

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.72-92

MEMORANDUM

To	SENATE	From	SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Subject	MAJOR-MINOR PROGRAMS	Date	JULY 17, 1972

Senate is requested to approve the introduction of Major-Minor Programs as set forth in Paper S.72-92:

- MOTION: A. "That Senate formally approve the introduction of major-minor programs with entry of both major and minor completed to appear on transcripts.
- B. That the student electing a major-minor program be required to complete at least 28 hours of upper division courses in the subject in which a major is to be claimed and at least 14 - 18 hours of upper division credit in the subject in which a minor is to be claimed. (a) The subject matter to be taken for the major will be defined by the Department concerned subject to approval by the Faculty and by Senate, as in current practice. (b) The subject matter to be taken for the minor, and the establishment of the number and nature of lower division requirements will be determined by the Department of the minor or the appropriate program committee in the Division of General Studies, subject to approval by the Faculty or Division and by Senate, as in current practice.

- C. That the student electing a major-minor program be required to complete (i) the lower division requirements for the major subject selected, and (ii) all other requirements of the department concerned in which he takes a major, and (iii) the lower division requirements and upper division requirements for the minor selected, and (iv) the requirements of the Faculty in which he will receive his degree.
- D. That upon successful completion of the program the Bachelor's Degree awarded will be determined according to the Faculty in which the major has been completed, with fulfillment of all requirements of the Faculty.

If the above motion is approved, the following motion will be made:

"That notes 1, 2, and 3 of Paper S.72-92 form part of the calendar entry:

1. For the requirement of at least 28 hours of upper division courses in the major subject and of 14-18 hours of upper division courses in the minor subject the student cannot use the same upper division course for formal credit toward both major and minor. One course might fulfill "content" requirements of two related areas but in such a case additional replacement credits in upper division work satisfactory to one of the Departments or program committees must be

taken in one of the subjects to fulfill overall credit requirements for the major plus minor.

At the lower division level a single course could fulfill both content and credit requirements as a prerequisite but no course can carry double credit value towards total credits needed for a degree.

However note that, in a number of combinations possible in the BA or BGS degrees at the lower division or upper division levels (since many usable courses for both of these degrees are offered through the Faculty of Arts), there are certain constraints on multiple usage of both lower and upper division courses.

2. Students are cautioned to refer carefully to overall requirements of the Faculties and Divisions of the University for degree requirements, as the requirements for a specific degree must be fulfilled. If in doubt seek advice from the Office of the Dean, or from Departmental Advisors, or from the Academic Advice Centre. Note that some Departments require specific prerequisite courses for entry to some upper level courses, and some Faculties require completion of a minimum number of upper division courses taken in the upper levels of study to fulfill degree conditions. Some Faculties require completion of a minimum number of credits within the Faculty to qualify for a degree.

In some instances, therefore, a student for a major-minor involving subjects in more than one Faculty or division may require more than 120 semester hours to fulfill the requirements of the General Degree with a major-minor.

3. A student who may have elected a major-minor degree program may change decision to graduate with a major only and may do so provided the normal requirements for the major and requirements for the Faculty concerned have been fulfilled. Notification of such changes should be filed with the Departments concerned and the Office of the Registrar."

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.7292

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From I. MUGRIDGE, CHAIRMAN

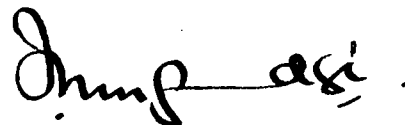
SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject MAJOR-MINOR PROGRAMS

Date JULY 17, 1972

The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies has approved the introduction of Major-Minor Programs, as set forth in SCUS 72-12, and recommends approval by Senate.

If the recommendation is approved, the Committee further recommends the inclusion of Notes 1, 2, and 3 to form part of the calendar entry.


I. Mugridge

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

As amended and approved
by SCUS, July 10, 1972

MEMORANDUM

To ALL MEMBERS - SCUS

From H. M. EVANS, SECRETARY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject MAJOR-MINOR PROGRAMS

Date AUGUST 30, 1971

RECOMMENDATIONS

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- B. That the student electing a major-minor program be required to complete at least 28 hours of upper division courses in the subject in which a major is to be claimed and at least 14-18 hours of upper division credit in the subject in which a minor is to be claimed. (a) The subject matter to be taken for the major will be defined by the Department concerned subject to approval by the Faculty and by Senate, as in current practice. (b) The subject matter to be taken for the minor, and the establishment of the number and nature of lower division requirements will be determined by the Department of the minor or the appropriate program committee in the Division of General Studies, subject to approval by the Faculty or Division and by Senate, as in current practice.
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- D. That upon successful completion of the program the Bachelor's Degree awarded will be determined according to the Faculty in which the major has been completed, with fulfillment of all requirements of the Faculty.

Note:

1. For the requirement of at least 28 hours of upper division courses in the major subject and of 14-18 hours of upper division courses in the minor subject the student cannot use the same upper division course for formal credit toward both major and minor. One course might fulfill "content" requirements of two related areas but in such a case additional replacement credits in upper division work satisfactory to one of the Departments or program committees must be taken in one of the subjects to fulfill overall credit requirements for the major plus minor. At the lower division level a single course could fulfill both content and credit requirements as a prerequisite but no course can carry double

credit value towards total credits needed for a degree. However note that, in a number of combinations possible in the BA or BGS degrees at the lower division or upper division levels (since many usable courses for both of these degrees are offered through the Faculty of Arts), there are certain constraints on multiple usage of both lower and upper division courses.

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Explanation and Implications of the above Recommendations

- A. Section A recognizes the provision for a major, for a minor, and for entry of both on transcripts.
- B. Section B sets the minimum conditions for a major and for a minor, and for the defining of the requirements for a given major and for a given minor, with no change in procedures already approved.
- C. Section C identifies that to qualify for a given major the normal current requirements for the major of the Department must be fulfilled (including credits, specified courses, grade points, etc.), and that similarly requirements as specified for the minor must be fulfilled, and that Faculty requirements for a given degree must be fulfilled, i.e. B.A., B.Sc., B.Ed., etc.
- D. Section D stipulates that for any degree the requirements of the Faculty must be met, with the degree dependent upon the Faculty in which the major has been completed. It assumes that within a Faculty there is reasonable likelihood of a major-minor situation without requirement of extra credits needed for the degree (e.g. Major History/Minor Geography). It permits of a major-minor situation across Faculties and Divisions (e.g. Economics/Mathematics, History/Canadian Studies) requiring completion of the technical requirements for the major and for the minor (as apart from the conditions of both Faculties) but completion of the full requirements of the Faculty from which the degree will be obtained.

- E. The notes set forth conditions allowing certain recognition of "content" without double credit recognition; advise students to observe carefully the Faculty or Division requirements and seek advice; allow the student to opt for a single major.
- F. The overall paper is designed to recognize current regulations but to set a condition of overall policy allowing for regulation changes within Faculties without necessity of immediately resubmitting these broad principles and regulations for immediate further change at Senate.

It recognizes that some combinations of major-minor could be immediately instituted as soon as a department defined a minor, with approval of Faculty and Senate.

The general paper on minors earlier approved by Senate makes no reference to the levels in which the upper division courses needed for a minor must be taken. The question could arise on submission of a recommendation to Senate covering a minor. The current regulations of the Faculty of Education stipulate requirements for its minors to be upper division courses taken in the upper levels. The requirements of the Division of General Studies do not call for this. Nothing in this paper restricts a Department or Faculty in terms of the recommendation it would make or has made to Senate on this topic. It will be obvious, however, that if there arise significantly varying requirements within a given Faculty, it will be essential that these be clearly delineated and that students and faculty be able to fully recognize the specific regulations or there will be innumerable cases of students anticipating use of an upper division course in a subject as useful for either major or minor credit in that subject, whereas it might be suitable for minor but not major solely because of the study level in which taken. Further it could be acceptable within the one Faculty or Division in which given for either purpose, but be applicable for no purpose because of the level in which taken if the degree is to be from another Faculty. Due cautioning of students would be essential.

This could be particularly true if a student, for example, embarked on a minor in Latin-American Studies but through exposure to courses of that program decided to change his major, or to change to major/major. Any of the upper division courses which would normally be acceptable toward the new major could not be credited toward the upper level requirements in Arts if they had been taken in the lower levels for the minor. The student would be well advised to have full assessment made to identify the manner in which his work to that point could be utilized.