

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Office of the Vice-President Academic

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: J.M. Munro, Chair
Senate Committee on
Academic Planning

Subject: Changes to requirement for
MRM degree

Date: March 19, 1992

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and the 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.92-24 the change in degree requirements for the Master of Resource Management to allow students to take either MRM 642 or MRM 644 rather than requiring MRM 642 alone."

J. M. Munro

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: FAS Graduate Studies Committee

FROM: Randall M. Peterman
Chairman, Graduate Studies Committee
School of Resource and Environmental Management

DATE: 14 January, 1992

SUBJECT: MRM 642/MRM 644

The School of Resource and Environmental Management proposes the following minor change, shown in grey shading, to requirements for the MRM degree. We wish to allow students to choose either MRM 642 or MRM 644, rather than requiring 642 alone.

Current Required Courses

MRM 601-5 Natural Resources Management I: Theory and Practice
MRM 602-5 Natural Resources Management II: Advanced Seminar
MRM 611-5 Applied Population and Community Ecology
MRM 621-5 Economics of Natural Resources
MRM 631-5 Applied Geomorphology and Hydrology
MRM 641-5 Law and Resources
MRM 642-5 Regional Planning

Plus

MRM 698-3 Field Resource Management Workshop
MRM 699-10 Research Project

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MRM 642-5 Regional Planning OR MRM 644-5 Public Policy Analysis

Plus

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MRM 699-10 Research Project

Justification

The current required course, MRM 642, is Regional Planning. This course applies, in a regional context, the more generic methods of policy making and problem solving covered in our current elective course, MRM 644, Public Policy

Analysis. Because we require our graduates to obtain a working knowledge of these methods in some context, it is appropriate to permit them to take either course (MRM 642 or MRM 644) to meet that requirement. Currently, they are all forced to take MRM 642, which is too specific for some students' needs.

Course descriptions

MRM 642-5 Regional Planning

Theory and techniques of regional analysis; planning models and their application to key resource sectors.

MRM 644-5 Public Policy Analysis

Analysis of methods of policy making and problem solving with particular emphasis on natural resource issues. Topics include goal setting, problem definition, program scheduling, policy evaluation, policy implementation and public administration. A practical analysis of the structure and processes surrounding major contemporary policy issues.


Randall M. Peterman

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