

S.88-63

FOR INFORMATION

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: J.W.G. Ivany
Chair, SCAP

Subject: Department of French -
Curriculum Changes

Date: November 17, 1988

Acting under delegated authority SCUS approved curriculum revisions in the Department of French as set forth in S.88-63 including modifications to the Course Challenge.

*Modification to apply to all
course challenge courses
- Approved by Executive
Action.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Ellen Gee,
Associate Dean of Arts

FROM: B.E. Bartlett,
Chairman

SUBJECT: Calendar Changes

DATE: September 15, 1988

FROM:

"Any eligible student who wishes to register for course challenge in a given semester must obtain an official Course Challenge Registration Form from the Office of the Registrar, seek approval of the appropriate department chairman to register for course challenge in that department, and return the completed form to the Office of the Registrar by the fifth day following commencement of classes. Students who pre-register for course challenge but fail to submit the completed form by the stated deadline will be automatically cancelled from the challenged course. **Normally, a student may not complete registration for course challenge after the end of the fifth day of classes.** During the first five days of classes, a student may change registration in course challenge from one course to another or to regular enrollment in courses, but may not withdraw from course challenge without substitution of regular course enrollment. After the fifth day of classes, no further course challenge changes will be permitted."

TO:

"Any eligible student who wishes to register for course challenge in a given semester must obtain an official Course Challenge Registration Form from the Office of the Registrar, seek approval of the appropriate department chairman to register for course challenge in that department, and return the completed form to the Office of the Registrar by the tenth day following commencement of classes. Students who pre-register for course challenge but fail to submit the completed form by the stated deadline will be automatically cancelled from the challenged course. **Normally, a student may not complete registration for course challenge after the end of the tenth day of classes.** During the first ten days of classes, a student may change registration in course challenge from one course to another or to regular enrollment in courses, but may not withdraw from course challenge without substitution of regular course enrollment. After the tenth day of classes, no further course challenge changes will be permitted."

Rationale

New students entering the French program take a Placement Test which advises them in general terms of what appears to be the most appropriate course for them in the series 151, 201, 202, 206. During the first and second weeks of attendance at this course, they are able to judge whether the course is in fact too simple or too hard and are consequently able to change by drop/add during those two weeks.

If, however, they have been advised, for example, to go into FREN 202 and have entered course challenges for FREN 151 and FREN 201, they may find that FREN 202 is too difficult. Unless they recognize this during the first two or three classes in FREN 202 (i.e. in the first week), they are subsequently unable to change their course challenge. They therefore risk failing FREN 202 and being unable to re-challenge later. Alternatively, the FREN 202 may be too simple for them and they might prefer to register in the FREN 206 and add the FREN 202 as challenge to the FREN 151 and 201.

By our making the deadline for registration of course challenges later, these students would be in a position of making a more intelligent decision and thereby avoid registering in a course that may possibly be too hard or too easy.



B.E. Bartlett
BEB/cs

CALENDAR CHANGE - CHANGE IN WORDING OF PREREQUISITE

From:

FREN 301-3 Advanced French-Composition I

Emphasis is placed on written command of French. Detailed study of syntax.

(Lecture/Tutorial)

Prerequisite: FREN 202 or permission of the Course Chair ~~man~~. Students with limited experience in writing compositions in French are advised to take FREN 206 before undertaking FREN 301.

To:

FREN 301-3 Advanced French-Composition I

Emphasis is placed on written command of French. Detailed study of syntax.

(Lecture/Tutorial)

Prerequisite: FREN 202 or permission of the Course Chair ~~man~~. May not be taken concurrently with FREN 206-3. Students with limited experience in writing compositions in French are advised to take FREN 206 before undertaking FREN 301.

RATIONALE

FREN 206-3 (Intermediate French) and FREN 301-3 (Advanced French) are designed as consecutive semesters of French training. The intent of the Department was always that FREN 206 be taken prior to FREN 301 by students who had not yet achieved the level of competence required for any Upper Division Course. (Students who have a level of competence appropriate for FREN 301 are not required to take FREN 206 and may obtain challenge credit for it.) The modified wording makes explicit what has always been Departmental policy.