

## Report on Program Closures 2021-22<sup>1</sup>

Faculty	Program	Unit (if Applicable)	Degree Designation	Type of Modification	Brief Description of Modification	Date of Ceased Admissions (MM/DD/YYYY)	Effective Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
Temerty Faculty of Medicine	Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology.  Doctor of Philosophy in Speech-Language Pathology.	Rehabilitation Sciences Institute (RSI)	MSc, PhD	Program closure	The MSc and PhD in Speech-Language Pathology are closing following a broad curricular review of the programs offered by RSI, and the restructuring/re-alignment of the fields that fall under the umbrella of Rehabilitation Sciences. Admissions to the programs were administratively suspended as of January 2021. The academic content of the programs will be available to future students within a new field called "Speech-Language Pathology" in the existing MSc and PhD programs in Rehabilitation Sciences (approved through a separate major modification proposal and effective September 1, 2022). The restructured Rehabilitation Sciences program will enhance program flexibility and strengthen professional development preparation in the Rehabilitation Sciences; Speech-Language Pathology is a key clinical and research area of Rehabilitation Sciences and the job market for Rehabilitation Sciences graduates is much larger than for Speech-language Pathology. As of July 2021, there were 7 students in the programs (3 in the MSc and 4 in the PhD), who are expected to complete their programs ahead of the effective date of closure,	January 2021	8/31/2027

<sup>1</sup> See the 2021-22 Major Modification Report for closures of collaborative specializations.

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					August 31, 2027. There has been substantial consultation with faculty and students in the RSI regarding the closure of these programs.		
Faculty of Arts and Science	Specialist in Christianity and Culture	St. Michael's College	Honours Bachelor of Arts	Program closure	The Christianity and Culture Programs were established in 1979 to provide students with the opportunity to study Christianity from an interdisciplinary approach and a variety of scholarly perspectives. The program requirements were revised in 2010 with the goal of balancing the need for flexibility and breadth and providing students with a clear pathway. However, student interest in the Specialist continued to decline, with fewer than 10 students enrolled in the program in 2013-2014. The 2013-14 UTQAP review of the program recommended suspending or closing the Specialist and focusing resources on the existing Major. Students who were part of the UTQAP review were in favour of the Specialist closing. Enrolment in the Specialist was suspended in April 2015 and in 2016, the program decided to proceed with formally closing the Specialist; this decision was reflected in the Faculty of Arts and Science Dean's one-year follow-up report to the external review. Students wanting to pursue an offering in this area may take one of the three remaining programs situated under the Christianity and Culture umbrella: Christianity and Culture Major; Christianity and Culture Minor; and Christianity and	4/1/2015	4/30/2022

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					Education Minor. There are no students currently active in the Specialist. A small number of students who enrolled in the Specialist prior to 2017 have lapsed in their studies and are no longer actively studying in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Should these students return to their studies, they would be accommodated to complete the Major in Christianity and Culture.		
Faculty of Arts and Science	Specialist in Religion: Christian Origins	Department for the Study of Religion (DSR)	Honours Bachelor of Arts	Program closure	The Specialist in Religion: Christian Origins began over 25 years ago, and originally played an important role in the training of undergraduate students interested in graduate study in religions of Mediterranean antiquity. Students sought to understand the beginnings of Christianity within a wider orbit of Jewish, Greco-Roman, and broader Near and Middle Eastern contexts. The decision to close the program is based on 1) declining enrolments, beginning in 2012, which led to the suspension of new enrolments in February 2020; 2) changes to the scholarly approach in this area of study; and 3) the review Report from 2020-21 UTQAP review of the DSR recommended closing the program. With the closure of the Specialist, the DSR will reallocate resources to support existing programs, as well as potential new offerings, as part of a wider re-design of the Religion programs. Students wanting to pursue an offering in this area may take any of the programs offered in the DSR, including: the Minor in	2/28/2020	8/31/2022

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					<p>Religion, the Majors in Religion or Buddhist Studies or Islamic Studies, or the Specialists in Religion or Buddhist Studies. There are no students currently active in the Specialist, but a small number of students have lapsed in their studies. Any lapsed students that return can be accommodated to complete any of the other programs offered by the DSR. This program closure has been discussed with students and faculty, and the closure was noted in Departmental meetings as well as the self-study for the 2020-21 Cyclical Review of the Department and its programs. Feedback has been unanimously in favour of the closure.</p>		