

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.81-143

MEMORANDUM

To..... SENATE	From SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING/ SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Subject CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN FRENCH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY	Date OCTOBER 15, 1981

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of October 6, 1981 gives rise to the following motion.

MOTION: That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.81-143, the proposed Certificate Program in French Language Proficiency.

At SCAP and SCUS there was discussion of the use of "proficiency" in the title, but following consideration it was accepted that this term was the most descriptive and appropriate of the nature of program expectation and requirements.

The Certificate Program utilizes courses already in existence.

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To..... Mr. H. Evans, Secretary.....	From..... John S. Chase, Secretary.....
..... SCUS	 Senate Committee on Academic
Subject..... Certificate in French Language	Planning
Proficiency	Date..... 17 September 1981

Action taken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning at its meeting on September 16, 1981 gave rise to the following motion:

"That the proposal for a Certificate in French Language Proficiency be approved."

Please note that the ordering of the words in the title of the Certificate have been changed to make it consistent with other certificates offered by the University.

Would you please place this item on the agenda of the next meeting of Senate.

John Chase

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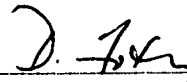
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MEMORANDUM

To..... Dr. M. Massey, Director.....	From..... D. Foth, Director.....
..... French Language Training Centre.....	 Extension Credit Programs.....
Subject..... Stipend Support of French Language.....	Date..... 1980.12.05.....
..... Proficiency Certificate Program	

I am very pleased that the French Language Proficiency Program proposal is moving forward through the various academic committees.

Given the usual caveats regarding budget allocations, planetary conjunctions, and the state of health of the St. Andreas fault, Continuing Studies is prepared to provide at least one, and we hope two stipends per Fall and Spring semester (i.e., 2 - 4 stipends during a September-April period) to support the Program. We will, of course, want to discuss this proposed allocation with the Chairman of the Department and the Dean of Arts before formally committing ourselves, as the allocation must be considered with reference to other needs.



D. Foth

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NEW CERTIFICATE PROPOSAL

FRENCH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE

RATIONALE

There is a need for French language training in the community at large that is not specifically serviced at the moment by undergraduate degree programs and that could best be met by a Certificate program at SFU.

The need for this kind of community French language training was identified during the Official Opening of the FLTC (April 1980) in a meeting with the French Provincial Program Co-ordinators of B.C. They indicated to the Director of the FLTC that there is an increasing demand for teachers with a high level of proficiency in the French language, at both the elementary and secondary school levels. The Co-ordinators emphasized that such teachers would be especially attracted by a language training program that would count for credit, result in the award of a certificate and be scheduled to meet the needs of the community.

The proposed Certificate is designed to answer this need. The Certificate will also meet the need of students outside the teaching community, for example, those who, for employment purposes, or other interests, desire an official certification of their French proficiency level.

All courses needed to fulfil the requirements for the French Language Proficiency Certificate are existing courses in the French Division program. Thus, the Certificate does not involve any new course proposals.

By offering this Certificate utilizing the facilities of the FLTC, the French Division of the DLLL will be able to service these needs in a highly efficient manner. Admission to the Certificate Program will also be open to regular SFU students.

1. Scheduling

Outside of its regular offerings, the French Division will be able to offer the courses at times (evenings, weekends, etc.) and even locales (various places off-campus) convenient to the targeted population and at a rate that will allow them to complete the Certificate within a reasonable time, while, however, still fulfilling the basic required pedagogical time-flow of the French program.

2. Budgetary Considerations and Staffing

Because the courses will probably have to be scheduled frequently in accordance with the needs of the community, the Director of the FLTC together with the French Division will be discussing the budget requirements for the special offerings with the Chairman of the DLLL.

3. Promotion of Certificate Program

Because the FLTC is constantly promoting other offerings in the teaching community and the public at large, it will be able, at the same time, to promote the French Language Proficiency Certificate in a most effective manner.

Based on our consultations with the French Provincial Program Co-ordinators of B.C., and our estimates of student enrolments for the Certificate outside the teaching community, we anticipate total enrolment in the Certificate to be about 120, at any given time.

FRENCH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE

Intended for:

1. School teachers wanting to improve oral and written proficiency in French,
2. Students, whether enrolled in a degree program or not, and the public at large wishing to enhance their knowledge of the language for cultural reasons or professional needs,
3. All persons interested in acquiring proficiency in French.

Not intended for:

1. Native speakers of French.

The program will be offered by the French Division of the DLLL utilizing the facilities of the French Language Training Centre. Recommendations for the award of the Certificate will be made by the French Division through the DLLL.

COURSE OFFERINGS

a) Daytime offerings

The French Division offers all the required courses on a regular basis during the daytime, utilizing its own Faculty, Language Instructors and Teaching Assistants.

b) Other offerings

When the offering of the required courses in appropriate sets for the Certificate is tailored to meet the needs of the targeted population during evenings, weekends, etc., the scheduling of the courses will involve the same number of contact hours per semester as are required for the normal daytime offerings and the optimal time-span for fulfilling the goals of the courses as established by the French Division. At all times, the control over the quality of the program and the selection of the teaching personnel will be subject to the approval of the French Division.

ADMISSION

Admission is governed by the regulations pertaining to admission to Simon Fraser University. (See Admission, Section 2 of the Undergraduate Calendar)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of 20 semester hours of Lower Division French including Fren 151-4, 201-3, 202-3, 205-1, 206-3, 230-3 or 240-3.

Partial exemption from Lower Division French courses is possible:

EITHER

1. Up to a maximum of 6 Lower Division French language credit hours of transfer (unassigned) will be allowed

OR

2. Up to a maximum of 6 Lower Division French language challenge credit hours (assigned) may be used towards the Certificate, as well as towards a degree at SFU.

OR

3. Exemption up to a maximum of 13 Lower Division French language credit hours through Advance Placement may be obtained by demonstrating equivalent preparation to the satisfaction of the French Division. Note that only a maximum of 6 of these 13 hours may be awarded challenge credit towards the Certificate, as per 2.

The completion of 9 Upper-level hours in French including Fren 301-3.

Highly recommended: Fren 300-3, 302-3.

The program will normally take 5-6 semesters to complete.

In accordance with the University rules governing Certificate Programs, page 26, Calendar 1980-81, the credits accumulated towards the Certificate Program may be applied also to major programs or minor programs or to a bachelor's degree at SFU.