Proposal to allow students access to third-year courses in fourth year

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For 3rd-year and 4th-year students, there are currently too many constraints on which courses to take in which year. These derive from the requirements for degree programmes (which impose limits on different subjects/subject areas per year, not per programme), course pre-requisites, Semester 1/Semester 2 course delivery and balance of offerings across the year as well as across both years. Students would like to be able to take any of the courses permitted for their degree across both 3rd, 4th, and, where relevant, 5th year (subject to fulfillment of prerequisites, although some of these could be relaxed to co-requisites). Specifically, there are a number of L9 courses for which there is fairly high demand in 4th year (IAMl, OS, ADS, CS). Students would not mind 4th year versions of these courses to have higher requirements, as is the case currently, for example, in ABS. Many of them comment also on a lack of guidance with regard to the impact of course choices on later years, more flexibility would imply that this becomes less critical.