

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.72-145

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE
STUDIES

Subject AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST STUDIES -
ENTRY TO UPPER DIVISION COURSES
AME 401-5, 402-5

Date NOVEMBER 15, 1972

MOTION: "That Senate approve, as set forth in S.72-145,
change in requirements for entry to upper
division courses AME 401-5, 402-5, as follows:

Change from: They are open to all students with 60 hours
or more or with the consent of the Coordinator/
Director of the Program.

To: They are open to all students with 60 hours or
more, or to students with a minimum of 45 hours
with the consent of the instructor concerned
and subject to the approval of the Coordinator/
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On recommendation of the Division of General Studies, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies has approved changes to requirements for entry to upper division courses in Africa/Middle East Studies 401-5, 402-5, as set forth in SCUS 72-27, and recommends approval to Senate, as follows:

Change from: They are open to all students with 60 hours or more or with the consent of the Coordinator/Director of the Program.

To: They are open to all students with 60 hours or more, or to students with a minimum of 45 hours with the consent of the instructor concerned and subject to the approval of the Coordinator/Director of the Program.

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SCUS 72-27

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Mr. Harry Evans	From Robert C. Brown
Registrar	A/Dean, General Studies
Subject AME Studies	Date August 15, 1972.

I attach a recommendation from the Director of the African/Middle Eastern Studies Programme that the 60 hour requirement for admittance to the A/ME seminars be reduced to 45 hours. I concur with his reasoning and endorse his recommendation.

Robert C Brown
Robert C. Brown

RCB:jc
attach.

Statement of Rationale re Admission of Students with Less than
60 hours' credit to Upper Division African Middle Eastern Courses

On page 271 of the 1972-73 Calendar, under the heading
Description of Courses - 1. Interdisciplinary Seminars, it is
laid down that AME 401 and AME 402 are

"open to all students with 60 hours or more
or with the consent of the Coordinator/
Director of the Program."

The last phrase permits the Coordinator to admit any
student to the courses concerned, irrespective of the number
of credit hours a student may have obtained, and to this extent
it permits flexibility. The Coordinator need not consult the
instructors of the courses concerned.

The Faculties of Arts and of Education permit students
to fulfill their lower level requirements by obtaining not more
than 15 semester hours' credit through courses numbered 300
and above. The Faculties of Science and General Studies
do not rule on this question.

The 60 hours' restriction does not apply to Can. S. 400 and
401 nor to LAS 402, 403 and 404.

It has come to notice that certain Honours' students in the
Faculty of Arts consider that their opportunities to obtain the Minor
in African/Middle Eastern Studies are unduly restricted because
of the demands made on them by their Departments. As three
Upper Levels' courses are required to qualify for the Minor, and as
at least fifty hours must - vide page 84 - be in one subject, there
is some validity in this statement. It depends on whether the
Department is prepared to recognize five hours credit gained
outside the Faculty of Arts, in terms of the asterisked sentence
under Honours Program - Upper Levels. The problem can
become more real should such students wish to take one lower
level course to complete the requirements for the Minor.

To bring AME Studies into line with Canadian and Latin
American Studies; to protect the instructors in AME 401 and
AME 402; to encourage students in Arts and Education to
participate in work leading to the Minor and particularly to
allow potential Honours students to complete the Upper Division
requirements for the Minor over five semesters rather than
over four, rewording of the section quoted above is suggested.

It is recommended that this should read:

"open to all students with 60 hours or more,
or to students with a minimum of 45 hours
with the consent of the instructor concerned
and subject to the approval of the Coordinator/
Director of the Program."

The Coordinator's approval would be automatic in
normal circumstances; the need to obtain his approval ought
to prevent abuse arising.