

MEMORANDUM

To... Senate

From... Senate Committee on

Undergraduate Studies

Subject Curriculum Changes -- Criminology

Date... November 15, 1979

Action taken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting on November 6, 1979 gives rise to the following motions:

MOTION 1

That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board, as set forth in S79-137, the proposed changes in Criminology as follows:

Change in requirements

(See 1979-80 Calendar, pages 315-319 inclusive)

- (1) Change Group B Lower Division listings
(on listing, see items 1, 2, 4, 8)
- (2) Change Group B Upper Division listings
(on listing, see item 9)
- (3) Change number of required Lower Division
Group B courses (on listing, see item 4)
- (4) Requirements to proceed to Upper Division
courses (on listing, see item 5)

NOTE: SCUS was informed that discussions were taking place between the Psychology and Criminology Departments about the implications of the Psychology proposal to add PSYC 201 as a prerequisite to PSYC 210.

MOTION 2

That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board, as set forth in S79-137, a change in grading system from P-W to lettergrades for CRIM 462-15 (Field Practice) but with retention of authorization to withdraw a student from CRIM 462 as that authorization pertains to courses on a P-W system.

NOTE: Departmental representatives provided information to the effect that a significant academic component has been added to the field practice course and it is largely on that basis that the Department wishes to use normal letter grades. However, because the course involves placement in a variety of agencies and both the agency and the department must be concerned with maintenance of professional ethics and responsibility to clients, the Department must retain authority to withdraw a student -- with or without that student's consent. The Departmental Chairman made it

clear that whenever it is appropriate to do so, an effort will be made to obtain an alternative placement in the same semester or to grant priority for placement in the following semester. In practice if there is a withdrawal, either voluntary or involuntary, by the end of week 9 the transcript will show the same entry as it would for any student who withdraws from all courses during a semester. If there should be an involuntary withdrawal after week 9, it will be considered to have taken place under extenuating circumstances and no grade will be assigned.

FOR INFORMATION

Under its delegated authority SCUS approved changes in Criminology courses as follows:

Course changes

(1) Title changes

CRIM 341-3

CRIM 441-4

(2) Prerequisite changes

CRIM 231-3 Introduction to the Judicial Process

CRIM 311-3 Criminality of Particular Groups

CRIM 312-3 Criminological Perspectives on Social Problems

CRIM 313-3 Specific Types of Crimes

CRIM 335-3 Human Rights and Civil Liberties

CRIM 350-3 Techniques of Crime Prevention I

CRIM 410-3 Decision Making in Criminal Justice

CRIM 414-3 Criminal Typologies

CRIM 420-3 Techniques of Evaluation and Prediction
in Criminology

CRIM 430-3 Judicial Administration and Planning

CRIM 455-3 Law Enforcement Administration and Planning

CRIM 462-15 Field Practice



Daniel R. Birch,
Chairman

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

Mr. H.M. Evans, Registrar and
Secretary of SCUS

Subject *Curriculum* Changes - Criminology
Department I.S.C. 79-13

From Janet Blanchet, Secretary to the
Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Date October 24, 1979

The attached Calendar Changes for the Criminology Department were approved at a meeting of the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on October 23, 1979.

Would you please place this item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies.

Janet Blanchet
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Attachments

MEMORANDUM

Dr. T. Calvert, Dean, Faculty of
Interdisciplinary Studies

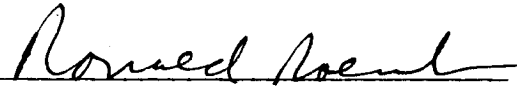
From: Ron Roesch, Acting Chairman
Department of Criminology

Subject: Proposed Calendar Changes for the
Department of Criminology

Date: October 18, 1979

Attached please find a list of the proposed changes which the Department of Criminology would like to make for the forthcoming University calendar. Dr. Curt Taylor Griffiths will be present at the next meeting of the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee to discuss these proposed changes with the Committee.

Thank you very much.



Ronald Roesch, Ph.D.
Acting Chairperson
Department of Criminology

~~CALENDAR CHANGES~~
PROPOSED UNIVERSITY ~~CALENDAR~~ CHANGES

1. Remove S.A. 260-4, Individual and Society, as a Group B lower ~~division~~ required course. This course would remain as an elective in Group B.
2. PHIL 001-3, PHIL 100-3, PHIL 110-3, or PHIL 120-3 will become a Group B lower ~~division~~ required course. Students will be required to choose one of the four.
4. The above changes mean that students are now required to take six lower ~~division~~ Group B courses, leaving them with one elective.
5. Students who have declared a major in Criminology will normally be expected to have completed all lower ~~division~~ Group A and Group B requirements before proceeding to Upper ~~Division~~ Courses. Students may proceed to upper ~~division~~ courses without having completed these lower ~~division~~ courses only with the expressed written approval of the Criminology Undergraduate Curriculum & Articulation Committee.
6. Change the title of CRIM 341-3, Techniques of Criminological Treatment and Social Reintegration I to Psychotherapy with Offenders: Current Trends.
7. Change the title of CRIM 441-4, Techniques of Criminological Treatment and Social Reintegration II to Psychotherapy with Offenders: New Directions.
8. Change the Group B lower ~~division~~ electives to read as follows:
 - S.A. 150-4 Introduction to Sociology (required) *
 - 202-4 Modern Industrial Society (added)
 - 203-4 Comparative Ethnic Relations
 - 220-4 Social Stratification (added)
 - 250-4 Introduction to Sociological Theory
 - 260-4 Individual and Society
 - POL. 100-3 Introduction to Politics and Government (added)
 - 111-3 Political Theory
 - 151-3 The Administration of Justice (required) *
 - 211-3 Political Inquiry (added)
 - 212-3 Political Ideologies
 - 221-3 Introduction to Canadian Government
 - 222-3 Introduction to Canadian Politics (added)
 - 251-3 Introduction to Canadian Public Administration
 - PSYC 101-3 Introductory Psychology (required) *
 - 105-3 Differential Psychology
 - 106-3 Social Issues
 - 180-3 Brain and Behaviour
 - 210-3 Data Analysis in Psychology (required, or Math 101-3) *
 - DELETE 201-3 Data Research Methods in Psychology

CMPT 001-3 Computers and the Activity of People (added)
103-3 Introduction to High Level Programming Language I
104-3 Introduction to a High Level Programming Language II (added)
105-3 Fundamental Concepts of Computing
201-4 Data and Programming Organization (added)
260-3 Social Implications of a Computerized Society

PHIL 001-3 In Pursuit of Truth (added) *
100-3 Human Knowledge, Its Nature and Scope (added) *
110-3 Introduction to Philosophical Concepts and Reasoning (added) *
120-3 Facts and Values *
210-4 Elementary Formal Logic I
220-3 The State and the Citizen

* Students must choose one of these four courses as a required Group B lower ~~division~~ course.

MATH 101-3 Introduction to Statistics (required, or PSYC 210-3) *

ECON 100-3 Introduction to Economics (added)
101-3 The Canadian Economy (added)
293-3 Law in the Economic Society

COMM 103-3 Business in Society (added)
270-3 Introduction to Organizational Behaviour and Decision-Making
(added)

CMNS 130-3 Explorations in Mass Communications (added)
200-3 Pragmatics of Human Communication
220-3 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication

HIST 101-3 Canada to Confederation
102-3 Canada Since Confederation
110-3 Studies in Historical Method (added)
201-3 The History of Western Canada (added)

9. Change the Group B upper ~~division~~ electives to read as follows:

S.A. 300-4 Canadian Social Structure (added)
310-4 Urban Sociology
312-4 Formal Organizations
321-4 Social Movements
327-4 Sociology of Knowledge (added)
351-4 Classical Marxist Thought (added)
354-4 Contemporary Sociological Theory: Selected Issues (added)
358-4 The Philosophy of the Social Sciences
362-4 Social Change in Modern Industrial Societies
452-4 Contemporary Marxist Thought (added)
464-4 Urban Anthropology (added)

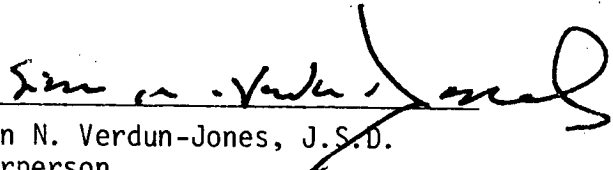
DELETE 304-4 Social Control
325-4 Political Sociology
355-4 Methods of Sociological and Anthropological Research
467-4 Culture and Personality

- POL. 356-3 Public Administration (Public Sector Management)
- 357-3 Public Law
- 451-3 Public Policy Analysis
- DELETE 422-3 The Canadian Legal System
- PSYC 302-3 Learning
- 304-3 Motivation
- 306-3 Psychological Assessment Procedures
- 320-3 Cognitive Processes (added)
- 351-3 Child Psychology
- 355-3 The Psychology of Adolescence and Youth
- 370-3 Theories of Personality
- 407-3 Evaluation Techniques (added)
- 440-5 Motivation
- 460-5 Social Psychology
- 470-5 Personality
- DELETE 310-5 Theory of Measurement
- 340-5 Psychopathology
- 360-3 Social Psychology
- CMPT 350-3 Information and Public Policy
- 360-3 Computation for Statistical Data Processing
- 370-3 Management and Information Systems I
- 371-3 Management and Information Systems II (added)
- DELETE 354-3 Information Organization and Retrieval
- MATH 302-3 Statistical Methods (added)
- 304-3 Statistical Analysis of Sample Surveys
- 404-3 Statistical Design and Analysis of Experiments (added)
- PHIL 300-3 Introduction to Philosophy (added)
- 310-3 Modal Logic and its Application
- DELETE 410-5 Inductive Logic
- COMM 337-3 Data Processing in Business
- 371-3 Organization Theory
- 387-3 Personnel Management
- 393-3 Commercial Law

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. T.W. Calvert, Dean	From: Dr. S. Verdun-Jones
Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies	Department of Criminology
Subject: Proposed Changes to the Dept. of Criminology Undergraduate Curriculum	Date: October 22, 1979

Please find attached copies of a memorandum from Dr. Curt Griffiths, Chairperson of the Criminology Department Undergraduate Curriculum and Articulation Committee and a memorandum from Ms. Deanna Buckley, Lecturer and Coordinator of Field Practice. These memoranda provide the rationale for proposed changes to the undergraduate curriculum which were forwarded to your office on Friday, October 19, 1979.


Simon N. Verdun-Jones, J.S.D.
Chairperson
Department of Criminology

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10. Change in prerequisites and recommended courses for Criminology courses as follows:

- a) CRIM 135 be a recommended prerequisite for CRIM 231.
- b) Drop CRIM 103 & CRIM 104 as prerequisites for CRIM 311.
- c) Drop CRIM 102 as a prerequisite for CRIM 313.
- d) Add CRIM 135 and/or CRIM 230 as prerequisites for CRIM 335.
- e) Drop CRIM 210 as a prerequisite for CRIM 350.

- f) Drop CMPT 103 as a strongly recommended prerequisite for CRIM 410.
- g) Drop CRIM 210 as a prerequisite for CRIM 414.
- h) Drop PSYC 306 as a strongly recommended prerequisite for CRIM 420.
- i) Drop POL. 251 as a strongly recommended prerequisite for CRIM 430.
- j) Drop POL. 251 as a strongly recommended prerequisite for CRIM 455.
- k) Add CRIM 320 as a prerequisite for CRIM 462.
- l) Add CRIM 320 as a prerequisite for CRIM 410.
- m) Drop CRIM 132 as a prerequisite for CRIM 312.

11. Change the grading system of CRIM 462, Field Practice from P/W to letter grades.

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MEMORANDUM

Dr. T.W. Calvert, Dean
Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies
Subject: Rationale for Changes to Under-graduate Curriculum

From: Dr. Curt Taylor-Griffiths
Chairperson, U.G.C.C.
Department of Criminology

Date: October 22, 1979

The following calendar changes for the Department of Criminology undergraduate curriculum and the rationale for these changes are as follows:

1. Degree Regulations

- a) S.A. 260-4 is removed as a lower level Group B required course for Criminology majors to allow the addition of two other required courses in an attempt to broaden the exposure of our majors to other disciplines relevant to their course of study. S.A. 150-4 will remain a required course at the lower level for Criminology majors and S.A. 260-4 will be entered into the calendar as an elective.
- b) PHIL 001-3, PHIL 100-3, PHIL 110-3, or PHIL 120-3 will be a required course in the lower division to expose our majors to relevant courses which will assist them in their work in Criminology. Students will be required to choose one of the four courses in Philosophy.
- c) ~~PHIL 100-3~~ will be a Group B lower level required course for Criminology majors in an attempt to ensure that students acquire basic writing skills. The faculty members of Criminology have become increasingly concerned with the apparent deterioration of these skills in students entering the program.

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2. Prerequisite Changes

- a) Students who have declared a major in Criminology will normally be expected to have completed all lower level Group A and Group B requirements before proceeding to the Upper Level courses. Students may proceed to the upper level courses without having completed these lower level courses only with the expressed written approval of the Criminology Undergraduate Curriculum and Articulation Committee. This calendar insertion is necessary to ensure that students who enroll in upper level courses have the background and skills acquired in lower level Group A and Group B courses. In the past, many students have delayed taking required courses until their third or fourth year, thus defeating the purpose of having these required courses at the lower level. This has been especially the case with the statistics requirement, which students often put off until their last semester in the Criminology program.

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*Registered Note: In this document, in most instances
for "level"
read "division"*

Criminology Undergraduate Calendar Changes (cont'd)

3. Course Title Change

- a) The title of CRIM 341-3, Techniques of Criminological Treatment and Social Reintegration I is changed to Psychotherapy with Offenders: Current Trends, to more accurately reflect the calendar description and established content of the course.
- b) The title of CRIM 441-4, Techniques of Criminological Treatment and Social Reintegration II is changed to Psychotherapy with Offenders: New Directions, to more accurately reflect the calendar description and established content of the course.

4. Prerequisite Changes

- a) CRIM 102-3 (Crime: An Analytic Approach) is removed as a prerequisite for CRIM 313-3 (Specific Types of Crime).
- b) CRIM 135-3 (Introduction to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions: A Criminal Justice Perspective) should be a prerequisite for CRIM 335-3 (Human Rights and Civil Liberties).
- c) CRIM 210-3 (Juvenile Delinquency) is removed as a prerequisite for CRIM 350-3 (Techniques of Crime Prevention).
- d) CRIM 210-3 (Juvenile Delinquency) is removed as a prerequisite for CRIM 414-3 (Criminal Typologies).
- e) CRIM 320-3 (Introduction to Criminological Research) should be a prerequisite for CRIM 462-15 (Field Practice) to ensure that students have the necessary skills to successfully carry out the tasks required of them in the field.
- f) CRIM 320-3 (Introduction to Criminological Research) should be a prerequisite for CRIM 410-3 (Decision-making in Criminal Justice) to ensure that students have adequate preparation for the course content in CRIM 410-3.

5. Changes in Group B lower and upper level electives

The changes reflect an effort to provide majors in Criminology with courses from which to choose which will broaden their exposure to other disciplines while at the same time complement their studies in Criminology.

6. Grading Change

The grading system of CRIM 462-15, Field Practice, should be from P/W to letter grades. See attached rationale.

CRIMINOLOGY 462-15 FIELD PRACTICE - GRADING CHANGE PROPOSAL

The Department of Criminology would like to recommend that the present grading system of Pass/Withdrawn in CRIM 462-15 be changed to a letter grade system.

In the Spring semester 1979, the Criminology Department instituted a new optional Field Practice course, CRIM 462-15, which replaced the former mandatory Field Practice courses, CRIM 360-6, CRIM 460-6 and CRIM 465-6. The new Field Practice course is a 15-credit course which gives upper levels Criminology majors or honors students the opportunity to spend a full semester working in a criminal justice agency. One of the major reasons for assigning the new course 15 credits was its strong academic component. Students are now responsible for the completion of four papers that require them to integrate theory and practice as well as participation in a series of academic seminars held at the university.

The original Field Practice courses (CRIM 360, 460 & 465) were 6 credit courses evaluated on a P/W basis. For each course, the students spent a total of 24 days in the field during the semester, working two days per week in the agency. The academic components of these courses were not as rigorous as those initiated in the new Field Practice course.

It was felt, when the P/W grading procedure was recommended for the original program that this type of grading system would best suit the field practice program the Department had envisaged, ie. a three-part program which concentrated on the students receiving the opportunity to get a general overview of the criminal justice field. The academic requirements of these courses reflected a similar general nature.

The present Field Practice course allows the student, through greater exposure to the field, to concentrate or specialize in one specific segment of the criminal justice system. Thus, the students' practical tasks and responsibilities in the agency are more complex and demanding. To complement this indepth exposure, the students are now required to produce a series of academic papers and participate in seminars at a level which must demonstrate that the student has obtained an extensive knowledge of how the relevant criminological literature applies to the specific criminal justice setting. This quality and depth of paper and seminar participation was not required in the former Field Practice courses because of the limited time and exposure involved in the placement.

With the institution of the new Field Practice course, a point system was devised whereby the students' academic and practical performance could be measured. (This point system is easily transferable to letter grades.) It was felt that this would not only increase the motivation of the students with regard to their practical and academic performance, but it would also supply the students with more direct and obvious feedback in these areas.

The students are assigned marks (points) on all their academic work and seminar participation by the Departmental faculty involved in the course. Students are evaluated in the field by their agency field supervisors on a standardized evaluation form supplied by the Department of Criminology. To safeguard the students, the field supervisors are instructed by the Coordinator of Field Practice on the use of the evaluation form. The Coordinator also keeps in touch with both the students and the field supervisors to ensure that the placement is progressing satisfactorily. Students are made aware of

any problem areas both through regular meetings with their field supervisors and through a more formal interim evaluation which is also submitted to the Department. Thus, the students have continual feedback on their performance which limits the possibility of any surprises arising on their final evaluation. However, students are advised that if they disagree with the comments on the final evaluation form, they have the right to appeal to the Departmental Field Practice Committee and then through the regular university channels. The latter is also available to students who disagree with the marks assigned in the academic component.

Since the Field Practice course has been made an optional component of the Criminology undergraduate curriculum, students applying for entry into this course are subjected to a screening process. This takes into account the student's academic performance and abilities. As a result, students who enter the Field Practice course generally have a strong academic record. The demands of this course are high because of the commitment the student must make both to the agency in terms of practical involvement and to the Department in terms of academic requirements.

Given the characteristics of the Field Practice course, the Department feels it would be appropriate that the assessment of this course be made on a letter grade basis. The Department has also consulted the students involved in this course and the general consensus is in favour of initiating a letter grade system.

SUBMITTED BY DEANNA BUCKLEY
October 19, 1979

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

Mr. H.M. Evans, Registrar &
Secretary SCUS
Subject Calendar Changes - Criminology

From Janet Blanchet, Secretary to the
Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Date October 30, 1979

Attached is a memorandum from the Department of Criminology withdrawing
ENG. 010 from its list of required courses.

Janet Blanchet
Janet Blanchet

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Attachment

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

*JCUS 17-7011
Discussed but Not
Distributed at Sup Nov 6*

To: Mr. Harry Evans

From: Dr. Simon Verdun-Jones

Registrar

Department of Criminology

Subject: Crim 462 Field Practice; Proposal to
Change the Grading System

Date: November 1, 1979

The Department of Criminology recently proposed that the Pass/Withdrawal system of grading, which is presently in operation in the Field Practice component of the Criminology program, be converted to a regular letter grading system. This recommendation was approved by the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies' Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and has been forwarded to S.C.U.S.

It has been brought to my attention that a letter grading system will not per se permit the Department to withdraw a student from Crim 462. Nevertheless, the Field Practice and Undergraduate Curriculum Committees feel that the power to withdraw a student from Crim 462 should be retained by the Department. I would be grateful if you could bring to the attention of S.C.U.S. the fact that it will be necessary to make some provision for the withdrawal of students from Crim 462 should the recommendation to convert to a letter grading system be approved.

Please find herewith attached a copy of a memorandum from Dr. C.T. Griffiths which provides the rationale for this request, a copy of a memorandum from Ms. Deanna Buckley explaining the withdrawal procedure currently in operation in the Field Practice component and a copy of the Field Practice Manual which is intended to provide background information to students about the procedures employed in Crim 462.

Simon N. Verdun-Jones
Simon N. Verdun-Jones, J.S.D.
Chairperson
Department of Criminology

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To..... Simon Verdun-Jones

From..... Curt Taylor Griffiths

Subject..... Crim 462 Grading Proposal

Date..... November 1, 1979

With the newly proposed letter grading proposal for Crim 462-15 Field Practice, it is advisable that the Department retain withdrawal procedures for this course in certain circumstances.

The Field Practice Committee will be responsible for handling all matters relating to the overall grading and withdrawal of students from this course. Following established University policy, students will be given adequate feedback throughout the first nine weeks of the semester as to their performance, academically and practically, and will be able to withdraw from the course without penalty should they so choose.

However, there are several potential situations which might arise which would necessitate the need for retaining a formal withdrawal mechanism in this course. In the rare event that a placement in which a student is participating becomes unsatisfactory (due to agency problems) during the course of the semester and the student is therefore unable to complete the requirements of the course, the student would be encouraged to withdraw from the course at this point. Every attempt would be made, however, to secure another placement for the student. If another placement could not be found and the student was forced to withdraw from the course, this student would be given first preference for a placement in the subsequent semester. Such procedures would also apply in those unlikely instances where the agency insisted that the student terminate his/her placement prematurely, although the Committee felt that the student had been performing satisfactorily.

In exceptional circumstances, the Committee has had in the past and should retain the power to temporarily withdraw a student immediately, without prior notice and against the student's wishes. In those instances, the student would be asked formally to withdraw from the placement. Within 10 days of the temporary withdrawal notice, the Committee would make a final decision as to whether the student can remain in the practicum or be permanently withdrawn from it.

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