

Undergraduate Curriculum Framework

Ryerson University Senate

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CURRENT PROGRAM MODEL	PROPOSED FRAMEWORK (based on 40 courses)	
	Core Courses (Professional + Professionally-Related Required)	
Professional 50-75%	Specialization 25-30 courses (60-75%)	Double Major 13-15 courses each (60-75% total)
Professionally Related 10-40%	Professionally-Related Elective (PRE) Courses 4-14 courses (10-30%)	
Liberal Studies 8-20% (6 courses)	Liberal Studies* 6 courses	

* Currently engineering program students are required to complete four liberal studies. There is no intention to alter this.

Benefits

- Greater student choice (Specialization + Minors, Double Majors)
- Greater program design flexibility (Specialization + Minors, Double Majors)
- Alignment with the intellectual framework created by IQAP
- Preserves Ryerson's intentional curriculum, professional pathways and liberal studies
- Greater transparency in the curriculum structure: More comprehensible for students and faculty

Implementation Issues

- Course availability/accessibility
- Resources for teaching additional elective courses
- Enhanced academic advising
- Liberal Studies- review of governance

Implementation Team

- Representative: Students, faculty and administrators, and representatives from the Registrar's Office (Chaired by Vice Provost Academic)
- Accountable: Regular reports to the ASC, AGPC and to Senate
- Sub-committees to consult more broadly with students, faculty, and staff on specific issues