

IB Course Designator – Denial by Curriculum Council – February 14, 2017

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Subject: IB course designator

Brock,

The Curriculum Council (CC) has voted to deny the proposed IB course designator.

I have tried to capture some of the CC discussion and rationale for this decision:

- Although the course designator is consistent with the unit (and degree) name, the CC's view was that the marginal benefit of implementation was outweighed by its significant cost.
- The rationale that the graduate courses were integrative in nature, but that the undergraduate slash courses (where applicable) were not did not seem to make sense to the CC.
- The fact that students would need to take courses across different designators would support the integrative nature of the program.
- From a transcript/degree evaluation perspective, the degree name was viewed as more important than individual course designations.

Please reach out to John (Bailey) or myself with questions or to discuss. We currently serve as co-chairs for the CC.

Regards,

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