

S.89-61

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: L. Salter
Chair, SCAP

Subject: Faculty of Arts -
Joint Honors Program
Reference: SCUS 89-37
SCAP 89-46

Date: November 9, 1989

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

Motion:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.89-61 the proposed guidelines for a Joint Honors Degree in the Faculty of Arts."

The Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee has approved the addition of a Joint Honors Program as an option for students completing the degree Bachelor of Arts in the Faculty of Arts. A new section outlining the requirements would be included under the Bachelor of Arts degree information in the Calendar.

Joint Honors Program Requirements

At least 132 semester hours of credit which include

- at least 65 semester hours in Arts subjects
- at least 60 semester hours in upper division courses which must include at least 28 semester hours in upper division courses in each of the two honors subjects*
- lower division prerequisites for at least one Arts honors program
- satisfaction of the Faculty of Arts Breadth Requirements (see below)
- satisfactory completion of an honors essay jointly supervised by and acceptable to both honors departments.

Students are required to maintain a GPA of 3.0 in the upper division courses in each of the subjects of the Joint Honors Program.

* A department may designate up to 12 semester hours of program related upper division courses offered by other departments as being acceptable in fulfilling part of this requirement.

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TO: R.B. Brown
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FROM: Sheila Roberts
Dean of Arts Office

RE: Joint Honours - Arts

DATE: November 8, 1989

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