

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

*Examination of 1969
Curriculum Changes*

To The Registrar

From Dean D.H. Sullivan

Secretary of Senate

Faculty of Arts

Subject Arts Faculty Curriculum Changes

Date April 22, 1969

The curriculum changes shown in the attached papers have been approved by the Arts Faculty Curriculum Committee and have been endorsed by a referendum vote of the Faculty.

I now request that the curriculum changes be placed on the Senate agenda at the earliest opportunity.

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Attach.

D.H. Sullivan

*Generation 4 Faculty
Curriculum Changes*

PROPOSAL I

The following changes are proposed to the current Faculty regulations:

I(a) General and Honors Program, First Four Levels

DELETE "3. No more than 15 (credits) may be from Groups C and D (see Group Requirements)."

I(b) General Program, Last Four Levels

CHANGE "3. At least 15 (credits) must be in courses outside the major TO READ subject area."

I(c) Honors Program, Last Four Levels

ADD "3. At least 15 (credits) must be in courses outside the major subject area."

JUSTIFICATION

I(a) Deletion of 15 credit maximum from Groups C and D

The effect of the present regulation is to penalize unfairly students who transfer from Science and/or who wish to take Education courses. A student who spends his first two or three semesters at S.F.U. in the Science Faculty and then transfers into the Arts Faculty would, if this rule were enforced, lose credit for course work in excess of 15 hours taken in the Science Faculty. This is a very harsh penalty to apply.

The deletion of this statement will not exempt the student from meeting the following Arts Faculty requirements:

1. no more than 15 semester hours in courses numbered 300 and above in the first sixty semester hours.
2. no more than 24 hours required by any department.
3. at least 12 hours in the Group (A or B) other than that in which their major field is listed.

The deletion will simply result in transfers from Science being treated in the same way as a student who starts in the Arts Faculty. It will also encourage students to take more electives outside of the Faculty of Arts.

I(b)

At least 15 credits to be in courses outside the major subject area (for majors)

This statement clarifies the regulations of the Faculty of Arts. The purpose of this is to prevent students from taking all of their last 60 hours in their major field, thus leading to over-concentration. Students will be able to (1) develop further their interest in other fields and/or (2) develop some knowledge of the subject matter covered by other fields.

I(c)

At least 15 credits to be in courses outside the major subject area (for honors)

This statement is new. The purpose is to treat both regular and honor students equally and the arguments presented under (2) are also applicable.

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PROPOSAL II

The following new courses are proposed by the Department of Economics and Commerce:

"494-3 Selected Topics in Commerce"

The subject matter will vary from semester to semester depending upon interests of faculty and students.

Pre-requisite: Consent of Instructor (0-3-0)"

"496-3 Selected Topics in Economics"

The subject matter will vary from semester to semester depending upon the interests of faculty and students.

Pre-requisite: Consent of Instructor (0-3-0)"

JUSTIFICATION

New Courses - Econ. 496 and Comm. 494

At the present time, there are no courses whereby special interests of faculty and students can be accommodated. As staffing considerations permit, the Department would like to offer work which does not fit within the courses presently offered. A selected topics course will permit a degree of flexibility which we feel is essential.

It might be noted that the following departments in the Faculty of Arts presently offer similar courses:-

English: English 481-3 Special Studies A

Geography: Geography 404-2 Seminar; Geography 405-2 Seminar.

Philosophy: Philosophy 440-5 Seminar I; Philosophy 441-5 Seminar II.

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