs for nonlinear regression”. *International Conference on Design of Experiments*, Memphis, USA. May 10-13, 2011.
- **Xu, X.** (with A. Chen\*). Invited talk. “Robust estimation in case of asymmetry”. Robust Estimation in Case of Asymmetry. *The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Statistical Society of Canada*, Wolfville, NS, Canada, June 12-15, 2011.
- **Xu, X.** (with W.K. Yuen). Contributed talk. “Optimal Implementations for Robust Designs with Densities”. *The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada*, Québec City. May 2010.
- **Xu, X.** (with X. Shang\*). Contributed talk. “Optimal Designs for Fourier Regression Models”. *The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada*, Québec City. May 2010.
- **Xu, X.** Seminar. “Robust Designs for Misspecified Regression”. Robustness research group, Brock University. May 2010.
- **Xu, X.** Invited lecture. “Robust Designs for Regression”, Faculty of Statistics and Mathematics, Shandong University of Finance & Economics, Jinan. June 2009.
- **Xu, X.** (with L. Zhao\*). Contributed talk. “Robust Designs for Wavelet Approximation Models”. *The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Statistical Society of Canada*,

Vancouver. June 2009.

- **Xu, X.** (with W.K. Yuen). Contributed talk. "Applications and Implementations of Continuous Robust Designs". *2009 Spring Research Conference on Statistics in Industry and Technology*, Vancouver. May 2009.
- **Xu, X.** (refereed, Contributed talk, June 2005). Robust Designs and Weights for Biased Regression Models with Possible Heteroscedasticity in Accelerated Life Testing. *International Conference on Statistics*, Hong Kong.
- **Xu, X.** Seminar. "Optimal Implementation of a Continuous Design Measure". *Robustness Workshop*, Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, University of Alberta. October 2003.
- **Xu, X.** (with Wiens, D.P.). Refereed contributed talk. "Robust Design in Accelerated Life Testing". *MITACS 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Ottawa Interchange*, Ottawa, Ontario. October 2003.
- **Xu, X.** (with Mendez, E.). Contributed talk. "A Profile of Incoming Freshman and Transfer Students in SUNY Brockport". *Scholars Day Conference*, Brockport, New York. April, 2000.

### **3. Grants obtained**

#### **a) Internal grants**

- \$30,000 start-up fund in Brock University in 2006.

#### **b) Refereed external grants**

- \$55,000 NSERC discovery grant for 2015-2020.
- \$60,000 NSERC discovery grant for 2010-2015.
- \$36,000 NSERC discovery grant for 2007-2010.

### **4. Work in progress (list any scholarly activity which has not reached the writing/drafting stage)**

- **Xu, X.** "Combined estimation functions for linear/nonlinear regression".
- **Xu, X.** (with Wiens, D., and Kong, L.) "Optimal Designs for Weighted Composite Quantile Regression".
- **Xu, X.** (with Ghahramani, M., and Hossain, S.) "A Composite estimating functions approach to generalized linear models".
- **Xu, X.** "Compromised designs and C-optimal designs for estimating nonlinear effects".
- **Xu, X.** (with Sinha, S.) "Robust designs for generalized linear mixed models with misspecification in the assumed random effect distribution".
- **Xu, X.** and Puglia\*, S. (2016). "D-optimal designs for measurement error models when the second-order least square estimator is adopted."

### **5. Other creative and scholarly activities**

#### **a) Service as an assessor/referee for book manuscripts, journals, and/or grant applications**

- Referee of *the Canadian Journal of Statistics* (2005, 2007, 2008, 2015, 2016, 2017).

- Referee of *Journal of Computational Statistics and Data Analysis* (2016).
- Referee of *Journal of the Institute of Industrial Engineers, Transactions (IIE Trans)* (2011, 2016).
- Referee of *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference* (2014).
- Referee of *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation* (2014, 2015, 2016).
- Referee of *Communications of Statistics – Simulation and Computation* (2013).
- Referee of *IEEE Transactions in Reliability* (2013).
- Referee of *Metron, International Journal of Statistics* (2012, 2013).
- Referee of *Pakistan Journal of Statistics* (2012).
- Referee of *Matematika* (2012).
- Referee of *Journal of Statistical Modeling and Analytics* (2012).
- Reviewed for abstracts submitted to *the first ISM international Statistical Conference 2012*.
- Referee of Journal: *Statistical Papers* (2010).
- Refereed Research Proposal for NSERC (2009).
- Reviewed abstracts and papers for *European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics 2009 conference* at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de St-Etienne.
- Reviewed applications for *IMS New Researcher Conference 2007*, and 2008.
- Reviewed proposals for *IMS New Researcher Conference 2007*, 2008, and 2009.
- Contributor to *International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences (IESS)*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (2007-08).

**b) Memberships (including executive positions held) in scholarly and/or professional societies/organizations or other federal or provincial agencies having an academic connection**

- Session Chair of the 3<sup>rd</sup> IEEE International Conference on Cloud Computing and Big Data Analysis (April 20-22), Chengdu, China.
- Organizer of the topic-invited session “Recent Developments in Designs and Analysis of Statistical Experiments” in *the second International Conference on Statistical Distributions and Applications* (Oct. 14-16, 2016), Niagara Falls, Canada.
- Organizer of the invited session “recent development in design of statistical experiments” in honour of Professor Doug Wiens’ 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. *2016 Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada* (May 29 – June 1), St. Catharines, Ontario.
- International Organizing Committee Member of *the First ISM International Statistical Conference 2012 with Special Application in Sciences and Engineering (ISM-1)*, Hohor Bahru, Malaysia, Dec. 2011 – Sept. 2012.
- Organizer of the invited session “robust designs of statistical experiments” for *2010 Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada* (Nov. 2010 -June 2011).



- Committee Member of Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) on New Researchers (3 year appointment, Sept. 2006 - Aug. 2009).
- Reviewing Committee Member of *European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics 2009 conference* at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de St-Etienne (ENBIS EMSE) (Mar. – July, 2009).
- Member of International Chinese Statistical Association since 2014.
- Member of the Statistical Society of Canada (SSC) since 2006.
- Member of the American Statistical Association (ASA) since 2006.
- Life Member of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS).
- Life Member of Bernoulli Society (BS).

**c) Consulting activities**

- Consulted by Dr. Ian Brindle, Professor Emeritus, Department of Chemistry, at Brock, on sample size determination of 3-way ANOVA experiments, June, 2018.
- Consulted by Dr. Ernest Biktimirov, Associate Professor in Department of Finance, Operations & Information Systems at Brock, on Multivariate Regression for his research work, Sept. 2016.
- Consulted by Dr. Anton Knigavko, Postdoctor in Department of Physics at Brock, on Multivariate analysis of mineral data for improvement the QEMSCAN technology for mining industry, April 7, 2015.
- Consulted by Dr. Sheila Bennett, Professor in Department of Teacher Education at Brock, on Statistical Analysis and Interpretation for her research work, Mar. 17, 2015.
- Consulted by Dr. Veena Dwivedi, Associate Professor in Department of Applied Linguistics at Brock, on Logistic Regression Analysis for her research work, Nov. 2013.
- Consulted by Dr. Ernest Biktimirov, Associate Professor in Department of Finance, Operations & Information Systems at Brock, on Multivariate Statistical Modeling for his research work, Feb. 2012 and July 2013.
- Consulted by Dr. Veena Dwivedi, Assistant Professor in Department of Applied Linguistics at Brock, on Mixed Effect Models for her research work, April 2011.
- Consulted by Raphael Dotan, Lab Coordinator in Faculty of Applied Health Sciences at Brock on nonlinear regression for his research work, Dec. 2009.
- Consulted by an MSc student, KwanYin Lee, Department of Finance, Operations and Information Systems, Brock University, on F-test, for his thesis research, Feb 3, 2009.
- Consulted by an MSc student, Yilan Tan, Department of Mathematics, Brock University, for his prospective PhD study, October 2008.
- Consulted by a PhD student, Javad Hakimi, Department of Biological Sciences, Brock University, on principle component analysis, for his dissertation research, April 2008.
- Consulted by Mark Krzeminski, our MSc graduate, and John Lauro, a fourth year student, for their Statistics Canada Mathematical Statistics (MA) Written

Tests, Oct. 2009 and 2006 respectively. John is now working for Statistics Canada since 2007.

**TEACHING ACTIVITIES and SUPERVISIONS:**

- Courses Taught (list all courses taught during the past five years and the number of times each was taught, including the course number and title of each course and enrolment)**

**2006-2007**

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 3     |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 33    |
| MATH 3P86               | W    | Lab     | 1      | 7     |
|                         |      | Lecture | 3      |       |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |

**2007-2008**

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P86               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 3     |
| MATH 5P83               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 6     |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 28    |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |
| MATH 3P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 4     |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |

**2008-2009**

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P86               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 6     |
| MATH 5P83               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 7     |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 32    |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |
| MATH 3P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 8     |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |

**2009-2010**

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P86               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 5     |
| MATH 5P83               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 5     |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 35    |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |
| MATH 3P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 9     |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |

**2010-2011**

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P86               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 5     |
| MATH 5P83               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 5     |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 48    |

|           |   |                       |             |   |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|-------------|---|
| MATH 3P86 | F | Lab<br>Lecture<br>Lab | 2<br>3<br>1 | 7 |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|-------------|---|

### 2011-2012

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P86               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 5     |
| MATH 5P83               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 5     |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 32    |
|                         |      | Lab     | 2      |       |
| MATH 3P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 18    |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |

### 2012-2013

Sabbatical Leave.

### 2013-2014

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 6     |
| MATH 5P83               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 11    |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 57    |
|                         |      | Labs    | 2      |       |
| MATH 3P86               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 15    |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |

### 2014-2015

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 8     |
| MATH 5P83               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 4     |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 33    |
|                         |      | Lab     | 2      |       |
| MATH 3P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 17    |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |

### 2015-2016

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 6     |
| MATH 5P83               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 4     |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 57    |
|                         |      | Labs    | 2      |       |
| MATH 3P86               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 13    |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |

### 2016-2017

Sabbatical Leave in Fall 2016.

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P83               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 3     |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 38    |
|                         |      | Labs    | 2      |       |

2017-2018

| Course Number and Title | Term | type    | Hrs/Wk | Enrol |
|-------------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|
| MATH 5P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 8     |
| MATH 5P83               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 7     |
| MATH 2P82               | W    | Lecture | 3      | 38    |
|                         |      | Labs    | 2      |       |
| MATH 3P86               | F    | Lecture | 3      | 27    |
|                         |      | Lab     | 1      |       |

\*Lecture, seminar, laboratory, tutorial, etc. (specify combinations)

**2. STUDENTS SUPERVISED (GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE):**

| <u>Name of Student</u>  | <u>Course No.</u> | <u>Started</u> | <u>Completed</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|---|-------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Soave, David (under co-supervision with Professor W. K. Yuen)     | Math 4F90         | Sept. 2006     | Aug. 2007        | Full-time     |
| Zhao, Lin   | MSc in Statistics | Sept. 2007     | Feb. 2009        | Full-time     |
| Shang, Xiaoli   | MSc in Statistics | Aug. 2008      | Jan. 2010        | Full-time     |
| Tashnev, Dmitry (under co-supervision with Professor M. Huang)    | MSc in Statistics | Aug. 2008      | Jan. 2010        | Full-time     |
| Chen, Xiaoyu  | MSc in Statistics | Aug. 2009      | June 2011        | Full-time     |
| Chen, Arnold  | MSc in Statistics | Aug. 2009      | July 2011        | Full-time     |
| Hunt, Scott   | MSc in Statistics | Sept. 2010     | June 2012        | Full-time     |
| Krzeminski, Mark  | MSc in Statistics | Aug. 2011      | Aug. 2013        | Full-time     |
| Wanyi Huang   | MSc in Statistics | Aug. 2013      | April 2015       | Full-time     |
| Soshi Mizutani  | Math 4F90         | Oct. 2013      | June 2014        | Full-time     |
| Hassan Moosajee (under co-supervision with Professor M. Huang)    | MSc in Statistics | Sept. 2014     | April 2016       | Full-time     |
| Stefano Puglia  | MSc in Statistics | Sept. 2014     | Dec. 2017        | Part-time     |
| Shijun Li   | MSc in Statistics | Sept. 2015     | Dec. 2017        | Full-time     |
| Na Li (under co-supervision with Professor J. Vrbik)              | MSc in Statistics | Sept. 2016     | Aug. 2018        | Full-time     |
| Anthony Greco   | MSc in Statistics | Sept. 2017     | Aug. 2019        | Full-time     |
| Julian DiFrancesco (under co-supervision with Professor J. Vrbik) | MSc in Statistics | Sept. 2017     | Aug. 2019        | Full-time     |
| Allison To (under co-supervision with Professor J. Vrbik)         | MSc in Statistics | Sept. 2018     | Aug. 2020        | Full-time     |
| Charlie Shay  | MSc in Statistics | Sept. 2018     | Aug. 2020        | Full-time     |

\*Actual or estimated date (Month, Year); \*\*full-time, part-time or inactive

**UNIVERSITY/COMMUNITY SERVICE (e.g., memberships and executive positions on the Board of Trustees, Senate, BUFA; presidential/departmental Committees; community organizations)**

- Chair of Statistics Hiring Committee, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University (Mar. - June, 2018).
- Member of Data Science Program Development Committee, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University (Jan, 2017 – present).
- Member of NSERC USRA Selection Committee, Brock University (Feb. – Mar. 2015).
- Adjudication member of OGS at Brock University (Nov. 2014).
- Member of Tenure & Promotion Committee of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science at Brock University (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014).
- Chair of Statistics Committee, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University (July 1 – December 31, 2013).
- Statistics Program Advisor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University (July 1 – December 31, 2013).
- Member of Committee on Early Retirements at Brock University (May 2007 – present).
- Member of Ad hoc Committee for permanent instructor replacement position (Feb. 2014 – Aug. 2016)
- Member of Committee for Rules of Procedure, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University (Sept 2014 – Aug. 2016, Jan 2017-Present)
- Member of Graduate Program Committee, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University (Sept. 2008 – June 2012, Jan. 2014 – Aug. 2016, Jan 2017-Present).
- Member of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University (Sept. 2010 – June 2012, Jan. -- June 2017).
- Member of 11 Supervisory Committees (for MSc. Students: Ryan Zhang, Jan. 2008 – Sept. 2009; Bryan Christopher, Theresa Conroy, and Holly Falsett, Sept. 2008 – Jan. 2010; Andrei Fajardo, Jan. 2010 – Jan. 2011; Tanbing Yan, Jan. 2010 – June 2012; Amy Ching, Jan. 2011 – June 2012; Youwei Chen, Jan. 2011 – June 2012; Xiang Yan, Jan. 2011 – July 2013; Maria Biamonte, Sept. 2013 – March 2014; Justine Mottola, Sept. 2013 – Jan. 2015), Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University.
- Member of Statistics Committee, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University (Sept. 2006 - present).
- Member of Scholarship Ranking Committee, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Brock University (Sept. 2011 – Nov. 2011).
- Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Liaison (Sept. 2006 – Sept. 2008).

# Appendix F

Miscellaneous:  
- Support letters

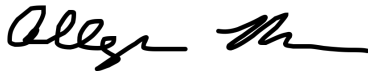
December 19, 2017

To Dr. Beatrice Ombuki-Berman and Dr. Omar Kihel

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the department of Computer Science's application for a PhD program. Particularly, we're excited for the opportunity to support these future PhD students through facilitation of COSC 5N01, a non-credit scientific writing course designed to develop graduate-level writing skills.

Learning Services is dedicated to supporting students at every stage of the academic journey, and COSC 5N01 will add to our graduate student support while building on an existing course provided for the departments of Chemistry and Physics: CHEM 5N01.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allyson Miller", written in a cursive style.

**Allyson Miller**, B.A., M.A.

A-Z Learning Services, Manager

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## Information Technology Services

Brock Information Technology Services strongly supports the development of a PhD program in Modeling and Applied Computing proposed by the Department of Computer Science, Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

With such transdisciplinary strengths, this program entails will no doubt draw students already here at Brock and external to Brock. We live in a world of ever changing technology with increasing data demands and by introducing such a program, Brock is heading in the right direction. Graduates of this PhD program will no doubt be well prepared to enter the job market.

### **David Cullum**


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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Cullum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".



March 2, 2021

To: Brian Power  
Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President, Academic

From: Ejaz Ahmed   
Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science

RE: **PhD in Intelligent Systems and Data Science reviewers report.**

As recommended in the external reviewers' report for the new PhD in Intelligent Systems and Data Science I have approved \$30,000 to address the request that a GPU cluster be bought to support the program.

# Appendix G

## Library report

# Brock University Library Report

## Support for the PhD in Modeling with Mathematics and Applied Computing program

Tim Ribaric, Liaison Librarian, Computer Science

Ian Gordon, Liaison Librarian, Mathematics & Statistics

March 1, 2019

## 1.0 Summary and Future Directions

The Brock University Library endeavors to contribute to a positive learning experience for graduate / doctoral students in Computer Science and Mathematics & Statistics by:

- Acquiring and maintaining collections to meet their curriculum needs
- Providing teaching, learning and research services
- Continuously assessing needs that inform the development of our collections and services
- Providing hands-on consultation, programming and assistance with Makerspace and the soon to be completed Rankin Family Pavilion's Digital Scholarship Lab.

We have identified the following areas for future development in support of this joint program, such as:

- increased collaboration in curriculum development e.g. programming languages and platforms
- orientation to research support systems and services e.g. Zotero
- access to collections in support of open source initiatives, research, data management and writing for scholarly audiences, especially for students where English is not their first language
- supporting Brock's proposal for a BSc in Data Science & Analytics and innovative humanistic engineering programs.

Based on evidence provided in this review, the Brock University Library provides excellent support to Computer Science and Mathematics & Statistics at the doctoral level.

### 1.1 Communication with the Department

The Library collaborates with [Library Representatives](#) for academic units to facilitate mutual communication. Library Representatives ensure their academic areas are aware of relevant Library resources and services, while also informing Liaison Librarians of important issues related to curriculum, research and scholarship. The Library invites Library Representatives to meetings in the spring and fall terms; regular communication between Liaison Librarians and Library Representatives occurs via email. The current Library Representative for Computer Science is Robson De Grande, Stephen Anco is the representative for Mathematics & Statistics.

## 2.0 Teaching and Learning

Managing information effectively is a key competency in Brock's Undergraduate Degree Level Expectations. The information literate student is one who is able to access information efficiently, critically assess it, assimilate and synthesize it effectively.

Liaison Librarians Tim Ribaric, MLIS, MSC and Ian Gordon, Hon BSc, MLIS, MEd, are available to work collaboratively with faculty to address graduate degree-level expectations, students' unique information requirements, competencies and research needs.

### 2.1 Online Learning Support

The liaison librarian provides online support in the form of the [Library Research Guides](#), one-on-one research consultations by phone, live chat and email, and customized research guides. General library help and support is also available on the [library website](#).

The [Library Research Guide](#) for the Computer Science and Mathematics & Statistics program is an online guide for students that includes recommended databases, videos and tutorials for finding articles, search tips, writing and citing help and more.

### 2.2 Consultations with Liaison Librarian

Computer Science students are referred to the Liaison Librarian for individual consultations by faculty, Library staff at the Ask Us Desk and fellow students in the program who have benefited from consultations.

## 3.0 Collections

The university has made a significant investment in the Library's Acquisitions Budget since 2016. The full impact of this investment is only starting to be felt in the acquisition of books/ebooks, digital collections, databases and electronic journals.

### 3.1 The Collection

The library supports graduate research with subscriptions to licensed and open access databases including a selective list:

- Association of Computing Machine Digital Library (ACM)
- MathSciNet (AMS)
- CiteSeerX
- Web of Science Core Collection
- IEEE Xplore Digital Library
- ArXiv.org e-Print Archive
- DOAG (Directory of Open Access Journals)
- ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global
- Google Scholar
- Brock Digital Repository

The Library offers an Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service at no cost to Brock students, faculty and staff for materials that we do not currently own.

### **3.2 Library Acquisitions**

The Liaison Librarians manages a budget for books (print & electronic) and other materials that do not involve an annual fee, and makes recommendations for new subscription materials including ebook packages, journal subscriptions, databases, and other relevant material. These decisions are best informed by consultation with graduate students, lecturers, and faculty.

## **4.0 Services and Spaces**

### **4.1 Physical Services**

The Brock University Library includes the James A. Gibson Library main collection, the Archives and Special Collections, the Map, Data and GIS Library, and a Makerspace. The main entrance to the University Library is located at the Matheson Learning Commons along with A-Z Learning Services and Career Education Services. The Learning Commons offers opportunities for students to collaborate with their peers, exchange ideas, and find support for their academic and career pursuits. The Library's Makerspace offers access to new and emerging technologies (including 3D printers/scanners, robotics kits, audio/video editing tools, etc.). It is designed to support the teaching, learning, and research objectives of the University by providing an open collaborative space for students.

The main library space is distributed among the Learning Commons, floors 5-10 of the Schmon Tower with additional staff offices located on the 11th floor. There are over 1,500 spaces for both individual and group study.

The Library provides extended study hours in the Library Learning Commons. This area, with 483 student study spaces, is now open until 2:30 a.m. during the fall and winter semesters from after Reading Week until the end of exams.

The Library continues to improve student study facilities throughout the building. Recent renovations to the sixth floor were designed to provide flexible, collaborative learning spaces.

### **4.2 Remote Services**

Increasingly, library resources are digital whether that be journals and ebook or repositories for primary historical documents. Library staff and librarians manage and maintain access to this vast array of subscription digital resources for both on- and off-campus use. The library website offers direct access to an extensive number of online journals and e-books, image, video and sound databases, primary archival repositories as well as numeric and statistical resources. Resources not owned by the University Library can be requested from other Canadian libraries through the Library's Interlibrary Loan Service. There is also online help via our Ask a Librarian service that provides students with research help through a chat portal on the Library's website.

Library Reserves, traditionally a print-based, physical collection of course readings, has recently undergone fundamental changes. Newly purchased software, along with changes in copyright legislation related to education, allow the vast majority of course readings to be made available electronically via Sakai. The Library now plays a central role providing faculty with support to locate, scan and provide

(and where necessary pay for) copyright clearance for course readings to the extent that course-pack texts increasingly unnecessary.

### Student Access to Expertise

| <b>Personnel (FTE)</b>                            | <b>2013-2014</b> | <b>2014-2015</b> | <b>2015-2016</b> |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Librarians  | 21               | 20               | 19               |
| Support Staff                                     | 37.1             | 30.3             | 29               |
| <b>Reference Questions Answered</b>               |                  |                  |                  |
| In person, online, and in librarian consultations | 22,833           | 19,902           | 11,331           |
| <b>Sessions Taught by Librarians</b>              |                  |                  |                  |
| # sessions  | 326              | 342              | 219              |
| # students  | 13,920           | 14,411           | 7775             |

## Peer Comparators

Computer Science has identified comparator programs at Guelph University, Memorial University, UOIT, University of Windsor, and University of Lethbridge. The table below shows expenditure data (delayed by 2 years) for Brock and the comparator institutions. Data from Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL).

### Brock Library and Comparator Libraries

|                                      | Brock       | Median CARL Institution | Guelph      | Ryerson     | UOIT        |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Student FTE (2016-17)                | 17,216      | 28,020                  | 21,813      | 33,694      | 8,929       |
| Librarians                           | 19          | 40                      | 31          | 31          | 8           |
| Students per Librarian               | 906.1       | 700.5                   | 703.6       | 1086.9      | 1,116.1     |
| Monograph Expenditure                | \$756,287   | \$1,363,117             | \$1,363,117 | \$730,059   | \$45,569    |
| Journals/Database Expenditure        | \$3,185,476 | \$8,811,389             | \$5,763,233 | \$4,471,387 | \$1,929,015 |
| Total Acquisitions Expenditure       | \$4,069,260 | \$10,772,038            | \$7,952,684 | \$5,220,689 | \$2,011,087 |
| Acquisitions Expenditure per Student | \$236.36    | \$384.44                | \$364.85    | \$154.94    | \$225.23    |

Note: No data available for Lethbridge

SOURCE: CARL (data not yet public) and [OCUL](#)



# Appendix H

## Ph.D. Programs in Ontario

## Ph.D. degree titles in Ontario – mathematics, computer science and related areas

Source: [www.universitystudy.ca](http://www.universitystudy.ca)

There are about 70 PhD degrees in computer science, mathematics, statistics and related areas in Ontario. They fall into following categories.

Degrees with Computer Science or Computing in the title:

- *PhD in Computer Science* – 10 places: Carleton, McMaster, Ryerson, Ottawa, Toronto, Waterloo, Windsor, Western, Royal Military College, Ontario Tech (Waterloo also has *PhD in Computer Science - Quantum Information*)
- *PhD Computational Sciences* - Guelph
- *PhD in Computing* - Queen's

Other degrees related to computer science and information processing:

- *PhD in Information Technology* Carleton
- *PhD in Information*, Toronto,
- *PhD Bioinformatics* University of Guelph,
- *PhD Modelling and Computational Science*, UOIT

The degrees with mathematics or statistics in the title:

- *PhD in Mathematics and Statistics* – 6 places: Carleton, Queen's, Ottawa, Windsor, York, Guelph
- *PhD in Mathematics* – 5 places: Toronto, Windsor, Western, McMaster, Royal Military College
- *PhD in Pure Mathematics* - Waterloo
- *PhD in Statistics* – 4 places: McMaster, Toronto, Waterloo, Western (Waterloo also has *PhD in Statistics-Biostatistics*)
- *PhD in Applied Mathematics* – 2 places: Waterloo and Western (note: Waterloo has two specializations in addition to general degree, *PhD in Applied Mathematics-Quantum Information*, *PhD in Applied Mathematics – Water*)
- *PhD in Mathematical and Statistical Modelling* - Wilfrid Laurier
- *PhD in Mathematical Modelling and Methods* - Ryerson

Other degrees related to mathematics and statistics

- *PhD in Combinatorics and Optimization* – Waterloo (they also have *PhD in Combinatorics and Optimization - Quantum Information*)
- *PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics* - Western
- *PhD in Mathematics and Engineering* - Queen's
- *PhD in Actuarial Science* - Waterloo

Computer and software engineering degrees:

- *PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering* – 12 places: Carleton, Lakehead, McMaster, Waterloo, Queen's, Ryerson, Ottawa, Toronto, Waterloo, Western, York, Ontario Tech
- *PhD in Computer Engineering* - Royal Military College
- *PhD in Software Engineering* - McMaster, Royal Military College

As this list shows, the vast majority of PhD degrees are in a single discipline. There are not too many degrees with an interdisciplinary name which would say “Discipline A and Discipline B”. The only examples (excluding “mathematics and statistics” and “electrical and computer engineering”) would be *PhD in Mathematics and Engineering* or *PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics*.

There is no single example of a general degree combining computational and mathematical sciences explicitly in the name, and none combining computing, mathematics, and statistics. There is a degree in *Mathematical and Statistical Modelling* at Wilfrid Laurier, but it does not include computing. Somewhat similar to it is *PhD in Mathematical Modelling and Methods* (Ryerson) but again, it does not mention computing.

There are only two degrees with the word *computing/computational*, *PhD in Computing* (Queen’s) and *PhD in Computational Sciences* (Guelph). These do not include mathematics or statistics.



## Four Year Report (2021)

### Applied Disability Studies Graduate Programs (reviewed 2016/17)

#### A. Summary of Review

This review was conducted under the terms and conditions of the IQAP approved by Senate on May 25, 2016.

1. The academic programs offered by the Department of Applied Disability Studies which were examined as part of the review were:

Master of Arts in Applied Disability Studies  
Master of Applied Disability Studies  
Graduate Diploma in Applied Disability Studies

2. The Review Committee consisted of two external reviewers: Lisa Serbin (Concordia University) and Raymond Miltenberger (South Florida University) and an internal reviewer, Colleen Hood (Brock University).
3. The site visit occurred on March 12-14, 2017.
4. The Final Assessment Report was approved by Senate on November 8, 2017.
5. The reviewers assigned the programs the following outcome categories:

| Programs  | Excellent Quality | Good Quality | Good Quality with Concerns  | Non-Viable |
|---|-------------------|--------------|---|------------|
| Master of Arts in Applied Disability Studies<br>Stream 1: MA/ABA<br>Stream 2: MA without ABA    | X                 |              | X (With concerns related to program breadth)  |            |
| Master of Applied Disability Studies (MADS)<br>Stream 1: MADS/ABA<br>Stream 2: MADS without ABA | X                 |              | X (With concerns related to cohort issues, mentor/advising; quality of PT instructors; program breadth) |            |
| Graduate Diploma in Applied Disability Studies  | X                 |              |   |            |

6. The next review of the graduate programs in the Department of Applied Disability Studies will be in 2024/25.

## B. Recommendations

### Recommendation #1

Review degree and department title to more closely address the focus of the program (ABA) (particularly diploma).

#### ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and under consideration by the Department (please note that the Centre became the Department of Applied Disability Studies as of July 1, 2017).

#### Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)

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| Responsible for implementation: | Department  |
| Timeline:                       | Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2017/2018 |

| Actions Taken  | Year Action Started | Year Action Completed |
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| Action #1<br>Name Change for Department                      | 17/18               | HOLD                  |
| Action #2<br>Degree and Diploma Name Changes for ABA Program | 17/18               | HOLD                  |

#### Explanation of Actions Taken, Status and Results:

We voted on the name change at our June retreat in 2017. We decided to defer the name change to allow new faculty to participate. The FOSS dean agreed with our delay. We re-opened discussion at the June 2019 retreat. It was decided to wait until we see if our new programs (ABA.D., ABA PhD, MA and PhD in Clinical Psychology, revised General program) are approved before deciding on a name that will capture the breath of programs in our dept. We decided at June 2020 retreat to continue to wait until status of Doctoral Programs is determined, and with consideration of the major modification to the “general” program described below.

Similar to the department name change, we have a proposed set of degree names to help with differentiation and alignment with the doctoral programs if they are approved. We believe that bringing all of the changes to ARC/Senate together and launching all approved changes at once will be more cohesive from a marketing/brand strategy perspective.

Following through with this recommendation is part of the Department’s workplan and the discussions relating to the change have been fruitful in completing other recommendations.

**Recommendation #2**

Review the no-ABA programs to determine breadth of program.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to review the no-ABA programs to be accepted and under consideration by the Department.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**

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| Actions Taken   | Year Action Started | Year Action Completed |
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| Action #1<br>Differentiate Degree in Course Calendar. | 17/18               | 18/19                 |
| Action #2<br>Promote ADS program directly             | 17/18               | 18/19                 |
| Action #3<br>Develop ADS Program Committee            | 18/19               | 18/19                 |

**Explanation of Actions Taken, Status and Results:**

The non-ABA MA and MADS program were undersubscribed at the time of the review and there was a need to revisit the breadth of the program. We took some concrete steps to improve the calendar descriptions and engage in targeted marketing. We also created an ABA program committee which made the difficult decision to not accept students into the non-ABA stream of the program in 2019 and 2020. During that time considerable work was done to review the ADS (general) programs internally, including seeking input from community advisory committee members. A major modification was approved by ARC and Senate in Fall of 2020, and we are delighted to be launching a new specialization for both MADS and MA (full-time only) in 2021 called Leadership, Diversity, Community and Culture (LDCC) to replace our previous ADS (general) MA and MADS. This program modification also supports the expanded offerings in recommendation #3. Recommendation # 2 is considered complete, though ongoing work with CPI on mapping and program outcomes may lead to further refinements.

**Recommendation #3**

Increase offerings in the no-ABA programs.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and under consideration by the Department.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**

Responsible for approving: Department  
 Responsible for resources: Department  
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| Actions Taken   | Year Action Started | Year Action Completed |
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| <b>Action #1</b><br>Explore offerings outside of ADS            | 17/18               | 18/19                 |
| <b>Action #2</b><br>Approach other departments                  | 17/18               | 19/21                 |
| <b>Action #3</b><br>Create ADS Special Interest Group on Campus | 18/19               | Ongoing               |

**Explanation of Actions Taken, Status and Results:**

As described in response to recommendation #2, ADS had reviewed the General degrees (MA and MADS) to consider their breadth and foci. This review led us to excute several actions to expand the offerings for the ADS (Gen) program within our department. These actions included developing new courses, revising degree requirements, and changing the programs from default general degrees to a new MA and MADS specialization in Leadership, Diversity, Community and Culture. The requisite major program modification was approved by ARC and Senate. These new programs are on track for admissions for 2021/22 academic year, and are viable based on accepted offers.

In addition to work done within the department, considerable work was done to explore relevant course offerings outside of ADS, including discussing possible synergies with other departments within and outside of FOSS. We initiated discussions with the Graduate Associate Dean in the Goodman School of Business regarding the new Multidisciplinary Master’s in Management SOI and proposed creating a specialization in "Applied Disability Studies." We and our community advisory committee agree that there are many disability service managers who would be interested in such a program as well as Management students who could focus on a career in



disability services. The Associate Dean was supportive of these conversations and the MIMM SOI was approved by Senate in December 2020, with further work to be done on the program brief. ADS lent support to that proposal and some additional courses were added to our calendar in service of developing this interdisciplinary program.

We continue to provide continuing education events for community professionals including many of our alumni now working in the field. Our students and faculty are also involved in these events. Brock students and faculty are welcome to attend our free colloquia intended for non-professional community members such as persons with disabilities and their caregivers. Dr. Nirbhay Singh, from Augusta U., USA, gave two colloquia on Mindfulness in 2019, one directed to academics and students and one for caregivers of persons with disabilities. At the same caregiver event, Mr. Mike Lake, MP Edmonton-Wetaskiwin, spoke of his experiences raising a child with autism. In April 2020, Dr. Maria Valdovinos, Drake U., USA, gave a virtual workshop and a keynote on the use of psychotropic medications with persons who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. In a few months, Dr. Clauda Drossel will be providing a community workshop on brain health and physical health and its relationship to ability level and health in later life. We have a colloquium on April 1, 2021, featuring a group of self-advocates with intellectual disabilities and faculty involved in community engaged scholarship and participatory action research. We also offer ongoing continuing education events to community professionals who supervise our students in their practicum placements. We have encouraged our faculty to join the Lifespan Developmental Research Centre and participate in its educational events, along with their students. We are pleased with the progress made on this recommendation and consider many of the activities to be complete, though we will continue to embrace new opportunities to collaborate with other departments, and to provide internal and community events related to applied disability studies. We feel we now have laid the groundwork to establish an inclusive ADS Special Interest Group on campus

**Recommendation #4**

Examine strategies related to increasing sense of community in off-campus cohorts.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**  
 ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and under consideration by the Department.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**

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| Timeline:                       | Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2017/2018 |

| Actions Taken  | Year Action Started | Year Action Completed |
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| Action #1<br>Survey students                           | 17/18               | 18/19                 |
| Action #2<br>Examine feasibility of expanded offerings | 17/18               | 18/19                 |
| Action #3<br>Trial expanded offerings                  | 18/19               | 19/20                 |

**Explanation of Actions Taken, Status and Results:**

We created and implemented a student survey to assess the interest in meetings/gatherings to create a sense of community in both on and off campus students. We have continued to survey our students. We examined the feasibility of expanding activities to offer workshops and webinars at other times of the year to all students and created a plan to make different opportunities available at different times to meet student availability. We have offered students access to many presentations carried out by invited speakers as well as faculty and graduate students. We offered a live podcast by a panel of community practitioners about starting up your own clinical practice. We find that students ask for these events, but attendance can be limited. Over the past year we have been engaging our new MA students to consider developing an ADS Student Association in conjunction with the GSA and they are eager to do that. We have offered departmental support to assist them in launching some events that “don’t feel like school” to improve engagement. We feel that we have met this recommendation, though the practices that we undertook will remain in place on an ongoing basis.

**Recommendation #5**

Examine strategies related to supporting sessional instructors.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to examine strategies to support sessional instructors to be accepted while acknowledging that the provision of resources for additional faculty or staff lies outside the purview of the Committee.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**

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| Timeline:                       | Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2017/2018 |

| Actions Taken  | Year Action Started | Year Action Completed |
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| Action #1<br>General Orientation and Training for PT Faculty | 17/18               | 18/19                 |
| Action #2<br>Course specific Orientation ABA                 | 17/18               | 17/18                 |
| Action #3<br>Assess impact                                   | 17/18               | 18/19                 |

**Explanation of Actions Taken, Status and Results:**

To minimize load on faculty supporting PT instructors, the Chair/GPD provided an initial orientation webinar for all PT instructors related to University and departmental processes, resources for students, academic integrity, Sakai, and student inquiries should be directed. The Chair/GPD has offered a range of supports such as monthly group webinars and/or individual meetings, depending on the number of new PT faculty each term. For each ABA course, instructional teams (all those teaching the course) are introduced after each PT faculty hiring. Full-time faculty provide support/share materials as necessary to support the PT faculty. It is important to note that at the time of our review we had considerable over-reliance on PT instructors. Today we have considerably reduced reliance on part-time faculty, making it much easier to share this load. We are grateful for the on-going support of our Dean and Provost in this regard. We discussed this arrangement in the ABA program committee as well as at Department meetings and faculty are managing well with the current system. These activities are considered completed, and discussions regarding support for part-time faculty are ongoing.

**Recommendation #6**

Advocate for continuing increases in resources to support the program.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to advocate for resources to be accepted while acknowledging that the provision of resources lies outside the purview of the Committee.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**

Responsible for approving: Department  
 Responsible for resources: Department  
 Responsible for implementation: Department  
 Timeline: Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2017/2018

| Actions Taken                   | Year Action Started | Year Action Completed |
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| Action #1<br>Clinic Development | 17/18               | 19/20                 |
| Action #2<br>Advocate for Space | 17/18               | Ongoing               |

**Explanation of Actions Taken, Status and Results:**

We continue to advocate for the relocation of ADS offices, labs, and for space required for the proposed MA and doctoral programs , as well as an expanded clinic. We were involved in discussions about a proposed new building on campus that would house health-related programs. At present we are situated in Thistle (behind the market) and finding and accessing our space is challenging. With our most recent hires, we are short one office, as well as one research lab space, which will need to be addressed before we return to working on Campus post COVID-19.

The ADS clinic is operating in the BRIC building down the road from the main campus. Student training and faculty/student research is underway. The department received funding from the FOSS Dean’s Discretionary Fund to hire co-op students from GSB to help us develop a clinic business plan. We have secured more space in our wing of BRIC so that when renos are completed we will no longer be sharing space with a community professional and our wing will be separated from non-ADS activities in the BRIC building. We will continue to advocate for more clinic space as we proceed with developing three new graduate programs.

We consider the activities related to this recommendation to have been completed though we will have to continue to advocate for our space needs related to expansion and growth.

**Recommendation #7**

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| Examine carefully the future plans for the Centre in terms of a balance of senior and junior faculty.  |  |
| <p><b>ARC Disposition of the Recommendation</b><br/>ARC considers the recommendation to plan for future faculty renewal to be accepted while acknowledging that the provision of faculty resources lies outside the purview of the Committee.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Implementation Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> Priority)</b><br/>                 Responsible for approving: Department<br/>                 Responsible for resources: Department<br/>                 Responsible for implementation: Department<br/>                 Timeline: Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2018/2019</p> |  |

| Actions Taken                                | Year Action Started | Year Action Completed |
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| Action #1<br>Request New Faculty             | 17/18               | 19/20                 |
| Action #2<br>Request Additional Space        | 17/18               | ongoing               |
| Action #3<br>Advocate for additional faculty | 17/18               | ongoing               |

**Explanation of Actions Taken, Status and Results:**

At the time of our review, we had 6 full-time faculty, of which two were tenured (one full-professor and one associate), two were tenure stream, and 2 were limited-term appointments, and we had considerable over-reliance on part-time instructors. At the present time we have 12 full-time faculty, with 5 tenured (one full-professor, and 4 Associate), and 3 tenure stream (one P&T application under review). A third of our positions are limited term, with 3 LTAs, and 1 ILTA, despite ongoing strong enrollment to justify additional tenure stream faculty. We are grateful to our Dean and Associate Dean for their advocacy and to the Provost’s office for supporting our substantiated on-going need for additional faculty. We will continue to submit requests for faculty to reduce our reliance on part-time instructors and BUFA overload and will continue to request conversion to tenure stream for our limited term appointments.

The program currently has a better balance of senior, mid-level and junior faculty. Mounting a MA/PhD. Program in Clinical Psychology and the ABA.D and ABA PhD programs would also require new faculty positions from senior to junior. These positions will be built into the Program Proposal Briefs to be submitted to ARC.

**Recommendation #8**

Support junior faculty as they move towards tenure.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to reflect current practice within the Department. The Committee acknowledges that workload issues which might impact tenure and promotion are regulated under the Collective Agreement.

**Implementation Plan**

No further action required.

**Recommendation #9**

Solicit community/practitioner input on the program.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**  
 ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation.

**Implementation Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> Priority)**  
 Responsible for approving: Department  
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 Timeline: Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2018/2019

| Actions Taken                                    | Year Action Started | Year Action Completed |
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| Action #1<br>Survey Practicum Supervisors Chair  | 17/18               | 18/19                 |
| Action #2<br>Plan for Community Partner feedback | 17/18               | 19/20                 |
| Action #3<br>Stakeholder Meeting                 | 17/18               | 19/20                 |

**Explanation of Actions Taken, Status and Results:**

Beginning in 2018, we sent out annual surveys to practicum supervisors and students. The results were used to guide changes to practicum course requirements (e.g., number of practicum tasks, flexibility in tasks), as well as to guide additional professional development for community-based practicum supervisors. Our practice has evolved from a full day workshop in September and a full-day workshop in June to a two-part webinar series on supervision (Fall and Winter) and an in-person full-day supervisor training usually in June (due to the pandemic the 2020 event was, and the 2021 event will be, online). We also increased practicum preparation for students by offering a complementary 2-part webinar series with the same speaker.

We designated a list of stakeholders (agencies and individuals) who were invited to serve as our advisors to help us in strategic planning, career opportunities for our students, and our involvement in the community. We held an advisory committee meeting in April 2019. Advisors attended in person or by video conferencing. This led to very fruitful discussion and input into the development of our new LDCC specialization. The LDCC program was featured recently in Brock News. We were unable to host our second Advisory meeting in May 2020 due to COVID-19 as our stakeholders were occupied with COVID related needs of their service recipients and staff teams. We hope to host an online meeting in Spring of 2021.

Though we consider the activities completed for the purpose of reporting, it is important to note that these activities have become part of our regular operations.

**Recommendation #10**

Review external communication for prospective students.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**

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| Actions Taken   | Year Action Started | Year Action Completed |
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| Action #1<br>Set up a more formal system for tracking prospective student inquiries | 17/18               | 18/19                 |
| Action #2<br>Porting of the website to the new platform                             | 17/18               | 17/18                 |
| Action #3 Review website and provide suggested revisions                            | 17/18               | 19/20                 |
| Action #4<br>Increase communications with MA students about TA applications.        | 17/18               | 19/20                 |
| Action #5<br>Discuss the TA situation with Sr. Admin                                | 17/18               | 19/20                 |

**Explanation of Actions Taken, Status and Results:**

In Sep. 2017, we set up a more formal system for tracking prospective student inquiries and these inquiries are being actively inputted on an ongoing basis. Chair/GPD, faculty, admin, and Grad studies have been asked to copy Dept. email ads@brocku.ca on initial responses to inquiries by prospective students to ADS so that these can be tracked. Also, a bank of responses to FAQs has been generated and is reviewed annually. Our website was ported to Wordpress and has been reviewed by faculty .It is updated frequently by our admin assistant. A new website committee was struck in 2020 F al which included faculty and students with the mandate to revisit the current website and expand the information being offered, as well as enhance

useability and ease of navigation. Our department admin has been working with staff from FOSS, Marketing and Communications, and FGS to streamline our communications.

Though we considered these activities complete in 2019/2020, issues relating to our students graduate assistant funding persisted in the 20/21 academic year. We have tried several different approaches including instructing incoming and continuing MA students to apply for TAships within and outside of ADS, providing MA profiles to all relevant departments for incoming MA students to alert those ranking students of these students' qualifications and consideration for TA ships. ADS can only control the TA allocation in our department and when relevant (e.g., student transfers from MADS to MA), we prioritize our incoming MA students to ensure that our funding responsibilities are met. Until recently, some funds to support graduate assistantships for a few students who do not get TAships were included in the ADS budget, though TAships are preferred for well-rounded graduate training. We have discussed the TA situation with Sr. Admin., the Dean of FOSS, FOSS Associate Deans (Graduate and Undergraduate), and Dean of FGS to alert them to the situation.

The Faculty of Social Science Dean and Associate Dean of (FOSS Graduate) continue to encourage other Faculty of Social Sciences departments to prioritize our qualified MA-1 applicants for TA positions in their undergraduate courses. Each year we create profiles for and with each incoming ADS MA student to indicate the student's major and minors and which courses they appear eligible to TA in each relevant dept. MA-1's are assumed to apply for all TA positions, but we send profiles and alert other depts. of good matches between their TA positions and our students. We will also send the profiles to the FOSS Associate Dean who has helped find TA positions for our students. We will notify the Associate Dean which of our students failed to get a TAship so that the Associate Dean can follow up with the depts. in question or find alternative research assistant positions for these students. Issues with TA funding resulted in a decrease in our 21/22 targets for MA students below what was requested by faculty. We are required to justify any increase in targets by providing information on how TA funding allocation will be achieved, although we have no control on hiring in other depts. Given budgetary reductions for the 21/22 fiscal year and some likely decreases in TAships across the University, we will continue to work with Sr. Admin to creatively solve these issues.

**Recommendation #11**

In response to changing demographic of incoming students (i.e., more full-time students and more students coming directly from undergrad studies), expand full-time program offerings and structure.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**  
 ARC considers the recommendation to consider how the full-time program might expand in the future to be accepted, while acknowledging that the provision of the necessary resources for this to be implemented lies outside the purview of the Committee.

**Implementation Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> Priority)**

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| Timeline:                       | Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2018/2019 |



| Actions Taken   | Year Action Started | Year Action Completed |
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| <p>Action #1<br/>Continue to advocate for resources to expand our admission targets for full-time students.</p> | 17/18               | 19/20                 |

**Explanation of Actions Taken, Status and Results:**

We have successfully advocated for new faculty. In 2018, we hired three new 3-year LTAs and took 18 more FT MADS students. In 2019, we hired one Tenure Stream (Assistant Professor) and one ILTA (2 year contract) and we agreed to take 18 more PT MADS students plus continue to take another cohort of 18 FT MADS. In 2020, we were approved to hire a new 3-year LTA and renew the ILTA for 2 years. However, given the demographics of our dept., we will have a spate of sabbaticals over the next few years (3 faculty will be on sabbatical in 21/22) as well as parental leaves (one faculty in 20-21). The ILTA will cover some of the courses normally taught by faculty on sabbatical, but we still rely heavily on part-time instructors (who are not easy to find to teach our graduate ABA courses because of external credentialing requirements). Nonetheless, we increased our FT admissions targets to 60 in 20/21. We are carefully watching our applications for 21/22 and will approach the Dean for additional faculty resources if there are sufficient qualified applicants to expand our offerings. Recently, two 3 -year LTA’s were approved for a 3-year renewal.

**C. Unit Summative Analysis and Evaluation**

1. To what extent has the Unit achieved the improvements suggested by the reviewers?

We feel that we have achieved and benefitted from the improvements suggested by the reviewers as they were closely aligned with our own desires for continued quality improvement.

2. What overall impact has it had on the Unit’s programs?

We feel that the review has helped to substantiate recognized needs in the department and has helped us and our Dean to continue to advocate for necessary resources to support our very productive department. As this was our first review as a centre (now department), it was a huge undertaking and the benefit of that was that we learned many things about Brock processes and systems as we went through the self-study and review process.

3. Is the Unit adopting a process of continuous quality improvement for its programs?

The unit was already committed to quality improvement, as we began as a cost-recovery program, we were well attuned to quality metrics and had been strongly advocating for program enhancements to improve quality. Since the review, we have incorporated many new processes into our daily operating procedures. We have also met with CPI as a new team to refine our Program Learning Outcomes and to revisit our curriculum mapping given changes to our ABA curriculum relating to accreditation requirements, our new LDCC program, and proposed new graduate program developments in ABA and clinical psychology.

4. How well do the programs now align with Brock University strategic priorities?

Our programs fulfill key elements of the University's mission statement.

Feedback from students and the our graduates' "pass rate" for first time writers of the BCBA professional examination is exemplary and well above the examination mean. This outcome demonstrates our provision of "professional education of the highest quality" (p.11). Several Brock News and FOSS Newsletter features on our students' and faculty members' research, awards, and community engagement have demonstrated the degree to which ADS "enhance[s] Brock's growing reputation for excellence in teaching, research, creativity and innovation" (p. 11) and provides learning experiences focused on training students to become "educated and engaged citizens in local and global communities" (p. 11). Many students in our programs and graduates from our programs are clinicians supporting people with and without disabilities and other underserved populations. Some are business owners, some hold leadership positions in public agencies and private businesses focused on "enhance[ing] the economic, social, cultural and intellectual lives" (p. 11) of surrounding local, national, and international communities, as well as "contribute to the well-being and betterment of society in the 21st century" (p. 11). Our department's vision "to be an internationally recognized, preeminent academic program that contributes to the betterment of the lives of people in our community and beyond with a focus on persons with disabilities and underserved populations." speaks directly to the University's mission as well.

The ADS programs were well-aligned with Brock's strategic priorities before the review, but we believe the enhancements made strengthen that alignment.

We offer "a transformational and accessible academic and university experience" in our ADS courses that include full-time, part-time; weekday and weekend in-person course offerings; synchronous and asynchronous on-line offerings; and experiential learning opportunities with community practitioners. Our MA program with its emphasis on research training; our MADS program with emphasis on scientist practitioners and community engaged scholarship; paired with diverse faculty research interests, internal, national and international collaborations, and exemplary research productivity contribute to "build research capacity across the University.

"Enhance the life and vitality of our local region and beyond:" Our ABA specialization has markedly increased the availability of highly trained clinicians to meet increasing clinical needs of vulnerable people in Niagara and across the province. Our cohort-based program is offered on main campus, Hamilton Campus, Toronto, and Ottawa, with many students coming from other provinces and internationally.

“Foster a culture of inclusivity, accessibility, reconciliation and decolonization:” Our department includes diverse faculty and students with representation from several traditionally marginalized groups. We strive to fulfil our mission to educate students who will be agents of change to help better the lives of people in our community and beyond with a focus on persons with disabilities and underserved populations, we strive to contribute knowledge and improve services by conducting cutting edge basic and applied research, and by providing transdisciplinary, quality postgraduate education to the next generation of professionals, researchers and educators, and experienced professionals in the field.

5. How does this review and its results position the programs as the Unit moves into the next review cycle?

We feel that this review was an excellent learning experience and helped us to articulate and substantiate departmental needs, leading to securing much needed resources. We expect to have ongoing data to inform our next self-study and reveal future opportunities for ongoing improvement as the department grows. We are proud of our accomplishments to date and keenly aware of the work that remains to be done.

We believe that the new LDCC specialization will enhance the weakest part of the review (our previous ADS-GEN program) through expanded breadth and interdisciplinary collaboration, and through the hard work and effort of the new LDCC program committee. We hope to be able to advocate for faculty specifically for that specialization as almost all coursework is scheduled to be taught on BUFA overload or by part-time faculty.

We hope that this review and the subsequent improvements will also substantiate the need for program growth to allow us to expand our offerings with new masters and doctoral programs in areas with high demand and high market value such as clinical psychology and Applied Behaviour Analysis to address service gaps in Niagara region and beyond.

## D. ARC Final Summary

In final summary of the 2016/17 cyclical academic review of the programs offered by the Department of Applied Disability Studies, ARC has determined the following:

1. The Reviewers' Recommendations have been addressed satisfactorily.
2. The Unit has established a direction for next steps as it prepares for the next review cycle.
3. The Unit has achieved a broad-based, reflective and forward-looking self-assessment.



## Request for a Major Modification to an Existing Program

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| <b>Summary:</b>                        |   |
| Name of Program being Modified:        | MA Psychology   |
| Academic Unit housing the Program:     | Department of Psychology  |
| Date modification to become effective: | Immediately   |
| Name of person submitting:             | Stephen Emrich, PhD, Graduate Program Director                                |
| Email of person submitting:            | <a href="mailto:semrich@brocku.ca">semrich@brocku.ca</a>                      |
| Date of Submission:                    | 15 February, 2020   |
| Short Description of Modification:     | Modify admissions requirements to omit the thesis (or equivalent) requirement |

**Impetus for the Major Modification**  
 Please provide a brief explanation of what led to the program change being made (for example, recommendation from last review, evolution of the discipline, result of monitoring a new program, change in faculty expertise, student demand, efficiencies, etc.) Document the results of Program Committee or Department discussions.

Admission requirements for the Psychology MA currently state: "An empirical Honours thesis, or evidence of similar research is required." We aim to modify this language to remove the thesis requirement. The impetus for this modification stemmed from experiencing issues surrounding the language in previous years. Specifically, there had been confusion among the admissions committee and as well as applicants as to what was considered "evidence of similar research." Moreover, discussion surrounding the requirement for a thesis emerged in light of international discussions surrounding equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives in graduate programs. We believe that the thesis requirement might specifically disadvantage students from underrepresented groups who may not have known the "hidden curriculum" due to limited exposure to academic institutions, or due to the limited availability of thesis positions in some institutions.

Discussions surrounding the proposed modifications to the admissions criteria were held at the Psychology Graduate Committee meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Proposed language was circulated to the committee on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and sent to the Department for review. The Department discussed the proposed changes and unanimously voted to adopt them at a Department meeting November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**A Detailed Description of the Proposed Changes**

The proposal is to remove the empirical Honours thesis "or evidence of similar research" as a requirement to admission to the MA program. The aim is to replace that requirement with a list of specific courses students are expected to have, as well as evidence of intellectual contributions to research.

Our current admissions requirements are as follows:

Successful completion of an Honours Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, in Psychology or Neuroscience with a minimum average of 78%. Successful applicants typically have achieved an average of at least 80% in each of their last two years of undergraduate study. **An empirical Honours thesis, or evidence of similar research is required.** Scores on the General Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are recommended but not required.

The proposed modified requirements are as follows:

Successful completion of an Honours Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, in Psychology or Neuroscience, **including courses in research methods and statistics**, with a minimum average of 78%. Successful applicants typically have achieved an average of at least 80% in each of their last two years of undergraduate study. **Normally, applicants will have completed an Honours thesis (where possible).** **In the absence of an Honours thesis, applicants must provide evidence of research experience that includes conceptual contributions to a research project (e.g., proposal, paper, poster).** Scores on the General Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are recommended but not required.

#### The Pedagogical Rationale for the Proposed Changes

The changes allow for a broader (and potentially more diverse) pool of applicants, while also making explicit what constitutes a suitable substitute for a thesis, and maintaining the standards of admission to the program. Specifically, these modified requirements are as follows:

- **Courses in research methods and statistics:** undergraduate courses in research methods and statistics are typically part of an Honours Degree with a Thesis, as these courses would be required to carry out the necessary research for empirical research. By outlining these specific course requirements, the aim is to ensure that students without a thesis would still have had the necessary training for graduate level statistics, as well as the theoretical understanding of research design and other issues that would be required to successfully carry out an empirical thesis at the MA level.
- **Normally, applicants will have completed an Honours thesis (where possible):** this language was included to emphasize that a thesis is still an asset for admission to the program. This was included with an eye towards our own undergraduate program - specifically, we wanted to emphasize the pedagogical value of an undergraduate thesis to preparing students for a Masters degree, while leaving open the potential for alternative career trajectories.
- **In the absence of an Honours thesis, applicants must provide evidence of research experience that includes conceptual contributions to a research project (e.g., proposal, paper, poster):** The aim of this addition was to provide clear expectations to potential applicants as to what the admissions committee would be looking for when considering applicants without an undergraduate thesis. Moreover, the aim was to ensure that the potential applicants without a thesis still had sufficient research experience to succeed in the Masters program. Specifically, this clause is aimed at replicating some of the expectations of a thesis which demonstrate a student's intellectual contribution to research (i.e., the written thesis), but recognizing that such contributions may come in many forms.

### Impact of Changes on Students

1. Overall, we anticipate an increase in the number of applicants to our MA program, as many programs in Ontario do not have a thesis requirement. Thus, those students who had not thesis as part of their degree may not have considered Brock for the MA program.
2. In particular, we anticipate an increase in the number of applicants from diverse backgrounds, including first-generation students, as these students may be less likely to have taken a “traditional” education path.
3. We anticipate an increase in the overall size of our graduate program, as in the past faculty have indicated a desire to supervise students who did not meet the admissions requirement due to the absence of thesis, or have not been able to find suitable students (perhaps due to the thesis requirement discouraging students from applying).
4. As graduate students will also be Teaching Assistants, undergraduate students will benefit from their TAs having had a more diverse background, both in terms of their academic background, and in terms of potentially increasing the proportion of students (and therefore TAs) from underrepresented groups.

### Details of Resource Implications

Describe any new or re-distributed resource implications (human, physical and budgetary) as a result of the proposed change.

The short-term resource implications of the proposed changes are negligible. These modifications may require modifications to the admissions portal, and to department and Faculty websites, outlining the revised requirements. The Administrative Coordinator will also be required to aggregate and process additional applications/offers.

In the medium term: If successful in attracting additional strong applications over the next several years, we anticipate a growth in the number of graduate students in our MA and PhD programs. This will have resource implications for Psychology faculty (research costs, supervision time), our graduate program (grad course offerings, supervisory committee memberships), and administration (student funding from Graduate Studies).

Explain how the revised program would fit with the [Brock University Institutional Strategic Plan 2018-2025](#).

The proposed revisions will help us achieve the goal to offer a **transformational and accessible academic and university experience by expanding lifelong learning opportunities for students**. Specifically, these changes will facilitate applications from students who may want to apply to a Masters degree despite an alternative academic

trajectory where a thesis may not have been feasible (e.g., students returning to school while working part time).

The proposed revisions will help to **build research capacity within the University** by further growing our graduate program and recruiting the best possible students.

Importantly, the proposed changes will fit within the strategic priority to **foster a culture of inclusivity, accessibility, reconciliation and decolonization**. Namely, by removing barriers to admission to the MA program, we hope that these changes will encourage applications from diverse backgrounds, including from students who have historically been underrepresented in graduate programs at Brock and elsewhere.

**Evidence of Consultation with affected academic units**

Include the results of any consultation with other units (academic or administrative) that will be impacted by the program discontinuation.

The proposed changes will have no academic or administrative effects on other academic units.

**Decanal Comments**

Include a letter from the relevant Dean(s) that the proposed major modification is appropriate and in line with the strategic direction of the Faculty. For undergraduate programs, the relevant Dean(s) shall be the Dean(s) of the Faculty within which the program resides. For graduate programs, the appropriate Deans shall be both the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Dean(s) of the relevant Faculty or Faculties.

See attached letters from the Deans.

## Appendix 1 - Thesis-Related Admissions Requirements for Brock MA/MSc Programs

| <u>Brock Program</u>    | <u>MA/MSc program</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Applied Health Sciences | No                    |
| Applied Linguistics     | No                    |
| Biological Sciences     | No                    |
| Biotechnology           | No                    |
| Chemistry               | No                    |
| Child and Youth Studies | No                    |
| Educational Studies     | No                    |
| Geography               | No                    |
| Physics                 | No                    |
| Psychology              | Yes                   |

Notes. <sup>1</sup>Based on 2020-2021 Graduate Program Calendar entries.



## Appendix 2 - Thesis-Related Admissions Requirements for Research-Oriented Psychology Ma/MSc Programs in Ontario

### University

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|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Brock           | Yes              |
| Carleton        | Yes              |
| Guelph          | Yes              |
| McMaster        | No               |
| Ottawa          | No               |
| Queen's         | No <sup>1</sup>  |
| Ryerson         | No               |
| Toronto         | No               |
| Waterloo        | No               |
| Western         | Yes <sup>2</sup> |
| Wilfrid Laurier | No               |
| York            | No               |

Notes. <sup>1</sup>Thesis or major research project "preferred". <sup>2</sup>Requires "a thesis or independent study that involved data collection and a written submission similar to a thesis project".

# Memo

Niagara Region  
1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way  
St. Catharines, ON  
L2S 3A1 Canada  
brocku.ca

To: Stephen Emrich, PhD, Graduate Program Director

Copies: Brian Power, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic, and members of Academic Review Committee (ARC)

From: Suzanne Curtin, Vice Provost & Dean Graduate Studies

Date: March 1, 2021

Subject: **Major Modification**

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I am writing in support of the Major Modification to Admission Requirements to the Masters' Program submitted by the Department of Psychology. Changing the language for admissions that required an Honours' thesis and broadening it to allow for a range of experiences that demonstrate an understanding of research will help to remove barriers for students who otherwise have the necessary skills and background to succeed in the program.

I am fully supportive and impressed by the Program's desire for a more inclusive admission criterion. This will attract diverse, strong applications, and aligns with the University's Strategic Priority to "Offer a transformational and accessible academic and university experience" and a number of the goals contained within this priority.

**MEMORANDUM**

**FROM:** Ingrid Makus, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

**TO:** Brian Power, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, and members of the Academic Review Committee (ARC)

**cc:** Stephen Emrich, Graduate Program Director, Psychology  
Dawn Zinga, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies & Research

**DATE:** March 8, 2021

**RE:** **Major Modification to Admission Requirements to the Psychology MA Program**

I am in full support of the major modification to the admission requirements for the MA in Psychology program. It contributes to Faculty and University-wide goals of making graduate education more accessible.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Makus".

IM/fn

## Request for a Major Modification to an Existing Program

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| <b>Summary:</b>                        |  |
| Name of Program being Modified:        | <b>BSc (Honours) Biological Sciences</b>   |
| Academic Unit housing the Program:     | <b>Department of Biological Sciences</b>   |
| Date modification to become effective: | <b>September 2021</b>                      |
| Name of person submitting:             | <b>Dr. Jeff Stuart</b>                     |
| Email of person submitting:            | <b>jstuart@brocku.ca</b>                   |
| Date of Submission:                    | <b>Feb 7, 2021</b>                         |
| Short Description of Modification:     | <b>Addition of co-op option to program</b> |

### Impetus for the Major Modification

Please provide a brief explanation of what led to the program change being made (for example, recommendation from last review, evolution of the discipline, result of monitoring a new program, change in faculty expertise, student demand, efficiencies, etc.) Document the results of Program Committee or Department discussions.

The impetus for the program change has come from several sources. Over the past number of years, we have received an increasing number of queries from potential students enquiring if we offer a Co-op in biology. In our programs that currently offer a Co-op stream, we have experienced a steady shift toward the Co-op streams. Students realize that having work experience upon graduation provides a distinct competitive advantage.

We have also received enquiries and support from local employers willing to offer positions to our students. Faculty and staff in the department believe that this program's introduction will complement our existing programs and help recruit robust students to our department. In addition, it will give our students the opportunity to gain practical work experience in areas that will support and strengthen their academic learning.

In early 2020 the department formed a committee to consider introducing a new Biology co-op program. This has resulted in several meetings with the Co-op, Career and Experiential Education Office, concluding that the introduction of this program would be beneficial for both the department and the university. It is believed that the demand exists for this program and that enrolments will increase if the program is introduced. We also think this program will increase ties to community partners, and improve job prospects for our graduates.

### A Detailed Description of the Proposed Changes

The Biology Co-op program would follow a similar format to other science co-op programs at Brock that combine academic and work terms over a five-year period. Students would spend two years in an academic setting, where they will acquire the necessary background prior to taking the first work placement. During these two years students will be required to complete several Lab Links modules giving them additional laboratory experience. Lab Links is a program we currently run that provides

technical training, testing, and certification for our students in a wide range of disciplines. During the spring term (year 2) students will complete BIOL 0N01 and 2C01. In the fall (year 3) they will return for another academic term followed by a winter term in placement completing BIOL 0N02 and 2C02. Fall term (year 4) will consist of placement with students completing BIOL 0N03 and 2C03. Students will return to campus for the winter term and complete 2.5 credits. During year five students will complete their last five credits.

## Biol Co-op Schedule

### *Year 1*

- ▶ [BIOL 1P91](#), [1P92](#) and [1P96](#)
- ▶ one credit from [APCO 1P00](#), [1P01](#), [1P93](#), [ERSC 1P01](#) and [1P02](#), [PHYS 1P21](#) or [1P91](#) (recommended), [PHYS 1P22](#) or [1P92](#) (recommended; see [program notes 2](#) and [3](#))
- ▶ [CHEM 1P91](#) and [1P92](#)
- ▶ [MATH 1P97](#) (see [program note 1](#))
- ▶ one Humanities context credit or one Social [Sciences](#) context credit

### *Year 2*

- ▶ [BIOL 2P02](#), [2P03](#), [2P05](#) and [2Q04](#)
  - ▶ one credit from [BIOL 2P92](#), [2P94](#), [2P96](#), [2P98](#)
  - ▶ third ancillary science credit (see [program note 4](#))
  - ▶ the Humanities context credit or Social [Sciences](#) context credit (not taken in year 1)
- SCIE O(zer)N90

## Spring Summer Session:

- BIOL [0N01](#) and [2C01](#)

### *Year 3*

#### *Fall term:*

- ▶ 1.5 BIOL or [BCHM](#) credits numbered 2(alpha)90 or above (see [program notes 5](#) and [6](#))
- ▶ one elective credits

#### *Winter Term:*

*BIOL 0N02 and 2C02*

### *Year 4*

#### *Fall Term:*

*BIOL 0N03 and 2C03*

#### *Winter Term:*

- ▶ 1.5 BIOL or [BCHM](#) credits numbered 2(alpha)90 or above (see [program notes 5](#) and [6](#))
- ▶ one elective credits

Year 5

- ▶ Three BIOL credits numbered 3(*alpha*)90 or above
- ▶ one BIOL credit numbered 2(*alpha*)90 or above
- ▶ one elective credit

### The Pedagogical Rationale for the Proposed Changes

Introducing a co-op option in biology will offer students a unique experience to support and broaden their academic learning. Cooperative education is a highly immersive form of experiential learning that can contribute substantially to learning and provide an environment to develop disciplined thinking, improved motivation and ultimately better academic grades. At its core, cooperative education immerses students in a situation that requires them to be a more active participant. It will give highly motivated students the opportunity to integrate school and work learning experiences and thus improve critical thinking and problem-solving skills. It will allow for the acquisition of new skills, refine previously acquired skills, and increase opportunities to work in a collaborative environment enhancing interpersonal and communication skills. A co-op program will promote reflective practices that should nurture an increased interest in biology and give students a better understanding of themselves, available opportunities, and their future goals.

### Impact of Changes on Students

We envision the co-op program enhancing the student experience by contributing to the following program learning outcomes, which focus heavily on the development of autonomy and professional capacity:

- a) Exercise of initiative, personal responsibility, professionalism, and accountability.
- b) Work effectively as an independent individual and a collaborative team member.
- c) Manage time effectively and develop personal responsibility and accountability
- d) Ability to manage learning within and outside of the discipline, with an increase in disciplined thinking
- e) Model behaviour consistent with academic integrity and social responsibility.
- f) Make decisions and express opinions on scientific, social, moral, ethical, environmental, and economic grounds based upon sound understanding and judgement within the context of biological sciences.
- g) Develop curiosity and understanding of the environment and one's place in the living, material and physical world.
- h) Establish the foundation for more advanced learning and future careers in biological sciences and related disciplines (e.g., medicine, dentistry, nursing, chiropractic, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, food science, agriculture, environment, etc.).
- i) Appreciate the importance of interdisciplinary science.
- j) Value the importance and necessity of ongoing studies to maintain and expand acquired skills.
- k) Recognize the role of creativity, inventiveness, and resourcefulness in the development of the sciences.
- l) Demonstrate organizational skills for learning, life, and work.
- m) Demonstrate and value the ethical conduct expected of a professional scientist.

n) Students will receive lab Links certifications that will enhance their resume.

**Details of Resource Implications**

Describe any new or re-distributed resource implications (human, physical and budgetary) as a result of the proposed change.

We believe that a Biology Co-op program will require an additional staff member to be hired to support this new Co-op education, and the expansion of Lab Links, which will become entwined with the program. This position would be required to organize appropriate co-op positions in relevant biological sciences companies. The ideal candidate would have to come from a Biology or at least Life Science background.

Explain how the revised program would fit with the [Brock University Institutional Strategic Plan 2018-2025](#).

The introduction of a Biology Co-op program would support Brock University's Institutional Strategic plan in many ways, including:

- to deliver high-quality programs that meet the interest and needs of students and support them to achieve their potential in life.
- Develop programs that **meet labour market and societal needs** by tailoring them to provide students with the skills required for current and potential areas of growth.
- **Increase experiential learning** and high-impact practices across all academic programs.
- **To enhance the life and vitality of our local region and beyond.**

Cooperative learning fosters self-directed, transformational learning that is student-centred and grounded in adult learning theories. It supports students' education and career/life plans by providing them with different learning opportunities that recognize different cognitive styles and often provide personalized experiences that enhance their educational experiences. Participating in cooperative education can be a powerful tool to help meet students' needs and offer them different career possibilities and pathways. Cooperative education can also support students in making meaningful career and community connections that will help them become active, engaged citizens, and enhance the life and vitality of the Niagara region. This cooperative program will benefit local employers by creating a pool of enthusiastic employees, help save on the cost of recruitment, help create a dynamic work environment and increased interaction between local industries and the university. Cooperative learning encourages students to adopt a deeper approach to learning. Students who adopted this deeper approach to learning are more likely than surface learners to report positive perceptions of the teaching environment and thus enhance Brock's reputation within the community.

**Evidence of Consultation with affected academic units**

Include the results of any consultation with other units (academic or administrative) that will be impacted by the program discontinuation.

See attached Report from Co-op, Career and Experiential Education Office.

**Decanal Comments**

Include a letter from the relevant Dean(s) that the proposed major modification is appropriate and in line with the strategic direction of the Faculty. For undergraduate programs, the relevant Dean(s) shall be the Dean(s) of the Faculty within which the program resides. For graduate programs, the appropriate Deans shall be both the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Dean(s) of the relevant Faculty or Faculties.

See attached communications from the Dean.





February 5, 2021

I strongly support the introduction of a biology coop program as this supports many of the strategic priorities described in the Faculty of Mathematics and Science strategic plan. It will offer a new transformational and accessible academic and university experience for our students. It will provide another innovative program delivering a high degree of hands-on experience. It will maintain and indeed enhance our commitment to providing experiential education opportunities.

The new Co-op stream illustrates our commitment to offering alternatives to traditional program and course delivery and will contribute to our commitment to enhance the life and vitality of our local region and beyond.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ejaz Ahmed".

Ejaz Ahmed  
Dean Faculty of Math & Science

## RE: Biological Sciences major mod

S. Ejaz Ahmed <sahmed5@brocku.ca>

Fri 4/2/2021 1:34 PM

To: Brian Power <bpower@brocku.ca>; Jeff Stuart <jstuart@brocku.ca>; Trish Greydanus <pgreydanus@brocku.ca>

Cc: Lynn Wells <lwells@brocku.ca>; Hannah Zhang <hzhang@brocku.ca>; Dorothy Witte <dwitte@brocku.ca>

Hi Brian,

Lynn talked to me on this matter, CO-OP office will provide the usual support. In-house support will be financed by the Dean's office. We are good to go!

Thanks,

Ejaz

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## New Co-op Program Proposal

This form is to be used by academic units seeking to introduce a co-op program to its new or existing degree program at either the Undergraduate or Graduate level. The New Co-op Program Proposal is to be completed by the academic unit with a full consultation with the Co-op Education Office prior to submitting the Statement of Intent (SOI).

The purpose of this form is to help assess the viability of the new co-op program based on the following areas:

1. The learning outcome of the proposed new co-op program;
2. The employer demand and student interest of such a co-op program;
3. The lead time and additional resources (both financial and staffing) would be required to undertake and maintain the quality and viability of the new co-op program.

### Co-op Program Proposal for the BSc (Honours) Biological Sciences

| Proponent     | Academic*                                  | Co-op Education  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Name:         | Jeff Stuart                                | Julia Zhu  |
| Title & Unit: | Chair of Department of Biological Sciences | Associate Director, Co-op Education - Co-op, Career and Experiential Education |
| Email:        | jstuart@brocku.ca                          | jzhu@brocku.ca   |

\*Note: The Academic Proponent will be the support person within the academic unit who will act as an academic support to the Co-op Education Office to assist in decision making, communication and upholding the quality and associated requirements of the co-op program. The Academic Proponent may not necessarily be the same lead as the lead member for the PPB process in the academic unit.

## 1. Program objective and structure

How does the co-op program contribute to the educational goals of the degree program?

Our program level learning outcomes reflect our focus on experience-based learning and cover the acquisition, understanding, application and communication of knowledge across a wide range of Biological Sciences. Methodology is a core component of this process. A co-op option could complement our existing modes of delivering the Biological Sciences program through laboratories, lectures, seminars, assignments and projects.

We envision the co-op program enhancing the student experience by contributing to the following program learning outcomes which focus heavily on the development of autonomy and professional capacity:

- a) Exercise of initiative, personal responsibility, professionalism, and accountability;
- b) Working effectively as an individual and with others;
- c) Decision-making in complex contexts;
- d) Ability to manage learning within and outside of the discipline;
- e) Model behaviour consistent with academic integrity and social responsibility;
- f) Make decisions and express opinions on scientific, social, moral, ethical, environmental, and economic grounds based upon sound understanding and judgement of Biology;
- g) Develop curiosity and understanding of the environment and one's place in the living, material and physical world;
- h) Establish the foundation for more advanced learning and future careers in Biological Sciences and related disciplines (eg: medicine, dentistry, nursing, chiropractic, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, food science, agriculture, environment, etc.);
- i) Appreciate the importance of interdisciplinary science;
- j) Value the importance and necessity of ongoing studies in order to maintain and expand acquired skills;
- k) Recognize the role of creativity, inventiveness and resourcefulness in the development of the sciences;
- l) Demonstrate organizational skills for learning, life and work;
- m) Demonstrate and value the ethical conduct expected of a professional scientist.

Is the proposed program structure able to support a three-semester system with year-round supply of co-op students? **YES**

*Year 1*

- ▶ [BIOL 1P91](#), [1P92](#) and [1P96](#)
  - one credit from [APCO 1P00](#), [1P01](#), [1P93](#), [ERSC 1P01](#) and [1P02](#), [PHYS 1P21](#) or [1P91](#) (recommended), [PHYS 1P22](#) or [1P92](#)(recommended; see [program notes 2](#) and [3](#))
- ▶ [CHEM 1P91](#) and [1P92](#)
- ▶ [MATH 1P97](#) (see [program note 1](#))
- ▶ one Humanities context credit or one Social [Sciences](#) context credit

*Year 2*

- ▶ [BIOL 2P02](#), [2P03](#), [2P05](#) and [2Q04](#)
- ▶ one credit from [BIOL 2P92](#), [2P94](#), [2P96](#), [2P98](#)
- ▶ third ancillary science credit (see [program note 4](#))
- ▶ the Humanities context credit or Social [Sciences](#) context credit (not taken in year 1)  
- SCIE ON90

*Spring Summer Session:*

- [BIOL ON01](#) and [2C01](#)

*Year 3*

*Fall term:*

- ▶ 1.5 BIOL or [BCHM](#) credits numbered 2(*alpha*)90 or above (see [program notes 5](#) and [6](#))
- ▶ one elective credits

*Winter Term:*

[BIOL ON02](#) and [2C02](#)

*Year 4*

*Fall Term:*

[BIOL ON03](#) and [2C03](#)

*Winter Term:*

- ▶ 1.5 BIOL or [BCHM](#) credits numbered 2(*alpha*)90 or above (see [program notes 5](#) and [6](#))
- ▶ one elective credits

*Year 5*

- ▶ Three BIOL credits numbered 3(*alpha*)90 or above
- ▶ one BIOL credit numbered 2(*alpha*)90 or above
- ▶ one elective credit

## Employment market demand

Are there co-op programs of a similar nature offered by other post-secondary institutions that may/will provide competition to this proposed co-op program?

- YES
- NO

Is there any projected impact of existing Brock programs on co-op employment for proposed co-op program?

- YES
- NO

*If "YES", please list programs that will be impacted:*

*Students from this program may compete with the current BTEC and BCHEM coop programs. However, there should be many areas, for example ecology, microbiology, bioinformatics, and plant physiology, that students from this proposed program can gain employment*

Does the academic unit feel there is a strong demand for students with the skill being taught by the proposed degree program?

- YES
- NO

*Please list examples of positions available in the employment market:*

*Laboratory assistant, laboratory technician - perform lab procedures, develop lab processes, support researchers -*

*Bioinformatician or computational biologist, - data capture, data analysis, software/program development - Public Health*

*Research assistant-provide administrative & technical support in a research/science or technical environment; review, edit and write scientific material ( grant applications, scientific articles or presentation; standard operating procedures; tabulate format and translate scientific information for the general public*

*Sales representative - there are many companies involved in the sales of lab equipment, reagents etc. that require a background in science*

*Environmental or science educator - local conservation authorities, zoos, parks*

*Conservation field staff -*

*Environmental technician or sampler - ecosystem restoration*

*Plant Pathology and Integrated pest control scout or technician*

*Agronomist*

What is the geographic scope of the employer need?

- Local
- Regional
- Provincial
- National
- International

*Please list examples of employer prospects from selected location above:*

*Vineland Research and Innovation Centre*

*Brock University*

*Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs*

*Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks*

*Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry*

*Pest Management Centre Ottawa*

*Harrow Research and Development Centre*

*Guelph Research and Development Centre*

*Norgen Biotek*

*Entomogen*

*Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority; Conservation Halton*

*Niagara Parks commission*

*Niagara Region*

*Deep Genomics*

*Stantec, Hamilton*

*Charles River Laboratories, Laval, QC*

## 2. Resources

Will Co-op Education require additional staffing resources to be hired to support this program?

X YES

Yes, we do believe that a Biology Co-op program will require an additional staff member to be hired to support this new Co-op education. This position would be required in order to locate and organize appropriate co-op positions in the Biology field. We will require Talent Partnership Consultant to develop suitable employer partnerships for Biology co-op program. Depending on the enrolment, we will also require student facing staff to support the one to one coaching through the four and half year of their journey in co-op.

Will Co-op Education require an increase in budget allotment resulted from the proposal?

- YES
- NO

*If "YES", please provide details:*

*The introduction of this program may require the addition of a new staff member if the program cannot be accommodated by the current coop staff. Therefore, we would foresee an increase in the budget. This will be offset by Coop program fees.*

*We would also suggest that Coop students in this program complete the Lab Links program and additional funding may be needed to accommodate these additional students, or they will be required to pay separately for Lab Links.*





TO: Chabriol Colebatch, Secretary to the University and General Counsel Brock University

FROM: Professor Drew Dane  
Chair, Senate Undergraduate Program Committee

DATE: April 13, 2021

REPORT TO SENATE 689, April 21, 2021

Consent Items

MOVED (DANE/ )  
THAT the Senate approve the addition of information to Certificate in Pre-Law and Certificate in Ethics to outline eligible applicants to the program.

**Submission Rationale:** To articulate who is eligible to be admitted to the certificate program. See **Appendix 1**.

MOVED (DANE/ )  
THAT the Senate approve the draft articulation agreement between Brock University Sport Management and Niagara College Sport Administration.

**Submission Rationale:** UPC Reviewed the draft agreement and is submitting the draft to Senate prior to the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic proceeds to the next steps with the agreement. See **Appendix 2**.

MOVED (DANE/ )  
THAT the Senate approve the renumbering of CLAS 2P51 as CLAS 3P10.

**Submission Rationale:** 2<sup>nd</sup> year course changed to a 3<sup>rd</sup> year course to increase 3<sup>rd</sup> year course offerings, meet needs of department and make students' progression through the history sequence more intuitive. **Appendix 3**.

MOVED (DANE/ )  
THAT the Senate approve the addition of CLAS 3V20 (also offered as VISA 3V20) 2021-2022: Virtual Study Tour of Italy be added to the course bank as a variable topics course.

**Submission Rationale:** to reflect faculty member area of expertise, meet needs of department and increase 3<sup>rd</sup> year course offerings. **Appendix 4**.

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the addition of CLAS 3V70 (also offered as HIST 3V70) 2021-2022: Digital Modelling in Archaeology be added to the course bank as a variable topics course.

**Submission Rationale:** to reflect faculty member area of expertise, meet needs of department and increase 3<sup>rd</sup> year course offerings. **Appendix 5.**

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the program requirements changes in Year 2 and 3 in the Department of Psychology.

**Submission Rationale:** We are moving 2 courses from 3Pxx to 2Pxx to allow students more flexibility in degree completion. Changes make it clear that students can use these course to fulfill 2nd or 3rd year requirements. **Appendix 6.**

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the renumbering of PSYC 3P51 to PSYC 2P92 and as exclusion be added.

**Submission Rationale:** Re-number to 2P90 to allow students to use it to fulfill their 2nd OR third year requirements, will help with enrolment pressures in 2nd year courses. Changes to course description clarify course content, the note about replacement is required because of the re-numbering. **Appendix 7.**

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the renumbering of PSYC 3P52 to PSYC 2P90 and an exclusion be added.

**Submission Rationale:** Re-number to 2P90 to allow students to use it to fulfill their 2nd OR third year requirements, will help with enrolment pressures in 2nd year courses. Changes to course description clarify course content, the note about replacement is required because of the re-numbering. **Appendix 8.**

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the addition of a course note to PSYC 2P12.

**Submission Rationale:** The department would like to have the flexibility to offer this course in either format in any given year depending on varying circumstances including who is teaching the course. **Appendix 9.**

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the revision to course format in PSYC 3P68.

**Submission Rationale:** The course contact will include only 3 hours lecture (no seminar). This change is being made at the instructor's request. **Appendix 10.**

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the revision to course format in PSYC 3P72.

**Submission Rationale:** this change is being made at the request of the instructor. **Appendix 11.**

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the addition of a course note to PSYC 4P28.

**Submission Rationale:** The department would like to have the flexibility to offer this course in either format in any given year depending on varying circumstances including who is teaching the course. **Appendix 12.**

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the revision to course format in PSYC 4P30.

**Submission Rationale:** The course will be taught in a 3 hour seminar format in the future. This change is at the request of the instructor. **Appendix 13.**

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the deletion of HIST 3P82 (also offered as ADST 3P82) from the 2021-2022 course bank.

**Submission Rationale:** This course has not been taught since 2017 and will likely not be taught again as History does not have Faculty with expertise in this area of study. **Appendix 14.**

MOVED (DANE/ )

THAT the Senate approve the revisions to Program Requirements in Year 3 and 4 in the Mathematics Co-op and Statistics Co-op programs.

**Submission Rationale:** To allow flexibility in scheduling. **Appendix 15.**

#### Consent item for Information

#### 1. Non-credit Certificates

The following non-credit certificates were submitted to UPC for review as per the FHB 3 A.7.6.1:

The Goodman Group - Goodman School of Business

1. Canadian Business for Internationally Trained Professionals
2. Emotional Intelligence (EQ)
3. Non-Profit Leadership Certificate
4. NextGen Municipal Leadership Program

#### 2. University Library Consultation

At the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 UPC meeting, Mark Robertson (University Librarian) and Andrew Colgoni (Associate University Librarian) presented on the Library Restructuring and invited feedback and questions from the committee. The Committee discussed the importance of cyclical reviews and the library's role in supporting faculty and programming.

#### 3. Department of Engineering Consultation

The committee received a report and presentation on the Faculty of Mathematics and Science proposal for the creation of a new Department of Engineering. This item was recommended for approval; however, the motion for Senate's consideration will be captured in the joint report with the Graduate Studies Committee at a future Senate meeting following the joint meeting as per the Faculty Handbook procedures for creating new academic units, specified in FHB Section 3.C.16.

## Certificate in Ethics

The Certificate in Ethics would be of particular interest to teachers, lawyers, social workers, therapists, psycho-therapists, counsellors, people who train volunteers, personnel managers, union organizers and market consultants who wish to add to existing qualifications or to acquire courses which might later be applied to a degree. Studies include the development of skills, such as assessing and evaluating ethical and moral arguments, generating principles of conduct, developing humane practices and policies, empathizing, abstracting the core from the periphery, questioning, accommodating, compromising, and self-presentation. University admission standards apply.

This certificate provides an overview for interested people who do not wish to proceed to a degree or those who have already obtained a degree with a major other than Philosophy. Only under exceptional circumstances and with special permission from the department will applicants who are majoring in Philosophy or already have a degree with a major (or combined major) in Philosophy be admitted.

Ethics (4 credits)

- ▶ One of PHIL 1F90, 1F91, 1F93, 1F94, 1F95, 1F96, 1F97
- ▶ PHIL 2P09 and 2P95
- ▶ two of PHIL 2P12, 2P13, 2P17, 2P99 or 2Q90
- ▶ one credit in either the Health Sciences, Social Sciences, or Math & Science

## Certificate in Pre-Law

The Certificate in Pre-Law would be of particular interest to teachers, lawyers, social workers, therapists, psycho-therapists, counsellors, people who train volunteers, personnel managers, union organizers and market consultants who wish to add to existing qualifications or to acquire courses which might later be applied to a degree, especially a law degree. Studies include the development of skills, such as assessing and evaluating ethical, moral and legal arguments, generating principles of conduct, developing humane practices and policies, empathizing, abstracting the core from the periphery, questioning, accommodating, compromising, and self-presentation. University admission standards apply.

This certificate provides an overview for interested people who do not wish to proceed to a degree or those who have already obtained a degree with a major other than Philosophy. Only under exceptional circumstances and with special permission from the department will applicants who are majoring in Philosophy or already have a degree with a major (or combined major) in Philosophy be admitted.

Pre-Law (4 Credits)

- ▶ One of PHIL 1F90, 1F91, 1F93, 1F94, 1F95, 1F96, 1F97
- ▶ PHIL 2P09, 2P25, and 2P95
- ▶ one of PHIL 2P12, 2P13, 2P17, 2P99, 2Q90
- ▶ one credit in either the Health Sciences, Social Sciences, or Math & Science

**Articulation Agreement  
Brock Sport Management – Niagara College Sport Administration  
Pathway for students from Niagara College**

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**PARTIES** Brock University “Brock”  
1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way  
St. Catharines, ON L2S 3A1

and

Niagara College “Niagara”  
100 Niagara College Boulevard  
Welland, ON L3C 7L3

**DATE** January 15, 2021

**BACKGROUND**

Brock is a public university operating under the authority of provincial legislation and is located in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

Niagara is a public college operating under the authority of provincial legislation and is located in Welland, Ontario, Canada.

Brock and Niagara (individually, the “Party” and collectively, the “Parties”) have agreed to provide a degree pathway for graduates of the Niagara Sport Administration program to Brock in accordance with the terms set out in this agreement (“Agreement”) and the course equivalencies set out in Appendix A of this Agreement.

The participating divisions at the respective institutions are the Brock Department of Sport Management, Faculty of Applied Health Science as well as the Niagara Sport Administration, School of Hospitality, Tourism and Sport

**1. AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the mutual terms and covenants contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

**1. PROGRAM**

1.1. Degree Requirements. Students admitted to Brock Sport Management program are required to complete a minimum of 20.0 credits for a Sport Management degree as described in the Brock University Academic Calendar in

order to obtain their degree. Brock retains sole discretion with respect to all student admission decisions.

#### 1.2. Equivalent Courses.

Brock will award a maximum of 5.0 specified credits towards a Bachelor of Sport Management degree to incoming students from Niagara College 2-year Sport Administration program.

Brock will award a maximum of 7.5 specified credits towards a Bachelor of Sport Management degree to incoming students from Niagara College 3-year Sport Administration program.

The Niagara College courses agreed by both Parties to count towards satisfying these credit requirements are outlined in Appendix A attached hereto.

1.3. Ongoing Review. Brock and Niagara will review and update the list of course equivalents in Appendix A bi-annually in order to recognize program changes at either institution.

#### 1.4. Admission Requirements.

Students may apply for transfer to the Brock portion of the program during Year 2 or Year 3 at Niagara College.

Students with a cumulative average of 75% or over from the Niagara College Sport Administration 2-year program may be admitted and may receive up to 5.0 credits towards a 20.0 credit degree in Sport Management at Brock University.

Students with a cumulative average of 75% or over from Niagara College Sport Administration program (3-year program) may receive up to 7.5 credits toward a 20.0 credit degree in Sport Management at Brock University.

## 2. TERM & TERMINATION

2.1. Term. This Agreement commences on the Effective Date of July 1, 2021 and shall continue for a three (3) year period until July 1, 2024 (“Term”) unless terminated earlier in accordance with this agreement.

2.2. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:

2.2.1. Termination for cause: The occurrence of any one or more of the following events or conditions will constitute an event of default of a Party, and the other Party may terminate this Agreement immediately:

2.2.1.1. if any representation, warranty, or statement made or given by or on behalf of a Party is determined to have been untrue in any material respect at the time it was made or deemed to be made;

2.2.1.2. if a Party becomes insolvent or files or has filed against it a petition in bankruptcy; or

2.2.1.3. if a Party ceases or threatens to cease to carry on business.

2.2.2. Termination for convenience. Either Party may terminate this Agreement for convenience, and without penalty, upon providing one (1) year written notice to the other party at any time during the Term.

2.2.3. Termination by both Parties. This Agreement may be terminated upon written agreement of both parties.

2.3. Consequences of termination. Termination of this Agreement will not relieve either Party from any obligations accrued but unsatisfied prior to such termination and unless the Parties otherwise agree in writing, the Parties will immediately update their students and any relevant promotional material regarding the subject matter of this Agreement accordingly. In all cases of suspension, amendment or termination, any active students will have the opportunity to complete or withdraw from the Program.

### **3. CONFIDENTIALITY OBLIGATIONS**

3.1. Definition of Confidential Information. "Confidential Information" will include any and all information of a confidential or proprietary nature which is disclosed during the Term by Brock University to Niagara College or by Niagara College to Brock University, and is identified by the Party that discloses the Confidential Information (the "Disclosing Party") as confidential, either in writing or orally, or should reasonably be known to be confidential given the nature of the information and the circumstances in which it was furnished. For further clarity, "Confidential Information" will include any recorded information about an identifiable individual. Confidential Information does not include information that: (a) is or becomes generally known to the public through no act on the part of the Party that receives the Confidential Information (the "Recipient"); (b) is furnished or made known to the Recipient on a non-confidential basis by a third party who has a lawful right to disclose such information; or (c) is required by law or court order to be disclosed, but only to the extent of such required disclosure and provided that the Disclosing Party is first given notice of such required disclosure and an opportunity to contest such required disclosure.

3.2. Use. During the Term, the Recipient may have access to Confidential Information. The Recipient will use the Confidential Information solely for the purpose of fulfilling the Recipient's obligations under this Agreement.

3.3. Security. The Recipient will protect the Confidential Information with the same degree of care as the Recipient utilizes for its own similar confidential or non-public information, but in no event with less than a reasonable degree of care.

3.4. Disclosure. During the Term and following expiry or termination of the Agreement, neither the Recipient, nor any person acting on behalf of the Recipient will disclose any Confidential Information to any third party, including any governmental authority, without the express written consent of the Disclosing Party, unless otherwise required by law. The Recipient will restrict access to Confidential Information to those individuals who need to have access in order to fulfil the obligations under this Agreement.

3.5. Return/Destruction. The Recipient agrees that upon the conclusion of this Agreement, or earlier if requested by the Disclosing Party, the Recipient will promptly return to the Disclosing Party all Confidential Information in the Recipient's possession and that the Recipient will delete all such information from all of its electronic, digital or similar document storage systems.

3.6. Breach. The Recipient agrees to promptly notify the Disclosing Party in the event of any actual, potential or threatened breach of any obligations under this section and will take all necessary and appropriate actions to restrain any and all use or further continuing use or disclosure of such Confidential Information.

3.7. Survival. This section will survive the expiration and/or termination of this Agreement for the maximum period provided by law.

#### **4. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

4.1. Niagara College acknowledges that Brock is subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31 ("FIPPA").

4.2. Niagara College agrees to (i) treat all Personal Information (as such term is defined in FIPPA) received by it in connection with the Agreement as required by FIPPA; and (ii) be responsible to Brock for any breach of FIPPA by it or its directors, officers and employees relating to such Personal Information. Obligations in this section shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

#### **4.3. Each Party will:**

4.3.1. provide all necessary assistance and cooperation as reasonably requested by the other to enable that Party to comply with its obligations under FIPPA;

4.3.2. where they relate to the other Party, to transfer to the other all requests for information relating to this Agreement that it receives as soon as practicable; and



4.3.3. co-operate in the provision of information which is in its possession or control in the form that the affected Party requires as soon as practicable of the affected Party's request for such information.

## 5. GENERAL

5.1. Entire agreement and amendment. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties with regard to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes any previous understandings, commitments or agreements, whether written or oral. Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.

5.2. Trademarks. Both parties agree, the other party's name, trademarks, logos or graphic images may only be used on materials, or in electronic format, such as a web presence, with the express written permission of the other party.

5.3. Binding effect. This Agreement is binding upon and will continue to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, administrators, executors and permitted assigns.

5.4. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is wholly or partially unenforceable for any reason, all other provisions will continue in full force and effect.

5.5. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which will constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery by facsimile or by electronic transmission in portable document format (PDF) of an executed counterpart of this Agreement is as effective as delivery of an originally executed counterpart of this Agreement.

5.6. Governing law. This Agreement will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada and the Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Ontario.

**IN WITNESS WHERE OF the Parties have executed this Agreement:**

**Niagara College**

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Dr. Fiona Allan  
Vice President, Academic

Date



## APPENDIX A: Transfer credits

### **RECOMMENDATIONS of Options for Program Transfer Credits From 2-year Sport Administration diploma based on 75% overall average - 5 credits**

SPMA 1P91 Introduction to Sport Management  
 SPMA 1P92 Understanding Sport Industry Sectors  
 SPMA 1P94 Professional Engagement for the Sport Industry  
 SPMA 2P06 Sport Policy  
 SPMA 2P08 Facility Management  
 SPMA 2P65 Sport Marketing  
 SPMA 2P96 Introduction to Sport and the Law  
 SPMA 2P98 Sport Event Management  
 SPMA 3P21 Managing Human Resources in Sport Organization  
 SPMA 3P25 Sponsorship

### **From 3-year Sport Management diploma based on 75% overall average – 7.5 Brock credits**

SPMA 1P91 Introduction to Sport Management  
 SPMA 1P92 Understanding Sport Industry Sectors  
 SPMA 1P94 Professional Engagement for the Sport Industry  
 SPMA 2P06 Sport Policy (BUSN 1268)  
 SPMA 2P65 Sport Marketing  
 SPMA 2P96 Introduction to Sport and the Law  
 SPMA 2P98 Sport Event Management  
 SPMA 3P21 Managing Human Resources in Sport Organizations  
 SPMA 3P25 Sponsorship  
 SPMA 2P08 Facility Management  
 SPMA 3P02 Sport Management Field Work  
 SPMA 3P96 Globalization of Sport  
 1.5 SPMA unspecified 300 level elective

## Background Information:

### Niagara College - Program Of Instruction

- A 2-year program (terms 1-4)
- An optional 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the program (terms 5 & 6)

#### Level: 01 Term: 14 Weeks

BUSN 1180 Introduction to Sport Management N 3.00 42.00  
 BUSN 1271 Leadership in Sport N 3.00 42.00  
 COMM 1510 Communication Foundations N 3.00 42.00  
 MATH 1206 Mathematics of Finance N 3.00 42.00  
 MICR 1583 Spreadsheet Applications N 3.00 42.00  
 Completion of additional General Education elective (1 course required)

#### Level: 02 Term: 14 Weeks

ACCT 1198 Financial Accounting Concepts N 3.00 42.00  
 BUSN 1252 Negotiations and Law for Sport N 3.00 42.00  
 BUSN 1268 Governance of Sport Organizations N 3.00 42.00  
 COMM 1520 Communication Skills for the Emerging Professional N 3.00 42.00  
 EVMT 1210 Sport Sponsorship N 3.00 42.00  
 MKTG 1104 Marketing for Sport and Recreation N 3.00 42.00

#### Level: 03 Term: 14 Weeks

BUSN 1361 Ethics in Sport N 3.00 42.00  
 HOTEL 9680 The Global Economy in Sports N 3.00 42.00  
 MKTG 1320 Professional Selling I N 3.00 42.00  
 PERS 1226 Fundamentals of Human Resources N 3.00 42.00  
 BUSN 1301 Media and Sport N 3.00 42.00  
 Completion of additional General Education elective (1 course required) 3.00 42.00

#### Level: 04 Term: 14 Weeks

BUSN 1225 Customer Service N 3.00 48.00  
 COMM 1530 Industry Reports  
 EVMT 1325 Event Management  
 MATH 1310 Statistical Concepts  
 RECL 1439 Sport Facilities Management  
 Completion of additional General Education elective (1 course required)

#### Level: 05 Term: 14 Weeks

PRAC 1200 Work-Integrated Learning Module-Sport Management

#### Level: 06 Term: 14 Weeks

BUSN 1207 Global Sport Business  
 BUSN 1380 Contemporary Issues in Sport  
 ENTR 1360 Entrepreneurial Recreation and Sports  
 TOUR 1175 Sport Tourism  
 SOCL 1350 Sociology of Sport  
 BUSN 1370 Sport Management Research

## **Brock University, Department of Sport Management – Program of Instruction**

SPMA 1P91 Introduction to Sport Management  
 SPMA 1P92 Understanding Sport Industry Sectors  
 SPMA 1P94 Professional Engagement for the Sport Industry  
 SPMA 1P97 Research Design and Evaluation

SPMA 2P00 Analysis of Professional Sport  
 SPMA 2P06 Sport Policy  
 SPMA 2P08 Facility Management  
 SPMA 2P21 Organizational Behaviour in Sport Organizations  
 SPMA 2P27 Introduction to Sport Finance  
 SPMA 2P65 Sport Marketing  
 #SPMA 2P90 The Labour of Sport  
 SPMA 2P91 Public Relations and Communications for Sport Management  
 SPMA 2P92 Data Management and Technology for Sport Management  
 #SPMA 2P95 Masculinities: A Feminist Perspective  
 SPMA 2P96 Introduction to Sport and the Law  
 SPMA 2P98 Sport Event Management

SPMA 3P05 Management Concepts in Non-profit Sport Organizations  
 SPMA 3P07 Quantitative Analysis for Sport Management  
 SPMA 3P17 Qualitative Analysis for Sport Management  
 SPMA 3P21 Managing Human Resources in Sport Organizations  
 #SPMA 3P22 Media and Sport  
 SPMA 3P25 Sport Sponsorship  
 SPMA 3P26 Governance in Sport  
 SPMA 3P27 Advanced Sport Finance  
 #SPMA 3P55 The Sociology of Professional Wrestling  
 SPMA 3P92 Intellectual Property and Licencing in Sport  
 SPMA 3P93 Sport for Development  
 SPMA 3P94 Information Systems for Sport Analytics  
 SPMA 3P95 Sport Sales and Promotion  
 SPMA 3P96 Globalization of Sport  
 SPMA 3P98 Sport Event Critical Issues Management  
 SPMA 3P99 Special Studies in Sport Management  
 SPMA 3V90-3V99 Special Topics in Sport Management

SPMA 4F03 Honours Research Project  
 SPMA 4F04 Research Proposal  
 SPMA 4F05 Honours Research Thesis  
 SPMA 4P08 Sport Management Ethics  
 SPMA 4P09 Leadership in Sport Management  
 SPMA 4P10 Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Sport Organizations  
 SPMA 4P18 Sport and Social Responsibility  
 SPMA 4P25 Strategic Alliances in Sport Management  
 SPMA 4P27 Application of Economics to Sport Management  
 SPMA 4P85 Sport and the Consumer  
 SPMA 4P86 Legal Drafting and Contract Analysis for Sport Management  
 SPMA 4P91 Power, Politics and Policy in Sport  
 SPMA 4P94 Sport Analytics  
 SPMA 4P95 Advanced Sport Marketing  
 SPMA 4P96 Negotiation of Deals and Disputes in Sport Organizations  
 SPMA 4P97 Advanced Analysis of the Sport Industry: Hockey  
 SPMA 4P99 Advanced Special Studies in Sport Management  
 #SPMA 4Q90 Foundations of Collaboration and Teamwork

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SPMA 4V90-4V99  
SPMA 3P02 Sport Management Field Work  
SPMA 4P92 Sport Management Practicum  
SPMA 4P93 Sport for Development Field Experience  
SPMA 4P98 Major Games Field Course  
SPMA 4F01 Sport Management Internship Project  
SPMA 4F02 Sport Management Internship

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# CalendarRevisionSubmission

## Form C-3 – Course Revisions

Form C-3 is to be completed when there is a revision to a course in the course bank. One complete submission for each course. If multiple revisions are being made only one Consultation and Approval section required. Cross-listed course revisions are to be submitted by the home/primary Department/Centre and revisions will be matched in the cross-listed course.

Please upload a Word file with the details of the course revision where new additions are to be highlighted and deletion to have a ~~strike through~~.

Course code:  Crosslisting code(s):

Course title:

### 1. Proposal for this course revision:

### 2. Explanation for this course revision:

### 3. Is this course listed as a context credit (Dean approval required)?

- No  Yes, approval by the Dean has been received to revise the context credit and will be uploaded with this submission.

### 4. Is this course cross-listed?

- No  Yes, as the Primary/Home Department (financially responsible for the course) a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

### 5. Does the revisions result in additional expenses to be borne by the student (e.g. field trip, materials fees, practicum fees, etc)?

- No  Yes, fees align with current Provincial Ministry guidelines/regulations. A description of the fees and intended proposal will be uploaded.

### 6. Does this revision affect program requirements in your department?

- No  Yes, a Calendar Submission - Form B- Calendar Revisions will also be uploaded.

### 7. Does this revision affect program requirements in other departments?

- No  Yes, a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

### 8. Does this revision have any impact on future admission requirements to Brock?

- No  Yes, record of the approval from Academic Review Committee will be uploaded.

### 9. Will this revision result in the course being delivered on-line? Is this a new modality (i.e. formerly delivered face to face)?

- No  Yes, a ITS/CPI Support Form will be uploaded with this submission.

### 10. Does this course revision result from the splitting or joining of course(s) in the course bank?

- No  Yes (split)  Yes (joined) Identify the course code(s) below:

### 11. Does this course revision result from the renumbering of another course?

- No  Yes Identify the course code below:

## Consultation and Approvals

### Academic Consultation and Results

Please identify consultations with all departments/centers (Faculty as appropriate) affected by these changes and the results of those discussions. Upload a copy of all correspondence, verifying agreement of all parties, to the proposed changes.

### IT/ET Consultation

Please upload a copy of the [IT/ET support form](#) for each on-line course added to the course bank (with the exception of cross-listed courses which already exist in another department/centre).

### Library Consultation

Please upload a copy of the [Library Support form](#) for each course added to the course bank (with the exception of cross-listed courses which already exist in another department/centre).

### Approvals

Barb Chatwin

Departmental Designate for Questions

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R. Angus K. Smith

Chair (Print Name)

*R. Angus K. Smith*

Chair (Signature)

March 17, 2021

Date

Neta Gordon

Dean or Designate (Print Name)

*Neta Gordon*

Dean or Designate (Signature)

March 17, 2021

Date

### Verification of Consultation

Does this proposed revision to the calendar impact another Faculty/ Department/ Centre?

No

Yes. Please complete the [Verification of Consultation form](#) and upload with submission.



~~CLAS 2P51~~ 3P10

**Cleopatra**

History, biography, and representation in literature, art and modern media of the most renowned and controversial queen of the ancient world.

*Lectures, seminar, 3 hours per week.*

Completion of this course will replace previous assigned grade and credit obtained in CLAS 2P51.

# Calendar Revision Submission

## Form C-1 – Course Additions

Form C-1 is to be completed when there is an addition to the course bank. One complete submission for each course. Cross-listed courses are to be submitted by the home/primary Department/Centre.

Course code: CLAS 3V20

Cross-listed course codes (if applicable): VISA 3V20

Course title: 2021-2022: Virtual Study Tour of Italy

### Course description:

Archaeological and art historical investigation of Etruscan and Roman Italy. Sites to be visited virtually through synchronous and asynchronous online sessions include Rome, Pompeii, Hadrian's Villa, Cerveteri, and Tarquinia.

### Format/Contact hours:

### Restriction:

permission of the Instructor.

### Pre-requisites:

### Co-requisites:

### Note:

may be offered on-site, online, or blended. Students may produce models locally using photogrammetry, and laser/structured light scanning

### Exclusion:

Please provide responses to the questions below:

1. Proposal for this course addition:

CLAS-VISA 3V20 be added to the course bank.

2. Explanation for this course addition:

to reflect faculty member area of expertise, meet needs of department and increase 3rd year course offerings.

3. Is this course listed as a context credit?

No  Yes, a Form A - Program Additions/Terminations will be uploaded with the submission.

4. Is this course cross-listed?

No  Yes, as the Primary/Home Department (financially responsible for the course) a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

5. Are additional expenses to be borne by the student (e.g. field trip, materials fees, practicum fees, etc)?

No  Yes, fees align with current Provincial Ministry guidelines/regulations. A description of the fees and intended purpose will be uploaded with the submission.

6. Does this addition affect program requirements in your department?

No  Yes, a Calendar Submission - Form B- Calendar Revisions will also be uploaded with this submission.

7. Does this addition affect program requirements in other departments?

No  Yes, a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

8. Does this addition have any impact on future admission requirements to Brock?

No  Yes, record of the approval from Academic Review Committee will be uploaded with the submission.

9. Will this course be delivered on-line? Is this a new modality (i.e. formerly delivered face to face)?

No  Yes, an ITS/CPI Support Form will be uploaded with this submission

10. Does this course result from the splitting or joining of course(s) in the course bank?

No  Yes (split)  Yes (joined) Identify the course code(s) of the split or joined course(s) below:

11. Does this course result from the renumbering of another (current or previously offered) course?

No  Yes (please identify the course code of the current or previously offered that is being renumbered below):

## Consultation and Approvals

### Academic Consultation and Results

Please identify consultations with all departments/centers (Faculty as appropriate) affected by these changes and the results of those discussions. Upload a copy of all correspondence, verifying agreement of all parties, to the proposed changes.

### IT/ET Consultation

Please upload a copy of the [IT/ET support form](#) for each on-line course added to the course bank (with the exception of cross-listed courses which already exist in another department/centre).

### Library Consultation

Please upload a copy of the [Library Support form](#) for each course added to the course bank (with the exception of cross-listed courses which already exist in another department/centre).

### Approvals

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| Barb Chatwin                         | 3575 | bchatwin@brocku.ca   |
| Departmental Designate for Questions | Ext  | Brock E-Mail Address |

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| R. Angus K. Smith  |
| Chair (Print Name) |

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| <i>R. Angus K. Smith</i> |
| Chair (Signature)        |

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|---------------|
| March 4, 2021 |
| Date          |

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| Neta Gordon                    |
| Dean or Designate (Print Name) |

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| <i>Neta Gordon</i>           |
| Dean or Designate(Signature) |

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|---------------|
| March 4, 2021 |
| Date          |

### Verification of Consultation

Does this proposed revision to the calendar impact another Faculty/ Department/ Centre?

No

Yes. Please complete the [Verification of Consultation form](#) and upload with submission.



# James A. Gibson Library Library Support for New Courses Form

Niagara Region  
1812 Sir Isaac  
Brock Way  
St. Catharines, ON  
L2S 3A1

## To be completed by the Academic Program

Undergraduate Program Committee  Graduate Studies Committee

Academic Unit: CLASSICS Course Number: CLAS-VISA 3V20

Course Title: 2020-2021: VIRTUAL STUDY TOUR OF ITALY

Proposed Calendar Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Archaeological and art historical investigation of Etruscan and Roman Italy.

Sites to be visited virtually through synchronous and asynchronous online sessions include Rome, Pompeii, Hadrian's Villa, Cerveteri, and Tarquinia.

Offered online.

Restriction: permission of the Instructor.

## To be completed by the Liaison Librarian

Assessment of existing collection (print & online) in areas relevant to this course:

- Strong, no budgetary implications
- Adequate, minimal budgetary implications beyond current funding allocations
- Inadequate, requires additional one time only and/or ongoing additional funding

Comments: Existing collections are sufficient

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\_\_\_\_\_

Budget implications of this proposed course:

- Books, e-books, monographic collections, etc.
- Reference resources, handbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc.
- Journals, newspapers, serials, databases, etc.
- Geospatial maps, data, statistics, GIS, etc.
- Special collections, primary resources, etc.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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- The Library can support this proposed course with current funding
- The Library can support this proposed course with additional funding
- The Library can't support this proposed course

Evelyn Feldman  
Liaison Librarian

*Evelyn Feldman*  
Signature

March 4, 2021  
Date

*R. Angus K. Smith*  
Academic Program  
Library Representative,  
Chair or Director

*R. Angus K. Smith*  
Signature

*MAR 4, 2021*  
Date

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Relevant/appropriate evidence regarding this consultation (e.g., confirmation e-mail, memo, letters) is attached.

Reason for consultation (identify addition/deletion/revision as appropriate):

Cross-listing of new course: CLAS 3V20/VISA 3V20

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All parties agree to the proposed changes and have updated our UPC submissions to reflect the changes.

Consultation has occurred but changes have not been agreed to by all parties.

### **I. For changes that cross Departments/Centres within the *same* Faculty:**

**R. Angus K. Smith**



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Chair/Director (submitting Dept/Centre)



Shawn Serfas

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Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre) Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre)  
*(if multiple Dept/Centres affected, please include all signatures on this form)*

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Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre) Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre)

### **II. For changes that cross Faculties:**

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Dean (submitting Faculty)

Dean (affected Faculty)

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# Calendar Revision Submission

## Form C-1 – Course Additions

Form C-1 is to be completed when there is an addition to the course bank. One complete submission for each course. Cross-listed courses are to be submitted by the home/primary Department/Centre.

Course code: CLAS 3V70

Cross-listed course codes (if applicable): HIST 3V70

Course title: 2021-2022: Digital Modelling in Archaeology

### Course description:

Introduction to 3D modeling of archaeological artifacts, and ethical considerations of utilization. Training in computer applications for processing/analysis of digital models created as part of the Marzamemi Maritime Heritage Project.

### Format/Contact hours:

Lectures, seminar, 3 hours per week

### Restriction:

permission of the instructor.

### Pre-requisites:

### Co-requisites:

### Note:

may be offered on-site, online, or blended. Students may produce models locally using photogrammetry, and laser/structured light scanning

### Exclusion:



Please provide responses to the questions below:

1. Proposal for this course addition:

CLAS-HIST 3V70 be added to the course bank.

2. Explanation for this course addition:

to reflect faculty member area of expertise, meet needs of department and increase 3rd year course offerings.

3. Is this course listed as a context credit?

No  Yes, a Form A - Program Additions/Terminations will be uploaded with the submission.

4. Is this course cross-listed?

No  Yes, as the Primary/Home Department (financially responsible for the course) a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

5. Are additional expenses to be borne by the student (e.g. field trip, materials fees, practicum fees, etc)?

No  Yes, fees align with current Provincial Ministry guidelines/regulations. A description of the fees and intended purpose will be uploaded with the submission.

6. Does this addition affect program requirements in your department?

No  Yes, a Calendar Submission - Form B- Calendar Revisions will also be uploaded with this submission.

7. Does this addition affect program requirements in other departments?

No  Yes, a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

8. Does this addition have any impact on future admission requirements to Brock?

No  Yes, record of the approval from Academic Review Committee will be uploaded with the submission.

9. Will this course be delivered on-line? Is this a new modality (i.e. formerly delivered face to face)?

No  Yes, an ITS/CPI Support Form will be uploaded with this submission

10. Does this course result from the splitting or joining of course(s) in the course bank?

No  Yes (split)  Yes (joined) Identify the course code(s) of the split or joined course(s) below:

11. Does this course result from the renumbering of another (current or previously offered) course?

No  Yes (please identify the course code of the current or previously offered that is being renumbered below):

## Consultation and Approvals

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### Library Consultation

Please upload a copy of the [Library Support form](#) for each course added to the course bank (with the exception of cross-listed courses which already exist in another department/centre).

### Approvals

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| Barb Chatwin                         | 3575 | bchatwin@brocku.ca   |
| Departmental Designate for Questions | Ext  | Brock E-Mail Address |

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| R. Angus K. Smith  |
| Chair (Print Name) |

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| <i>R. Angus K. Smith</i> |
| Chair (Signature)        |

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| March 4, 2021 |
| Date          |

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| Neta Gordon                    |
| Dean or Designate (Print Name) |

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| <i>Neta Gordon</i>           |
| Dean or Designate(Signature) |

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### Verification of Consultation

Does this proposed revision to the calendar impact another Faculty/ Department/ Centre?

No

Yes. Please complete the [Verification of Consultation form](#) and upload with submission.



James A. Gibson Library  
Library Support for New  
Courses Form

Niagara Region  
1812 Sir Isaac  
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St. Catharines, ON  
L2S 3A1

To be completed by the Academic Program

Undergraduate Program Committee  Graduate Studies Committee

Academic Unit: CLASSICS Course Number: CLAS-HIST 3V70

Course Title: 2020-2021 FIELD TO MUSEUM: 3D MODELLING IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Proposed Calendar Description: Introduction to 3D modeling of archaeological artifacts, and ethical considerations with their utilization.  
Training in computer applications for processing/analysis of digital models created as part of the Marzamemi Maritime Heritage Project.  
In-person contact allowing production of models locally using photogrammetry, and laser/structured light scanning.  
Restriction: permission of the Instructor.  
Prerequisite(s): one of CLAS 2P32, 2P34, 3P22, 3P23, 3P24, 3P25 or permission of the Department.

To be completed by the Liaison Librarian

Assessment of existing collection (print & online) in areas relevant to this course:

- Strong, no budgetary implications
- Adequate, minimal budgetary implications beyond current funding allocations
- Inadequate, requires additional one time only and/or ongoing additional funding

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Budget implications of this proposed course:

- Books, e-books, monographic collections, etc.
- Reference resources, handbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc.
- Journals, newspapers, serials, databases, etc.
- Geospatial maps, data, statistics, GIS, etc.
- Special collections, primary resources, etc.

Comments: If the course has a research component, additional ebooks on 3D modelling in an archaeological context may be needed.

- The Library can support this proposed course with current funding
- The Library can support this proposed course with additional funding
- The Library can't support this proposed course

Evelyn Feldman  
Liaison Librarian

*Evelyn Feldman*  
Signature

March 4, 2021  
Date

R. Angus K. Smith  
Academic Program  
Library Representative,  
Chair or Director

*R. Angus K. Smith*  
Signature

March 4, 2021  
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**R. Angus K. Smith**



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Chair/Director (submitting Dept/Centre)

Maureen Lux, History



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Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre) Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre)  
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Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre) Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre)

### **II. For changes that cross Faculties:**

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Dean (submitting Faculty)

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Dean (affected Faculty)

# Calendar Revision Submission

## Form B - Program Changes

**Form B** to be completed when there is a revision to Officers of Instruction, General Information, Program Notes, and/or Program Requirements.

Upload a Word document that includes:

1. A detailed **Proposal** and **Explanation** of the proposed revision to the Program. Provide details if this program impacts other Departments or Admissions requirements.
2. If this is a Major Modification, upload verification of approval through ARC and Senate.
3. Provide the proposed revisions to the calendar by copying the existing web calendar content and **highlight** new additions and ~~strikethrough~~ deletions.

Program name:

**Brief description of proposed revision(s):**

We are moving 2 courses from 3Pxx to 2Pxx to allow students more flexibility in degree completion. Changes make it clear that students can use these course to fulfill 2nd or 3rd year requirements.

### Consultation and Approvals

Departmental Designate for Questions

Brock E-Mail

Chair (Print Name)



Chair (Signature)

Date

Dean or Designate(Print Name)



Dean or Designate (Signature)

Date

### Verification of Consultation

Does this proposed revision to the calendar impact another Faculty/ Department/ Centre?

No

Yes. Please complete the [Verification of Consultation form](#) and upload with submission.

## Program Changes

### Comprehensive Stream (Honours only)

#### Year 1

- ▶ PSYC 1F90
- ▶ one Humanities context credit
- ▶ one Sciences context credit
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

#### Year 2

- ▶ PSYC 2F23 and 2P01
- ▶ one of PSYC 2P20, 2P35, 2P36, 2P49
- ▶ PSYC 2P25 or 2P30
- ▶ one and one-half PSYC credits numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)99  
▶ one half PSYC credit numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)99
- ▶ one elective credit (see program note 1)

#### Year 3

- ▶ PSYC 3P30 (see program note 4)
- ▶ two and one-half PSYC credits numbered 3(alpha)00 to 3(alpha)99 (see program note 5)
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

#### Year 4

- ▶ PSYC 4P07 or 4P92
- ▶ PSYC 4P08
- ▶ two PSYC credit numbered 3(alpha)90 to 4(alpha)99 (see program note 5)
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

### Research Stream (Honours only)

#### Year 1

- ▶ PSYC 1F90
- ▶ one Humanities context credit

- ▶ one **Sciences** context credit
- ▶ two elective credits (see **program note 1**)

Year 2

- ▶ **PSYC 2F23** and **2P01**
- ▶ one of **PSYC 2P20, 2P35, 2P36, 2P49**
- ▶ **PSYC 2P25** or **2P30**
- ▶ one ~~and one half~~ PSYC credits numbered  $2(\alpha)00$  to  $2(\alpha)98$   
 one half PSYC credit numbered  $2(\alpha)00$  to  $2(\alpha)99$
- ▶ one elective credit (see **program note 1**)

Year 3

- ▶ **PSYC 3F40** and **3P39** (see **program notes 2** and **4**)
- ▶ one and one-half PSYC credits numbered  $3(\alpha)00$  to  $3(\alpha)99$
- ▶ two elective credits (see **program note 1**)

Year 4

- ▶ **PSYC 4F91, 4P92** and **4P93** (see **program note 2**)
- ▶ one PSYC credit numbered  $3(\alpha)90$  to  $4(\alpha)99$  (see **program note 3**)
- ▶ two elective credits (see **program note 1**)

## **Comprehensive Stream Co-op (Honours only)**

Year 1

- ▶ **PSYC 1F90**
- ▶ one Humanities context credit
- ▶ one **Sciences** context credit
- ▶ two elective credits (see **program note 1**)

Year 2

- ▶ **PSYC 0N90, 2F23** and **2P01**
- ▶ one of **PSYC 2P20, 2P35, 2P36, 2P49**

- ▶ PSYC 2P25 or 2P30
- ▶ one ~~and one-half~~ PSYC credits numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)989
- ▶ one half PSYC credit numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)99
- ▶ one elective credit (see program note 1)

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- ▶ PSYC 0N01 and 2C01

Year 3

- ▶ PSYC 3P30 (see program note 4)
- ▶ two and one-half PSYC credits numbered 3(alpha)0090 to 3(alpha)99 (see program note 5)
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- ▶ PSYC 0N02 and 2C02

Year 4

- ▶ PSYC 4P07 or 4P92
- ▶ PSYC 4P08
- ▶ two PSYC credit numbered 3(alpha)90 to 4(alpha)99 (see program note 5)
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- ▶ PSYC 0N03 and 2C03

## Research Stream Co-op (Honours only)

Year 1

- ▶ PSYC 1F90
- ▶ one Humanities context credit
- ▶ one Sciences context credit
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

Year 2



- ▶ PSYC 0N90, 2F23 and 2P01
- ▶ one of PSYC 2P20, 2P35, 2P36, 2P49
- ▶ PSYC 2P25 or 2P30
- ▶ one and one-half PSYC credits numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)989
- ▶ one half PSYC credit numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)99
- ▶ one elective credit (see program note 1)

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- ▶ PSYC 0N01 and 2C01

Year 3

- ▶ PSYC 3F40 and 3P39 (see program notes 2 and 4)
- ▶ one and one-half PSYC credits numbered 3(alpha)00 90 or above
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- ▶ PSYC 0N02 and 2C02

Year 4

- ▶ PSYC 4F91, 4P92, and 4P93 (see program note 2)
- ▶ one PSYC credit numbered 3(alpha)90 to 4(alpha)99 (see program note 3)
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- ▶ PSYC 0N03 and 2C03

## BA with Major Program

Year 1

- ▶ PSYC 1F90
- ▶ one Humanities context credit
- ▶ one Sciences context credit
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

#### Year 2

- ▶ PSYC 2F23 and 2P01
- ▶ one of PSYC 2P20, 2P35, 2P36, 2P49
- ▶ PSYC 2P25 or 2P30
- ▶ one and one-half PSYC credits numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)98  
▶ one half PSYC credit numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)99
- ▶ one elective credit (see program note 1)

#### Year 3

- ▶ PSYC 3P30 (see program note 4)
- ▶ two and one-half PSYC credits numbered 3(alpha)00 to 3(alpha)99
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

#### Year 4

- ▶ One and one-half PSYC credits numbered 4(alpha)00 to 4(alpha)99
- ▶ one PSYC credit numbered 3(alpha)90 to 4(alpha)99
- ▶ PSYC 4P07
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

### BA with Major Co-op

#### Year 1

- ▶ PSYC 1F90
- ▶ one Humanities context credit
- ▶ one Sciences context credit
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

#### Year 2

- ▶ PSYC 0N90, 2F23 and 2P01
- ▶ one of PSYC 2P20, 2P35, 2P36, 2P49
- ▶ PSYC 2P25 or 2P30

- ▶ one and one-half PSYC credits numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)989  
one half PSYC credit numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)99
- ▶ one elective credit (see [program note 1](#))

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- ▶ PSYC 0N01 and 2C01

Year 3

- ▶ PSYC 3P30 (see [program note 4](#))
- ▶ two and one-half PSYC credits numbered 3(alpha)0090 to 3(alpha)99
- ▶ two elective credits (see [program note 1](#))

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- ▶ PSYC 0N02 and 2C02

Year 4

- ▶ One and one-half PSYC credits numbered 3(alpha)0090 to 4(alpha)99
- ▶ one PSYC credit numbered 3(alpha)90 to 4(alpha)99
- ▶ PSYC 4P07
- ▶ two elective credits (see [program note 1](#))

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- ▶ PSYC 0N03 and 2C03

## Yukon College Degree Completion Program (BA with Major)

For Yukon College students attending Brock in Year Three

Year 3 is now closed

Year 4

(taken at Brock University)

- ▶ PSYC 3P30 and 4P07 (see [program note 4](#))
- ▶ four PSYC credits numbered 3(alpha)00 to 4(alpha)99 or elective credits (see [program notes 1 and 5](#))
- ▶ one PSYC credit numbered 3(alpha)90 to 4(alpha)99
- ▶ four elective credits (see [program note 1](#))

## Pass Program

Year 1

- ▶ PSYC 1F90
- ▶ one Humanities context credit
- ▶ one Sciences context credit
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

Year 2

- ▶ PSYC 2F23 and 2P01
- ▶ one of PSYC 2P20, 2P35, 2P36, 2P49
- ▶ PSYC 2P25 or 2P30
- ▶ one and one half PSYC credits numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)98  
▶ one half PSYC credit numbered 2(alpha)00 to 2(alpha)99
- ▶ one elective credit (see program note 1)

Year 3

- ▶ Three PSYC credits numbered 3(alpha)00 to 3(alpha)99
- ▶ two elective credits (see program note 1)

# CalendarRevisionSubmission

## Form C-3 – Course Revisions

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Please upload a Word file with the details of the course revision where new additions are to be highlighted and deletion to have a ~~strike through~~.

Course code:  Crosslisting code(s):

Course title:

### 1. Proposal for this course revision:

### 2. Explanation for this course revision:

### 3. Is this course listed as a context credit (Dean approval required)?

- No  Yes, approval by the Dean has been received to revise the context credit and will be uploaded with this submission.

### 4. Is this course cross-listed?

- No  Yes, as the Primary/Home Department (financially responsible for the course) a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

### 5. Does the revisions result in additional expenses to be borne by the student (e.g. field trip, materials fees, practicum fees, etc)?

- No  Yes, fees align with current Provincial Ministry guidelines/regulations. A description of the fees and intended proposal will be uploaded.

### 6. Does this revision affect program requirements in your department?

- No  Yes, a Calendar Submission - Form B- Calendar Revisions will also be uploaded.

### 7. Does this revision affect program requirements in other departments?

- No  Yes, a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

### 8. Does this revision have any impact on future admission requirements to Brock?

- No  Yes, record of the approval from Academic Review Committee will be uploaded.

### 9. Will this revision result in the course being delivered on-line? Is this a new modality (i.e. formerly delivered face to face)?

- No  Yes, a ITS/CPI Support Form will be uploaded with this submission.

### 10. Does this course revision result from the splitting or joining of course(s) in the course bank?

- No  Yes (split)  Yes (joined) Identify the course code(s) below:

### 11. Does this course revision result from the renumbering of another course?

- No  Yes Identify the course code below:

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### Approvals

Kirsti van Dorsser

Departmental Designate for Questions


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Tanya Martini

Chair (Print Name)




Chair (Signature)

March 24, 2021

Date

Ingrid Makus

Dean or Designate (Print Name)



Dean or Designate (Signature)

March 24, 2021

Date

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No

Yes. Please complete the [Verification of Consultation form](#) and upload with submission.

**PSYC 3P51 2P92**

### **Health Psychology**

Introduction to psychological aspects of health and illness. How behaviour, social context and attitudes influence physiological processes and our health. Topics include health promotion, stress, psychoneuroimmunology, health and physical activity, pain and the health care system.

*Lectures, seminar, 3 hours per week.*

Restriction: open to PSYC (single or combined), [NEUR](#), PHTH majors and PSYC minors until date specified in Registration guide. After that date open to PSYC (single or combined), [NEUR](#), PHTH majors, GHUM, [SOSC](#) students and PSYC minors until date specified in Registration guide.

Prerequisite(s): [PSYC 1F90](#).

Completion of this course will replace previous assigned grade and credit obtained in PSYC 3P51.

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- No  Yes, fees align with current Provincial Ministry guidelines/regulations. A description of the fees and intended proposal will be uploaded.

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### Approvals

Kirsti van Dorsser

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Chair (Print Name)




Chair (Signature)

March 24, 2021

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Dean or Designate (Print Name)



Dean or Designate (Signature)

March 24, 2021

Date

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**PSYC 3P52-2P90**

**Introduction to Community Psychology**

Overview of history, approaches and Ethical issues and approaches to with psychological research and practice in community settings (e.g. including deinstitutionalization, research with vulnerable communities, Indigenous research), structural interventions, and community empowerment.

Lectures, seminar, 3 hours per week.

Restriction: open to PSYC (single or combined) majors and minors until date specified in Registration guide. Students must have a minimum of 8.0 overall credits or 3.0 PSYC credits above **PSYC 1F90**.

Prerequisite(s): **PSYC 1F90**; **PSYC 2P30**.

Completion of this course will replace previous assigned grade and credit obtained in PSYC 3P52.

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## Consultation and Approvals

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- No
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## **PSYC 2P12**

### **Lifespan Development**

Introduction to theories and research in human development across the lifespan. Topics include development in physical, perceptual, cognitive, linguistic, social and/or emotional domains.

*Lectures, 1.5 hours per week; online activities, 1.5 hours per week.*

Restriction: open to PSYC (single or combined), HEAR, [NEUR](#), [RECL](#), SPLS majors and PSYC minors until date specified in Registration guide.

Prerequisite(s): [PSYC 1F90](#).

Note: **may be offered on-site or online.** Students may not concurrently register in [CHYS 2P10](#).

Completion of this course will replace previous assigned grade and credit obtained in [CHYS 2F05](#) and [2P10](#).



## Part 1: Course Type

Please approximate the distribution between online delivery and other types of delivery:

*Measures might be in the form of percentage, ratios, time, etc.*

According to the following descriptions, based on the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' categorizations, what type of course is this?

**a Face-to-Face**

This type of course can be considered a conventional or classical course at Brock University. Typically these courses have physical space associated with the delivery of the course where instructors and students meet two or more hours a week.

**b Directed reading**

Research course with directed study and regular meetings with a faculty member on or offline. Pre-allocated physical space is typically not associated with the delivery of this type of course, meetings are coordinated between the student(s) and the instructor.

**c Blended Learning Course**

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**e On-Line: Fully Online Learning (asynchronous) Course**

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## For all course types

### Information Resources and Protection Privacy

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I use turnitin.com and I use Connect, an e-platform with McGraw Hill. The latter is used for SmartBook (interactive reading), quizzes, and quests (an interactive learning tool). I have used both tools in 2020-21 with no problems.

- 2 Please describe any student assessment to be submitted or collected electronically.

*We would like to know this because depending on the size of the item being submitted, and the number of students, special accommodations may need to be made. Text-based items are rarely an issue, multi-media items have the potential to be an issue.*

Students submit most assignments via the Sakai assignment box; one assignment is interactive and takes place via Teams; one assignment involves creating a short oral presentation and students provide links to their presentation via Teams. All of these have occurred without any issues in 2020-21.

### Electronic Copyright and Accessibility

- 3 Have all items used as part of the online delivery of this course been demonstrated to meet Brock University and the Government of Ontario's requirements for accessibility, or is there a plan to address the accessibility of the content?

*Accessibility is important for student learning and a requirement in Ontario. There are many measures of the accessibility content. Please identify any issues and how they might be overcome.*

Students have access to the e-book which can be delivered in auditory feedback; videos are close captioned; accommodations (e.g., extra time on tests/assignments) are easily administered.

- 4 Will you ensure that all items distributed electronically are either:
  - a Owned by Brock University or yourself;



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- b Covered by a licence from the copyright holder;
- c Out of copyright (i.e., the copyright has expired); or
- d Covered by an exception in the Canadian Copyright Act?

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YES. In each case I have worked with the library.

*It is important to note that copyright is applied differently online than in a classroom in Canada.*

## Part 2: On-Line Synchronous Conferencing Course, Blended Learning Course or Fully Online Learning Course

### For Synchronous Conferencing Courses

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- 4 Please describe where participants (including instructors) will be located?

*For example: Their homes, a lecture hall, other countries....*

- 5 Please indicate the approximate frequency and duration of each meeting.

*For example: 2 times a week for an hour.*

### For Blended Learning and Fully Online Learning Course

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- 2 Will there be non-text-based forms of instruction such as video, audio or large computer files and what services will be used to distribute these files?

*For example: A weekly video produced by the instructor or from other sources that is posted on a service like YouTube as an unlisted video.*

- 3 Will there be non-text-based forms of assessment such as video, audio or large computer files and what services will be used to collect these files?

*For example: Video submitted to the Isaak/Sakai Assignments tool or posted on a public video site such as YouTube.*

**For Brock University central services:**

CPI recommendation:

CPI has no issue with this course proceeding, as Brock University has privacy agreements covering all platforms mentioned, including McGraw Hill.



Matt Clare  
Associate Director,  
Technology-Enabled Learning  
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ITS recommendation:

ITS has no concerns with this course proceeding.



Andy Morgan  
Director, Client Services  
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**PSYC 3P68**

**Sleep and Wakefulness**

Functions, mechanisms, rhythms, physiology and psychology of sleep contrasted with counterparts during wakefulness. Current issues in sleep research and sleep disorders medicine.

~~Lectures, seminar,~~ 3 hours per week.

Restriction: open to PSYC (single or combined), [NEUR](#) majors and PSYC minors until date specified in Registration guide. After that date open to PSYC (single or

combined), [NEUR](#) majors, GHUM, [SOSC](#) students and PSYC minors until date specified in Registration guide. Students must have a minimum of 8.0 overall credits or 3.0 PSYC credits above [PSYC 1F90](#).

Prerequisite(s): [PSYC 1F90](#).

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## **PSYC 3P72**

### **Drugs and Behaviour**

Basic principles of the kinetics of drugs and drug action, drug effects and drug interactions.

Psychology of addictive behaviour. Effects of psychoactive drugs on behaviour and experience. Focus on recreational drugs and psychiatric medications.

Lectures, ~~seminar~~ **online activities**, 3 hours per week.

Restriction: open to PSYC (single or combined), **NEUR**, PHTH majors and PSYC minors until date specified in Registration guide. Students must have a minimum of 8.0 overall credits or 3.0 PSYC credits above **PSYC 1F90**.

Prerequisite(s): **PSYC 1F90**.

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ACADEMIC UNIT:      COURSE NUMBER: 3P72  
Psyc

COURSE TITLE:      PROJECTED ENROLLMENT: 60  
Drugs and Behaviour

PROPOSED              From 2017 calendar:  
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**PSYC 3P72**

**Drugs and Behaviour**

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*Lectures, 1 hour per week; online activities, 2 hours per week.*

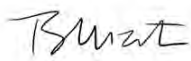
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Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1F90.

INSTRUCTOR (if applicable): Kimberly Cote

Note: this course was run in BLENDED format by Dr Cote on 5 prior occasions between 2016-18. It was only changed temporarily to a standard format to allow for a part-time instructor to cover the course while Dr. Cote was Chair. There are no new IT considerations for the course.

Chair/Director:



March 30, 2021

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Dean: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: March 30, 2021

Part 1: Course Type

Please approximate the distribution between online delivery and other types of delivery:

Lectures, 1 hour per week; online activities, 2 hours per week.

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## For all course types

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**NO**

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**Quizzes on Sakai as before. 5-min digital power point presentation uploaded to Sakii, as before. Essays submitted in Assignments on Sakai, as before.**

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### Electronic Copyright and Accessibility

- 3 Have all items used as part of the online delivery of this course been demonstrated to meet Brock University and the Government of Ontario's requirements for accessibility, or is there a plan to address the accessibility of the content?

**Yes, all items are accessible. In the 6 prior times this course was taught in the same format, there were no issues if accessibility raised. Should there be any issues raised though SDC they will be addressed accordingly.**

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**Yes.**

## **Part 2: On-Line Synchronous Conferencing Course, Blended Learning Course or Fully Online Learning Course**

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### **For Blended Learning and Fully Online Learning Course**

- 1 Are there any required technologies that differ from what Brock University currently provides in computer labs?

**NO**

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- 2 Will there be non-text-based forms of instruction such as video, audio or large computer files and what services will be used to distribute these files?

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Yes, short (20 min) videos of lectures on Sakai, same as before. Links to digital resources such as films, news stories, podcasts.

*For example: A weekly video produced by the instructor or from other sources that is posted on a service like YouTube as an unlisted video.*

- 3 Will there be non-text-based forms of assessment such as video, audio or large computer files and what services will be used to collect these files?

Already mentioned above – a 5-min video power point assignment.

*For example: Video submitted to the Isaak/Sakai Assignments tool or posted on a public video site such as YouTube.*

### For Brock University central services:

CPI recommendation:

CPI has no concerns with this course proceeding.



Matt Clare  
Associate Director,  
Technology-Enabled Learning  
Centre for Pedagogical Innovation

ITS recommendation:

ITS has no concerns with this course proceeding.



Andy Morgan  
Director, Client Services  
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Course title:

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No

Yes. Please complete the [Verification of Consultation form](#) and upload with submission.

## **PSYC 4P28**

### **Person Perception**

Examination of how we perceive and form impressions of other people, including the perception of facial displays of emotion, perception of facial identity and social judgements. Topics include the development of person perception, underlying neural mechanisms and implications for daily life.

*Seminar, 3 hours per week.*

Restriction: open to PSYC (single or combine) majors and minors until the date specified in the Registration guide. Students must have a minimum of 13.5 credits and 5.0 PSYC credits above [PSYC](#)

[1F90](#).

Prerequisite(s): [PSYC 1F90](#); [PSYC 3F40](#) or [3P30](#).

Note: may be offered on-site or online.

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ACADEMIC UNIT: PSYC

COURSE NUMBER: 4P28

COURSE TITLE: Person Perception

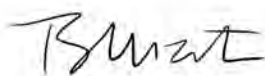
PROJECTED ENROLLMENT: 40

PROPOSED CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: INSTRUCTOR (if applicable): Mondloch

PSYC 4P28 Person Perception Examination of how we perceive and form impressions of other people, including the perception of facial displays of emotion, perception of facial identity and social judgements. Topics include the development of person perception, underlying neural mechanisms and implications for daily life. Seminar, 3 hours per week. Restriction: open to PSYC (single or combine) majors and minors until the date specified in the Registration guide. Students must have a minimum of 13.5 credits and 5.0 PSYC credits above PSYC 1F90. Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1F90; PSYC 3F40 or 3P30. **Note: may be offered on-site or online.**

Note: Only the format has been changed (highlighted).

Chair/Director:



March 29, 2021



Dean:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_ March 29, 2021

## Part 1: Course Type

Please approximate the distribution between online delivery and other types of delivery:

*Measures might be in the form of percentage, ratios, time, etc.*

According to the following descriptions, based on the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' categorizations, what type of course is this?

**a Face-to-Face**

This type of course can be considered a conventional or classical course at Brock University. Typically these courses have physical space associated with the delivery of the course where instructors and students meet two or more hours a week.

**b Directed reading**

Research course with directed study and regular meetings with a faculty member on or offline. Pre-allocated physical space is typically not associated with the delivery of this type of course, meetings are coordinated between the student(s) and the instructor.

**c Blended Learning Course**

This is a course where face-to-face teaching time is reduced, but not eliminated, to allow students more time for online study. This model comes in a number of formats; however **the online component is typically 50%-80% of the total course delivery**. In this case, a blended learning course may have components delivered via traditional face-to-face; however, over half the course delivery should be online.

**d On-Line: Synchronous Conferencing Course**

This describes a course delivered through audio and video conferencing to provide synchronous communications (i.e., at the same time) between an instructor at one site and students at other sites. **A course is considered to be offered via synchronous conferencing if 80% or more of the content is delivered this way**. For example, a synchronous conferencing course may have occasional face-to-face meetings, a proctored exam, etc. with the remainder of the content delivered through audio and video conferencing.

**e On-Line: Fully Online Learning (asynchronous) Course**

This is a form of distance learning delivered to individuals with access to the Internet, either at home, work or through an access centre. Although courses may have a set start date and set due dates for assignments, students can otherwise access and participate in courses at times and places of their own choosing. **The online component is typically over 80% of the total delivery**. For example, a fully online course may include occasional face-to-face meetings, a proctored exam, etc. with the remainder of the content delivered online.

## For all course types

### Information Resources and Protection Privacy

- 1 Will you, or anyone involved in this course, be sharing any information about Brock University students with a third party as part of the delivery of this course?

*We would like to know about third parties that/who will receive private student information and ensure that a Confidentiality and Privacy Agreement is arranged with these third parties if one does not already exist. Turnitin.com is an example of a third party, though there is an existing Confidentiality and Privacy Agreement. Other examples might be eTextbook providers or "clicker" services which require the university to provide student information, as opposed to students being asked to optionally provide it.*

I use turnitin.com through Sakai.

- 2 Please describe any student assessment to be submitted or collected electronically.

*We would like to know this because depending on the size of the item being submitted, and the number of students, special accommodations may need to be made. Text-based items are rarely an issue, multi-media items have the potential to be an issue.*

Students submit weekly assignments via Sakai. End-of-term projects are group-based and submitted via Teams. These comprise multi-media presentations (typically ppt presentations with audio, but students have many options available). Both of these have occurred without any issues in 2020-21.

### Electronic Copyright and Accessibility

- 3 Have all items used as part of the online delivery of this course been demonstrated to meet Brock University and the Government of Ontario's requirements for accessibility, or is there a plan to address the accessibility of the content?

*Accessibility is important for student learning and a requirement in Ontario. There are many measures of the accessibility content. Please identify any issues and how they might be overcome.*

Videos are close captioned [MC1]. Accommodations are handled on a case-by-case basis. 2 hours/week are synchronous and involve group discussions; 1 hour/week comprises posted videos and mini lectures.

- 4 Will you ensure that all items distributed electronically are either:
  - a Owned by Brock University or yourself;

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- b Covered by a licence from the copyright holder;
- c Out of copyright (i.e., the copyright has expired); or
- d Covered by an exception in the Canadian Copyright Act?

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YES. In each case I have worked with the library.

*It is important to note that copyright is applied differently online than in a classroom in Canada.*

## Part 2: On-Line Synchronous Conferencing Course, Blended Learning Course or Fully Online Learning Course

### For Synchronous Conferencing Courses

- 1 Are there any required technologies that differ from what Brock University currently provides in computer labs?

*For example: A web cam, microphone, tablet computer...*

- 2 What service(s) will be used to facilitate Synchronous Conferencing?

*For example: A piece of video conferencing hardware, Skype, Elluminate, Saba Centra, Adobe or Citirx solutions...*

- 3 Who is/are the service provider(s) or host(s)?

*For example: Brock University, Contact North, another institution or commercial provider such as Skype*

- 4 Please describe where participants (including instructors) will be located?

*For example: Their homes, a lecture hall, other countries....*

- 5 Please indicate the approximate frequency and duration of each meeting.

*For example: 2 times a week for an hour.*

### For Blended Learning and Fully Online Learning Course

- 1 Are there any required technologies that differ from what Brock University currently provides in computer labs?

*For example: web cam, microphone, tablet computer...*

- 2 Will there be non-text-based forms of instruction such as video, audio or large computer files and what services will be used to distribute these files?

*For example: A weekly video produced by the instructor or from other sources that is posted on a service like YouTube as an unlisted video.*

- 3 Will there be non-text-based forms of assessment such as video, audio or large computer files and what services will be used to collect these files?

*For example: Video submitted to the Isaak/Sakai Assignments tool or posted on a public video site such as YouTube.*



**For Brock University central services:**

CPI recommendation:

CPI has no concerns with this course proceeding.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Clare', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Clare  
Associate Director,  
Technology-Enabled Learning  
Centre for Pedagogical Innovation

ITS recommendation:

ITS has no concerns with this course proceeding.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Morgan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andy Morgan  
Director, Client Services  
Information Technology Services

# CalendarRevisionSubmission

## Form C-3 –CourseRevisions

Form C-3 is to be completed when there is a revision to a course in the course bank. One complete submission for each course. If multiple revisions are being made only one Consultation and Approval section required. Cross-listed course revisions are to be submitted by the home/primary Department/Centre and revisions will be matched in the cross-listed course.

Please upload a Word file with the details of the course revision where new additions are to be highlighted and deletion to have a ~~strike through~~.

Course code:  Crosslisting code(s):

Course title:

### 1.Proposal for this course revision:

### 2.Explanation for this course revision:

### 3.Is this course listed as a context credit(Dean approval required)?

- No  Yes, approval by the Dean has been received to revise the context credit and will be uploaded with this submission.

### 4. Is this course cross-listed?

- No  Yes, as the Primary/Home Department (financially responsible for the course) a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

### 5. Does the revisions result in additional expenses to be borne by the student (e.g. field trip,materials fees, practicum fees, etc)?

- No  Yes, fees align with current Provincial Ministry guidelines/regulations. A description of the fees and intended proposal will be uploaded.

### 6. Does this revision affect program requirements in your department?

- No  Yes, a Calendar Submission - Form B- Calendar Revisions will also be uploaded.

### 7. Does this revision affect program requirements in other departments?

- No  Yes, a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

### 8. Does this revision have any impact on future admission requirements to Brock?

- No  Yes, record of the approval from Academic Review Committee will be uploaded.

### 9. Will this revision result in the course being delivered on-line? Is this a new modality (i.e. formerly delivered face to face)?

- No  Yes, a ITS/CPI Support Form will be uploaded with this submission.

### 10. Does this course revision result from the splitting or joining of course(s) in the course bank?

- No  Yes (split)  Yes (joined) Identify the course code(s) below:

### 11. Does this course revision result from the renumbering of another course?

- No  Yes Identify the course code below:

## Consultation and Approvals

### Academic Consultation and Results

Please identify consultations with all departments/centers (Faculty as appropriate) affected by these changes and the results of those discussions. Upload a copy of all correspondence, verifying agreement of all parties, to the proposed changes.

### IT/ET Consultation

Please upload a copy of the [IT/ET support form](#) for each on-line course added to the course bank (with the exception of cross-listed courses which already exist in another department/centre).

### Library Consultation

Please upload a copy of the [Library Support form](#) for each course added to the course bank (with the exception of cross-listed courses which already exist in another department/centre).

### Approvals

Kirsti van Dorsser

Departmental Designate for Questions

Ext

kvandorsser@brocku.ca

Brock E-Mail Address

Tanya Martini

Chair (Print Name)




Chair (Signature)

March 24, 2021

Date

Ingrid Makus

Dean or Designate (Print Name)



Dean or Designate (Signature)

March 24, 2021

Date

### Verification of Consultation

Does this proposed revision to the calendar impact another Faculty/ Department/ Centre?



No



Yes. Please complete the [Verification of Consultation form](#) and upload with submission.

## **PSYC 4P30**

### **Positive Psychology**

Focus on positive experiences, characteristics, and institutions. Main themes include positive psychology as a source of information about well-being and optimal human functioning, central role of psychological science in the study of positive psychology, positive psychology as a lens through which to view all psychological inquiry.

Lectures, 1 seminar, 3 hours per week.

Restriction: open to PSYC (single or combined) majors and minors until the date specified in Registration guide. Students must have 13.5 credits or 5.0 PSYC credits above [PSYC 1F90](#).

Prerequisite(s): [PSYC 1F90](#); [PSYC 2P25](#) or [2P30](#); [PSYC 3F40](#) or [3P30](#).

# Calendar Revision Submission

## Form C-2 – Course Deletions

**Form C-2** is to be completed when there is a deletion to the course bank. One complete submission for each course. Cross-listed courses are to be submitted by the home/primary Department/Centre.

Course code: HIST 3P82

Cross-listed course codes (if applicable): ADST 3P82

Course title:

A History of Disability Technologies

Please provide responses to the questions below:

1. **Proposal for this course deletion:**

- That the Department of History delete HIST 3P82 from its list of course offerings

2. **Explanation for this course deletion:**

This course has not been taught since 2017 and will likely not be taught again as History does not have Faculty with expertise in this area of study.

3. **Is this course listed as a context credit (Dean approval required)?**

No  Yes, a Form A - Program Additions/Terminations will be uploaded with the submission.

4. **Is this course cross-listed?**

No  Yes, as the Primary/Home Department (financially responsible for the course) a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

5. **Does this deletion affect program requirements in your department?**

No  Yes, a Calendar Submission - Form B- Calendar Revisions will also be uploaded with this submission.

6. **Does this deletion affect program requirements in other departments?**

No  Yes, a Verification of Consultation form will be uploaded with this submission.

7. **Does this deletion have any impact on future admission requirements to Brock?**

No  Yes, record of the approval from Academic Review Committee will be uploaded with the submission.

8. **Is this course deletion the result of a course being split or joined and new course(s) being created?**

No  Yes (split)  Yes (joined) If yes, enter new course codes below:

9. **Is this course deletion the result of a course renumbering?**

No  Yes (identify the course code of the newly renumbered course below):

## Consultation and Approvals

### Academic Consultation and Results

Please identify consultations with all departments/centers (Faculty as appropriate) affected by these changes and the results of those discussions. Upload a copy of all correspondence, verifying agreement of all parties, to the proposed changes.

### IT/ET Consultation

Please upload a copy of the [IT/ET support form](#) for each on-line course added to the course bank (with the exception of cross-listed courses which already exist in another department/centre).

### Library Consultation

Please upload a copy of the [Library Support form](#) for each course added to the course bank (with the exception of cross-listed courses which already exist in another department/centre).

### Approvals

Frances Meffe

Departmental Designate for Questions

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history@brocku.ca

Brock E-Mail Address

Dr. Maureen Lux, Chair, History

Chair (Print Name)

*Maureen Lux*

Chair (Signature)

March 16, 2021

Date

Dr. Neta Gordon, Assoc. Dean, F.O.H.

Dean or Designate (Print Name)

*Neta Gordon*

Dean or Designate (Signature)

March 16, 2021

Date

### Verification of Consultation

Does this proposed revision to the calendar impact another Faculty/ Department/ Centre?

No

Yes. Please complete the [Verification of Consultation form](#) and upload with submission.

**Verification of Consultation Form  
for Changes affecting other Faculties/Departments/Centres**

This form verifies that we are aware and have engaged in consultation regarding the proposed changes in this submission that affect our respective programs (e.g. additions, deletions, revisions to courses or course components, revision to program requirements that impact a program in another Department/Centre).

Please provide relevant/appropriate evidence regarding this consultation (e.g., confirmation e-mail).

Reason for consultation (identify addition/deletion/revision as appropriate):

**Deletion of HIST/ADST 3P82 from the Calendar**

- All parties agree to the proposed changes and have updated our UPC submissions to reflect the changes.
- Consultation has occurred but changes have not been agreed to by all parties.

**I. For changes that cross Departments/Centres within the *same* Faculty:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair/Director (submitting Dept/Centre)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*If multiple Dept/Centres affected, please include all signatures on this form.*

**Dr. Maureen Lux, History**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre)

Maureen Lux

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Signature

**Dr. Maurice Feldman, ADS**

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Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre)



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Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre)

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Signature

**II. For changes that cross Faculties:**

**Dr. Neta Gordon, FOH**

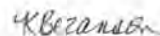
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Dean (submitting Faculty)

Neta Gordon

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Signature

**Dr. Kate Bezanson, FOSS**

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Dean (affected Faculty)



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# Calendar Revision Submission

## Form B - Program Changes

**Form B** to be completed when there is a revision to Officers of Instruction, General Information, Program Notes, and/or Program Requirements.

Upload a Word document that includes:

1. A detailed **Proposal** and **Explanation** of the proposed revision to the Program. Provide details if this program impacts other Departments or Admissions requirements.
2. If this is a Major Modification, upload verification of approval through ARC and Senate.
3. Provide the proposed revisions to the calendar by copying the existing web calendar content and **highlight** new additions and ~~strikethrough~~ deletions.

Program name:

Brief description of proposed revision(s):

### Consultation and Approvals

Departmental Designate for Questions

Brock E-Mail

Chair (Print Name)

Chair (Signature)

Date

Dean or Designate(Print Name)

Dean or Designate (Signature)

Date

### Verification of Consultation

Does this proposed revision to the calendar impact another Faculty/ Department/ Centre?

No

Yes. Please complete the [Verification of Consultation form](#) and upload with submission.



## **MATH/STAT 3P81**

### **Math Co-op program:**

Year 3, Fall term, replace “3P81” to “3P81 or 3P82”; and Year 4 replace “3P82” to “3P81 or 3P82”

### **MATH/STAT 4P85 Stat Co-op program:**

Year 4, Winter term, replace “4P85” to “4P84 or 4P85”; and Year 5, Fall term, replace “4P84” to “4P84 or 4P85”.

## **Mathematics Co-op (Honours only)**

Year 1

- MATH 1P01, 1P02, 1P11 and 1P40
- three elective credits (see program note 1)

Year 2

- MATH 2P03, 2P08, 2P12, 2P40, STAT 2P81 and 2P82
- SCIE ON90
- the Humanities context credit, Sciences context credit or Social Sciences context credit not taken in year 1
- one elective credit

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- MATH ON01 and 2C01

Year 3

Fall Term:

- MATH 3P12 and ~~STAT 3P81~~
- **STAT 3P81 or 3P82**
- one MATH or STAT credit numbered 3(alpha)00 or above
- one-half elective credit

Winter Term:

- MATH ON02 and 2C02

Year 4

- MATH 3P40 and ~~3P82~~
- **STAT 3P81 or 3P82**
- one credit from MATH 3P04, 4P06, 4P09, 4P13, 4P92, 4P94, STAT 3P85, 3P86, 4P84
- one credit from MATH 4P09, 4P11, 4P92, 4P94, STAT 4P84
- one MATH or STAT credit numbered 3(alpha)00 or above
- one elective credit

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- MATH ON03 and 2C03

Year 5

Fall Term:

- One and one-half MATH or STAT credits numbered 4(alpha)00 or above
- one elective credit

## **Statistics Co-op (Honours only)**

Year 1

- MATH 1P01, 1P02, 1P11 and 1P40
- three elective credits (see program note 1)

Year 2

- MATH 2P03, 2P08, 2P12, 2P40, STAT 2P81 and 2P82
- the Humanities context credit, Sciences context credit or Social Sciences context credit not taken in year 1
- one elective credit (see program note 6)

Year 3

- STAT 3P81, 3P82, 3P85 and 3P86
- one MATH or STAT credit numbered 3(alpha)00 or above (see program note 6)
- SCIE 0N90
- two elective credits (see program note 6)

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- MATH 0N01 and 2C01

Year 4

Fall Term:

- MATH 0N02 and 2C02

Winter Term:

- STAT 4P82 ~~and 4P85~~
- STAT 4P84 or 4P85
- one-half MATH or STAT credit (see program notes 6 and 7)
- one elective credit (see program notes 6 and 7)

Spring/Summer Sessions:

- MATH 0N03 and 2C03

Year 5

Fall Term:

- STAT 4P81 ~~and 4P84~~
- STAT 4P84 or 4P85
- one-half MATH or STAT credit
- one MATH or STAT credit numbered 3 (alpha) 90 or above

## **Verification of Consultation Form for Changes affecting other Faculties/Departments/Centres**

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Please provide relevant/appropriate evidence regarding this consultation (e.g., confirmation e-mail).

Reason for consultation (identify addition/deletion/revision as appropriate):

MATH/STAT 3P81 addition Fall 2021-22, MATH/STAT 4P85 addition Winter 2021-22

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- All parties agree to the proposed changes and have updated our UPC submissions to reflect the changes.
- Consultation has occurred but changes have not been agreed to by all parties.

### **I. For changes that cross Departments/Centres within the *same* Faculty:**

Stepehn Anco, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair/Director (submitting Dept/Centre)

Stephen Anco

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*If multiple Dept/Centres affected, please include all signatures on this form.*

Sandy Howe, Acting Director, CCEE

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Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre)

*Sandy Howe*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre)

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Signature

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Chair/Director (affected Dept/Centre)

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Signature

### **II. For changes that cross Faculties:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean (submitting Faculty)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Dean (affected Faculty)

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Signature

## Calendar change request

Julia Zhu  
Wed 3/24/2021 10:29 AM

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To:

• Jayne Zarecky

Cc:

• Sandy Howe

Verification of Consultation Form - SH sign.pdf  
157 KB

Hi Jayne,

Please find attached signed form by Sandy Howe, our Acting Director for CCEE. We hope we captured everything in the form properly.

Regards,  
Julia

**Julia Zhu, MA**

Associate Director, Co-op Education

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**From:** Jayne Zarecky <[jzarecky@brocku.ca](mailto:jzarecky@brocku.ca)>

**Sent:** March 23, 2021 8:36 AM

**To:** Julia Zhu <[jzhu@brocku.ca](mailto:jzhu@brocku.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Calendar change request

Hi Julia,

Thanks for following up on this. Yes, the student can complete in either of the terms.

Jayne

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**From:** Julia Zhu <[jzhu@brocku.ca](mailto:jzhu@brocku.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 5:38 PM  
**To:** Jayne Zarecky <[jzarecky@brocku.ca](mailto:jzarecky@brocku.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Calendar change request

Hi Jayne,

Sorry for my delay on getting back to you.

I believe this will need to be signed by our Acting Director, Sandy Howe and I will check with her.

Meanwhile, I wanted to make sure that based on the change, it means that a Math of STAT co-op student can complete these courses (i.e. 3P81 and 3P82) in either of the term, correct?

Thanks,  
Julia

**Julia Zhu, MA**  
Associate Director, Co-op Education  
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**From:** Jayne Zarecky <[jzarecky@brocku.ca](mailto:jzarecky@brocku.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 18, 2021 9:33 AM  
**To:** Julia Zhu <[jzhu@brocku.ca](mailto:jzhu@brocku.ca)>  
**Subject:** Calendar change request

Hi Julia,

I'm not sure that you are the correct person to send this request to but if not, please forward.

While Scheduling was creating the academic blocks for Fall/Winter 2021-2022, they noticed some issues. The calendar indicates that MATH/STAT 3P81 is to be taken in the Fall term, but it is only offered in Winter term. The calendar states that MATH/STAT 4P85 is to be taken in the Winter term, but it is only offered in Fall term. The committee would like to keep the flexibility of our offering these courses in either term and the department voted and approved the calendar change request below.

### **MATH/STAT 3P81**

#### **Math Co-op program:**

Year 3, Fall term, replace "3P81" to "3P81 or 3P82"; and Year 4 replace "3P82" to "3P81 or 3P82"

### **MATH/STAT 4P85**

#### **Stat Co-op program:**

Year 4, Winter term, replace "4P85" to "4P84 or 4P85"; and Year 5, Fall term, replace "4P84" to "4P84 or 4P85".

#### **Jayne Zarecky**

Administrative Assistant

**Brock University** | Department of Mathematics and Statistics

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To: Chabriol Colebatch, University Secretary &  
General Counsel

From: Professor Francine McCarthy  
Chair, Senate Graduate Studies Committee

DATE: April 13, 2021

## Report to Senate 689, April 21, 2021

### ACTION ITEMS

- None

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- None

### CONSENT ITEMS - FOR APPROVAL

- None

### CONSENT ITEMS - FOR INFORMATION

#### 1. Department of Engineering Consultation

The SGSC received a report and presentation on the Faculty of Mathematics and Science proposal for the creation of a new Department of Engineering. This item was recommended for approval; however, the motion for Senate's consideration will be captured in the joint report with the UPC at a future Senate meeting following the joint meeting as per the Faculty Handbook procedures for creating new academic units, specified in FHB Section 3.C.16.

#### 2. University Library Consultation

On the April 6, 2021 SGSC meeting Mark Robertson (University Librarian) presented on the Library Restructuring Plan and invited feedback from the SGSC members. The committee provided feedback on collaboration and teamwork and the importance of creating structures for better communication and support.

3. Fall Planning and Vice-Provost Role

Lynn Wells Provost & Vice-President, Academic attended the April 6, 2021 SGSC meeting for consultation on Fall Planning and the role of Vice Provost & Associate VP, Students currently under review. The Committee members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

4. Senate Graduate Studies Awards Sub-Committee Report Outlined in **Appendix 1**



## Appendix 1

Report of the Senate Graduate Studies Awards Sub-committee

To: Senate Graduate Studies Committee

Date: April 6 2021

Awards Sub-committee members: Bareket Falk (Chair), Beatrice Ombuki-Berman, Nicole Nolan, Brian Roy (non-voting)

The Awards Sub-committee met on Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> (mtg #4), 2021.

Two student representatives joined the meeting: Haley Myatt and Amanda Williams

We adjudicated 1 award: The Michael Plyley Graduate Mentorship Award.

One award was recommended, under the Master's/Doctoral category.

There were no eligible candidates under the Master's only category. (Note that there was one original candidate listed in this category. However, it was evident that this candidate also supervised a PhD student and was therefore moved to the Master's/Doctoral category.)

This concludes the adjudication of awards for this year.

Thank you to a great team.

Reporting: Bareket Falk



**TO:** Chabriol Colebatch  
University Secretary & General Legal Counsel

**FROM:** Professor Carole Stewart  
Chair, Teaching and Learning Policy Committee

**DATE:** April 14, 2021

**REPORT TO SENATE 689 April 21, 2021**

**CONSENT ITEMS - INFORMATION**

**April 9 Meeting**

**1. Presentation of Library Restructuring Plan**

Mark Robertson, University Librarian, delivered a presentation titled “Library Restructuring Plan” and a draft of the “Library Organizational Framework – Senate Committee Consultations” dated April 2021, for discussion. Based on an external review, the restructuring plan would align with the strategic plan. The committee discussion raised questions about Transdisciplinarity and Indigenization, and how the library might address these within the disciplinary structuring.

**2. A Report on the Experiences of Indigenous Faculty**

The committee discussed a document titled “Lighting the Fire: Experiences of Indigenous Faculty in Ontario Universities,” a report from the Council of Universities (COU) working group, forwarded by Two Row Council (TRC). The calls to actions from the report on “support for faculty to include Indigenous content and pedagogies and mentoring Indigenous faculty.” TLP&C has a working group on Indigenous Teaching & Learning that is also drafting a report to present to senate for discussion that addresses some of these issues, and the report from COU will be considered in the final drafting of that report to present to T&LPC in May, and then to TRC and Senate. We also discussed the call to action concerning more flexible classroom spaces for Indigenous pedagogies and the cross over with IT&I and the Registrar (scheduling) to address these issues.

### **3. Working group on Indigenous Learning**

Madelyn Law presented a draft of the report from the working group. The report will be reviewed again, revised, and presented in May at T&LPC. The Committee also discussed writing a summary of the report for a generative discussion with Senate.

### **4. Working Group on Teaching Innovation**

Madelyn Law discussed the report on online Teaching and the survey that was circulated. Preliminary results were given from 123 Faculty, 3 Librarians, 87 part-time instructors, and 92 TA's, senior lab demonstrators, and ESL instructors. The final report will be presented to T&LPC in May.

### **5. Course Components and Course Delivery Modes - Definitions**

Madelyn Law presented a document on definitions for course classifications, which will be presented to UPC. T&LPC supported the definitions and suggested the following: expand on the definition of Seminar to including testing and learning concepts; and delete "short term" from the definitions of Field Course and International Field Experience.

### **March 12 Meeting**

### **6. Indigenization**

The Committee received the following updates on Indigenization:

Four indigenous teaching positions have been created. On April 26 the University will be receiving a gift – a Teaching Lodge, to be placed at the front of the Plaza building. The Lodge will be a part of the teaching process and students will get an opportunity to train there. Brock is one of three sites gifted a Teaching Lodge. Robyn Bourgeois and Brian Power are working in consultation with Two Row Council and the Aboriginal Education Council to develop undergraduate degree level expectations. A Sub-committee is reviewing the IEAC report to determine what needs to be done and what has already been done

### **7. Discussion with Provost on Fall 2021 guidelines**

Provost Lynn Wells reported that guidelines for Fall 2021 were circulated around campus for feedback. The guidelines are being vetted at Senate committees and bargaining units. The plan is that students will return to campus in person Fall 2021. The Registrar's Office is working on plans to pivot back to online/hybrid course delivery should Public Health measures require a lockdown. Lynn Wells responded to questions related to social distancing, and implications for non-vaccinated international students. Discussions are ongoing nationally at COU on the matter and legal advice is being sought. At this time there is no requirement for proof of vaccination. With respect to Covid-19 the University is guided by Public Health. Members were encouraged by the Provost to e-mail her with further questions.

## **8. Digital Learning Resources**

The committee provided feedback for the document on course definitions that was presented at the April meeting

## **9. Updates from Working groups** on Indigenization and on Teaching Innovations (see April minutes above for more info.)

## Report to Senate #689, April 21, 2021

TO: Chabriol Colebatch, University Secretary and General Legal Counsel

FROM: Jens Coorssen  
Chair, Governance Committee

DATE: April 21, 2021

### Consent Items for Information

1. **Meeting with Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Secretaries**

The Governance Committee met with the committee chairs, vice-chairs, and secretaries to discuss and/or gather feedback on the following topics:

- Opening committee meetings and welcoming external guests
- Reviewing committees' terms of reference
- Fall planning - Senate and committee meetings
- Scheduling of Senate and committee meetings

The Secretariat will review the feedback and provide any recommendations to the Governance Committee.

2. **Faculty Handbook Section 4 Revisions - Project Timelines**

The Committee provided feedback on timelines and consultation/engagement approaches for the review of Faculty Handbook Section 4 which addresses senior academic searches.

3. **Experiences of Indigenous Faculty in Ontario Universities**

The Committee reviewed the action items and findings outlined in a recent report from the Council of Ontario Universities regarding the experiences of Indigenous faculty members. The report can be viewed at

<https://ontariosuniversities.ca/reports/experiences-of-indigenous-faculty>

4. **Determinations of the Elections Sub-Committee - April 2021**

- The Sub-Committee granted a request from a Senator for an exemption from FHB 2: 3.3.1 because, at the time of the request, they were on a leave that was precisely three months, the leave was already half complete, the Senator had continued attending Senate and Committee meetings during the leave, and flexibility had recently been granted for leaves due to complications surrounding the COVID pandemic.
- The Sub-Committee also confirmed the status of a nomination as incomplete since it was missing signatures from the candidate and four nominators.

5. **Appointments to the Advisory Committee on the Dean of the Goodman School of Business**

The Committee considered nominations to the Advisory Committee on the Dean of the Goodman School of Business and recommended individuals for appointment to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.