

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

SENATE

From SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Subject GRADUATE CALENDAR CHANGES -
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Date NOVEMBER 14, 1974

MOTION 4

"That Senate approve the following changes in the Department of Psychology Graduate Calendar submission:

Satisfactory Performance

Change in Requirements: From "The progress of each candidate will be assessed periodically by the Department. A course grade of less than B is not considered satisfactory at the graduate level. Any student who performs unsatisfactorily in two or more courses may be required to withdraw from the program."

To: "The progress of each candidate will be assessed periodically by the Department. A course grade of less than B is not considered satisfactory at the graduate level, with the exception that an M.A. candidate is permitted one grade of P in either of two Research Design courses (Psychology 910 or Psychology 911). Any student who obtains a grade of less than B in two or more courses may be required to withdraw from the program."

Ph.D. Program Degree Requirements

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Ph.D. candidates are required to complete two Research Design courses (Psychology 910 and Psychology 911 or their equivalent) with grades of no less than B." "

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To: Members of Senate

From: Office of the Dean
of Graduate Studies

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Department of Psychology

Date: November 6, 1974

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This motion was approved by the Senate Graduate Studies
Committee on November 4, 1974.

Jon Wheatley

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Dean of Graduate Studies.

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Rationale:

The requirements in research design are to be modified for M.A. candidates only. At the M.A. level students should have a good command (a grade of no less than B) of one area of research design (Psychology 910 or Psychology 911) to enable them to undertake analysis of research data, and in addition, should have some awareness and understanding of alternatives (a grade of no less than P in the other research design course). Experience with the existing requirements indicates some degree of over-emphasis beyond what is essential for Psychology students at the M.A. level. The change does not result in any reduction of overall standards, but reduces somewhat the special emphasis given to research design in contrast to specific content areas of Psychology. (A CGPA of 3.0 must be maintained as before.)

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Rationale: At the Ph.D. level students are expected to have a good background in both areas of research design and the addition in the calendar makes this expectation explicit. The ambiguity in recent calendars occurred inadvertently when the general statement of admission requirements for Ph.D. candidates as it appeared in 1970-71 was dropped from later calendars.