

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: L. Salter
Chair, SCAP

Subject: Department of Political Science -
Curriculum revision
SCAP 89-62

Date: November 16, 1989

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. 90-14, the proposed program requirement change in the Department of Political Science."

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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FACULTY OF ARTS

TO: Chair, Faculty of Arts Graduate Committee

FROM: L. Dobuzinskis

DATE: 2 October 1989

RE: Proposed programme requirement change

revised

The Department of Political Science, on the recommendation of its Graduate Programme Committee, proposes to amend the following calendar provision (p. 243): "The formal course work will include four one-semester courses of which POL 801 is compulsory. Of the remaining three, students will be required to choose at least two from among the core courses in the academic programme, comprising POL 812, POL 821, POL 830, POL 841, POL 851, and POL 852, and any one course listed under Political Science graduate courses."

to read: "The formal course work will include four one-semester courses of which POL 801 is compulsory. Of the remaining three, students will be required to choose at least two from any two of the five fields listed below."

Then, under the heading "Graduate Courses" POL 812, and POL 814 are to be placed under the sub-heading "Political Theory"; POL 821, POL 822, POL 824 and POL 829 are to be placed under the sub-heading "Canadian Government and Politics"; POL 830, POL 832, POL 838, POL 839, POL 861, POL 862, POL 862, POL 863, and POL 864 are to be placed under the sub-heading "Comparative Government and Politics"; POL 841, POL 842 and POL 843 are to be placed under the sub-heading "International Relations"; POL 841, POL 842, and POL 843 are to be placed under the sub-heading "International Relations"; and POL 851, POL 852, POL 853, and POL 854 are to be placed under the sub-heading "Public Administration and Public Policy."

RATIONALE:

The requirement in force now makes it difficult to offer courses other than the core courses because of the relatively limited number of faculty members teaching graduate courses. Yet many, if not all, of the non-core courses are important and topical ones in which students have expressed interest. The proposed change would make it easier to offer these courses on a more regular basis.