UWinnipeg Indigenous Course Requirement (ICR) Course Registration and Capacity Analysis: End of Year 5 October 28, 2021 Prepared by: Institutional Analysis

Introduction

Academic year 2020-21 was the fifth year of the Indigenous Course Requirement (ICR) for undergraduate students at UWinnipeg. As described in the UWinnipeg academic calendar: Students first enrolling in Fall Term 2016 or later must take at least 3 credit hours from a list of courses approved by Senate. They may choose from a number of courses in which the greater part of the content is local Indigenous material derived from or based on an analysis of the cultures, languages, history, ways of knowing or contemporary reality of the Indigenous peoples of North America.

This document provides a summary of the analysis on ICR coursCJETGD.00000912 0 612ICI 0 0 1 336.55 498.55

housed) to accurately count course registrations.

* Please note the information in this report from academic years 2016-17 to 2019-20 was obtained from previous ICR reports.*

Definitions

Course: A course is the unit of instruction recorded on the student transcript with a final letter

Registration: Registration is the process that reserves seats in particular classes for eligible students. A student who officially enrolls in a course section is one registration for that section. A student typically registers in multiple courses per term.

Capacity: Capacity refers to the maximum number of registrations available for a section of a course. The capacity of a course section is set either by the room capacity (e.g., the number of seats available in a given classroom) or for pedagogical reasons (e.g., an honours level seminar course that requires extensive student participation may have a lower capacity than a first-year level introductory course).

ICR Cohort: Each year, a cohort of students who are required to fulfill the ICR is created. Each cohort consists of first admission undergraduate students who began their studies at any time during that academic year. As noted earlier, undergraduate students from the Faculty of Education are excluded from the analysis. Each cohort is tracked year over year.

Results

Number of ICR Courses and Sections

As of September 2021, there were 70 courses approved by the Senate as fulfilling the ICR; 59 in the Faculty of Arts, nine in the Faculty of Science, one in the Faculty of Business and Economics, and one in the Faculty of Education. Sx additional courses in the Faculty of Arts are in the process of being approved.

In the 2020-21 academic year, 80 sections¹ from 39 ICR-approved courses ran, which is an increase of 14 sections and two courses from the 2019-20 academic year. Twenty-seven (27) courses were cross-listed in one or more departments; in total, there were 107 listings of ICR sections in the 2020-21 Timetable. Eight sections (or 6 courses) required a pre-requisite course. Table 1 shows the number of ICR sections offered by term over time.

¹ There were 81 sections; however, practically, there were 80 sections.

 Table1. Number of ICR Sections Offered.

Term 2016-17 2017-18

As shown in Figure 2, 45% of the

The percentage of Contract Academic Staff who taught ICR sections varied by department. The following departments had 100% of their ICR sections taught by Contract Academic Staff: Philosophy (5 sections), Urban and Inner Oty Studies (5 sections), Political Science (3 sections), and Theatre and Film (1 section). Two thirds (66.7%) of the sections of ICR courses in the Indigenous Studies department (16 sections) were taught by Contract Academic Staff. One third or less of the sections in International Development Studies (1 section), Religion & Oulture (1 section), and History (7 sections) were taught by Contract Academic Staff.

Section Capacity, Registrations, and Registrations by ICR Cohorts

In 2020-21, the total capacity for the 80 sections that ran was 3234. There were 2537 students registered in these sections (78% full). This was an increase in the total capacity and number of registrants from all the prior years (see Figure 3). If it were not for decreases in academic year 2019-20, the trend would be that both the capacity and number of registrants was increasing. Interesting, for the last three academic years, 79% of the spots overall in ICR sections have been filled.

Figure 3 Number of Regist 526ts 4n1433d1810 brad 920 pacity of ICR Courses over Time.

Figure 4 shows the breakdown of capacity, registrations, and number of students by department for ICR courses. History had the largest capacity (1053 seats; 33% of the total ICR capacity) and Indigenous Studies offered

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Figure5. Percentage of ICR Cohort Students among all Registrants by Department in the 2020-21 Academic Year.

Number of Unique Students Fulfilling the ICR in 2020-21

Analyzing course registrations allows us to obtain an accurate picture of course capacity. The analysis above suggests that in 2020-21 UWinnipeg had adequate capacity overall in ICR sections to fill the demand². However, it is important to note that a single student may register in more than one course that fulfills the ICR. Thus, it is important to examine the unique number of students from the 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 ICR cohorts who fulfilled the ICR requirement.

Table 3 shows that a total of 1388 unique students completed the ICR during the 2020-21 academic year. This table only considers registrations during the 2020-

(42.9%), students from this cohort make up the smallest percentage of students who took an ICR course in 2020-21 (4.3%).

Cohort Year	Number of Students who Registered in 2020-21 who Needed the ICR	Number of Students who Completed the ICR in 2020-21	Percentage of Students from each Cohort who completed the ICR ^a	Percentage of Students who Completed the ICR from each Cohort ^b
2016-17	140	60	42.9	4.3
2017-18	315	122	38.7	8.8
2018-19	787	317	40.3	22.8
2019-20	1311	425	42.4	30.6
2020-21	2526	464	18.4	33.4
Total	5079	1388		

 Table 3 Number (%) of Students who Needed and Completed the ICR in 2020-21.

suggests there will be a point of stability (around 2020-21) where approximately 1300 students register for an ICR course in order to fulfil their ICR requirement.

Table 4