Items for Approval

The Faculty of Science Graduate Admissions & Studies Committee has approved the following courses and offers them for approval.

1.0 Department of Computer Science

Effective date for Motion 1.1: 201810

1.1 Motion that the following modifications be made to CS 601 and CS 602 so that they are consistent with FGSR’s new Graduate Co-Operative Course Policy.

CS 601 Graduate Co-op Work Term I (6 credit hours)
This is the first one semester graduate work experience placement for graduate students in Computer Science. To register in this class a student must be in good standing and enrolled full-time in a Master’s program in Computer Science. A preliminary work term report must be submitted before the end of the semester. A student who completes both CS 601 and CS 602 will have the designation “Co-Operative Education” added to their degree.

Prerequisites: two CS 800-level graduate courses, CGPA of at least 80%

CS 602 Graduate Co-op Work Term II (6 credit hours)
This is the second one semester graduate work experience placement for graduate students in Computer Science. To register in this class a student must be in good standing and enrolled full-time in a Master’s program in Computer Science. A final work term report must be submitted before the end of the semester. A student who completes both CS 601 and CS 602 will have the designation “Co-Operative Education” added to their degree.

Prerequisites: CS 601, CGPA of at least 80%

Rationale: In the September 11, 2017 meeting of the Council Committee on the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, two motions regarding Co-operative Education were approved. The first defined a new framework for Graduate Co-Operative Education, and the second specifies a policy for the creation or modification of courses to fit within this framework.

These changes to CS 601 and CS 602 allow the Department of Computer Science to align its co-operative education within this new framework. The Graduate Co-operative Course Policy allows units to specify additional prerequisites for these courses, as well as requirements for reports. These course descriptions are consistent with that policy.

Once these changes are approved, a motion will be made to FGSR to have them added to the list of Approved Graduate Co-op Work Term Courses.
Effective date for Motion 1.2: 201810

1.2 Motion that the following policy be adopted to guide the co-operative education program within the Department of Computer Science.

1. Applicants to Graduate Co-operative Education Program must have an academic average (CGPA) of 80% or higher at the time of applying to be admitted into this program.
2. Students will be unable to take other courses concurrently with GRST 601 or GRST 602 unless permission is granted by both the Co-Op Work Term Supervisor and the Faculty Supervisor (or Graduate Coordinator, for M.Sc. Course students).
3. Students taking GRST 602 with only six (6) credits remaining in their program must ensure that they have completed at least one instance of CS 900 (Seminar) first. In this circumstance, the second CS 900 (Seminar) must be taken in the final semester of study.

Rationale: The Graduate Co-operative Education Program stipulates that “academic units may have additional requirements or constraints on the students who are … granted permission to take a graduate work term”. This policy outlines these additional requirements.