

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To.....Senate	From.....Senate Committee on Undergraduate
For Information	Studies
Subject Title Change for CMNS 200-3	Date.....1980-03-27

Acting under its delegated authority SCUS approved a change in title for CMNS 200-3 from "Pragmatics of Human Communication" to "Introduction to Communication Theory".

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Registrar & Secretary, SCUS

I.S.C. 76-20 Calendar Changes -
Communication

J. Blanchet, Secretary to the
Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

October 13, 1978

The attached calendar changes for the Communication Department were approved on October 3rd and 10th, 1978 by the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Would you please place this on the agenda for the next meeting of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies.

Janet Blanchet

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Attach.

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Calendar description changes for Communication courses (Editorial only)

Old

CMNS 200-3 Pragmatics of Human Communication

An examination of the process of human communication and the ways in which it is used to construct a unique reality for each communicating individual. Communication is approached as a systemic relationship that is qualitatively different from the "properties" of the individuals involved. Basic characteristics of the communication process are reviewed along with their implications and the ways in which communication pathologies work to produce such disorders as schizophrenia.

New

CMNS 200-3 Introduction to communication theory

(the description is the same except for the last sentence which reads as follows):

Basic characteristics of the communication process and their implications are reviewed and related to major communication theories.

Old

CMNS 210-3 History of Communication

An exploration and interpretation of the methods of information-dissemination that have been employed from prehistory to the present century. The major developments in communication-related technology will be looked at by focussing on their economic and social pre-conditions and cultural consequences. Topics to be covered will include: language as communication, oral traditions, the role of various forms of writing and notational systems in the emergence of Old and New World civilizations, the impact of print, and the innovations of the industrial age.

New

CMNS 210-3 History of Communication

An analysis of the modes of communication that have been developed from prehistory to the present century. Using a biosocial perspective, the course will critically assess the human impact of communication-related technology in various epochs. Topics to be covered will include: the evolution of intelligence and the origin of language; the nature of oral traditions; the elaboration of various notational systems and writing; the consequences of print and literacy; and the innovations of industrial and post-industrial society.

Rationale

The changes to these courses reflect an ongoing concern with having calendar descriptions that communicate accurately to the student the nature of the course.