

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

S.78-47

To Senate

From Senate Committee on
Undergraduate Studies

Subject New Honours Program
Regulations for Philosophy

Date 1978-04-13

Action taken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of Tuesday 11 April 1978 gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION:

That Senate approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, the proposed new Honours Program regulations for Philosophy as set forth in Paper S78-47.



D. R. Birch

DRB/tb

cc: J. M. Munro, Dean, Faculty of Arts
W. Roberts, Chairman, Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee
R. Bradley, Chairman, Department of Philosophy
J. Tietz, Chairman, Undergraduate Studies Committee,
Department of Philosophy

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

SCUS 78-18

To Mr. H.M. Evans, Secretary

From Sheila Roberts, Secretary

SCUS

Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee

Subject NEW HONORS PROGRAM REGULATIONS
FOR PHILOSOPHY

Date March 23, 1978

The Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee at its meeting of March 16, 1978 passed the attached regulations for the Honors Program for the Department of Philosophy.

Would you please put this item on the agenda of the next SCUS meeting.



S. Roberts

cc. J. Tietz
D. Birch

Attachment:

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MEMORANDUM

Chairman..... Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee..... Subject NEW HONORS PROGRAM REGULATION FOR PHILOSOPHY	From John Tietz, Chairman Undergraduate Studies Committee Department of Philosophy Date 7th March 1978
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Proposed Calendar Entry:

Students proposing to enter the Honors Program in Philosophy must first complete 60 hours of University coursework including 12 hours of Philosophy and fulfil the lower division requirements listed in the section 'Requirements for Minor, Major and Honors'. A grade point average of 3.0 or higher for all Philosophy courses is required for acceptance and continuation in the program, but does not by itself guarantee either. Students proposing to enter the Honors Program must submit an application (a form is available in the department office) and consult the department's undergraduate advisor. After one semester of course-work in the honors program a candidate must, in consultation with the undergraduate advisor, devise a program of studies. Consideration of the application and proposed program of studies will be based on the department's assessment of the student's performance and potential as a scholar.

To be added to the Philosophy Department's calendar section: "Requirements for Minor, Major and Honors"

The honors candidate must achieve a grade of B or higher in the Honors Tutorials in order to receive the honors degree.

Rationale

Most Honors students in philosophy plan to do graduate work in the field. However, in recent years competition for places in good graduate programs has made it all but impossible for any but the best students to go on in philosophy. This has led us to reassess the "open admissions" policy which presently exists for our program. In some cases it is decidedly not in the student's best interest to undertake an Honors program, but we do not now have any formal way to prevent students from doing so. In philosophy each honors student gets a tutorial specially designed for his individual interest. This method takes up a considerable amount of faculty time (it is essentially a course given just for this student), and there have been cases where the student's time could have been better spent in the majors program. Our hope is to make the honors program more selective and to encourage more students to make use of our majors program.

With this proposal we are following the practice of having an admissions procedure to the Honors Program similar to that which already exists in the following Arts departments: English, History, Political Science and Psychology.

Attachment : Proposed application form

Office of the Dean

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Faculty of Arts

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Application for entrance to Philosophy Honors Program

STUDENT NAME _____ Date _____

STUDENT NO : _____

To be accepted into the Honors Program,
students must meet the following minimums

Hours of University course-work completed _____ 60

Hours of SFU Philosophy course-work completed _____ 12

SFU Philosophy course ^{cum} Grade Point Average _____ 3.0

I herewith make application for the Philosophy Honors Program and understand that if my cumulative grade point average drops below 3.0, I may be required to revert to the general program.

(Signature of applicant)

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

DATE _____

Comments: