

**S.87-70**

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senate

**FROM:** J.W.G. Ivany,  
Chair, SCAP

**SUBJECT:** Graduate Curriculum  
Changes - Archaeology  
Reference: SCAP 87-39

**DATE:** Nov.19, 1987

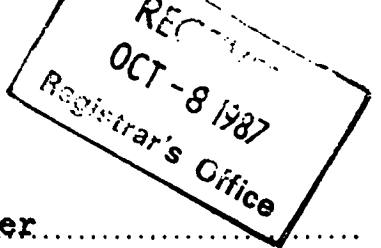
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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Graduate Studies Committee gives rise to the following motion:

**MOTION:** "That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.87-70  
  
the removal of the comprehensive exams as a requirement for the M.A."

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| To.....Marian McGinn.....<br>.....Registrar's Office.....<br>Subject.....SFU Calendar..... | From.....Philip Hobler.....<br>.....GPC Chairman, Archaeology.....<br>Date.....October 6, 1987..... |
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At its last meeting the Archaeology Department Graduate Program Committee voted to remove the comprehensive exams as a requirement for the M.A.

The new graduate calendar should reflect this change.

Our reasons for the decision are as follows:

1. It brings the department into line with other departments in the faculty that offer M.A.'s.
2. Some Canadian departments in Archaeology or Anthropology do require such exams at the M.A. level, but most do not.
3. Until now we have had essentially the same set of requirements for the M.A. as for the Ph.D. (course work, comps, colloquium, thesis, defense). The level of performance expected from M.A. and Ph.D. students, of course, was quite different. Our M.A. candidates were taking an inordinate length of time to finish, well above the university or faculty averages. Many required the full five years.

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cc: Faculty Graduate Studies Committee,  
Office of the Dean of Arts