

Memorandum

To: Senate

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

Date: September 2, 1999

Subject: Faculty of Arts – Graduate Curriculum Revisions

Action by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and the Senate Graduate Studies Committee gives rise to the following motions:

- MOTION #1: "that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.99-48, a M.A. Course Option for the graduate program in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, including new courses SA 896 and 897"
- MOTION #2: "that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.99-48, a M.A. Course Option for the graduate program in the Department of Women's Studies, including new course WS 999"

For Information

Acting under delegated authority, the Senate Graduate Studies Committee approved curriculum revisions in the following Department/Program:

- a) Gerontology Program
- b) Department of Political Science
- b) Department of Psychology
- c) Department of Sociology and Anthropology

J. Munro

Any Senator wishing to consult the full report of curriculum revisions within the Faculty of Arts should contact Bobbie Grant, Senate Assistant at 291-3168 or e-mail bgrant@sfu.ca.

To: Roger Blackman, Chair
Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee

From: Dara Culhane, Chair
Graduate Program Committee
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Date: March 10, 1999

RE: REVISIONS TO M.A. PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is proposing the following changes in its MA calendar description in order to offer more flexibility in the MA program, and to make our graduate program more responsive to current needs in our fields. Currently the MA requires completion of four courses and a thesis. We would like to add one additional option, and to revise the course requirements for the thesis option.

The new option proposed consists of:

* completion of four one-semester courses (20 credits) + two extended essays or one research project report.

The revision to the thesis option consists of:

* completion of three one-semester courses (15 credits) + thesis

We would also like to offer our MA program on both a part-time and a full-time basis. No extra costs, or new courses, or new library resources are associated with any of these revisions. The Department is proposing these changes for the following reasons.

(1) Many students have expressed an interest in part time graduate studies in our particular fields of study. We believe providing a part time option has the potential to attract a broad range of students.

(2) Many students have expressed an interest in completing an MA program within one calendar year. Such programs are offered in many other universities in Canada and the U.S.A. We believe creating this option will make our program *more competitive* and allow us to attract high caliber students.

(3) The Department believes that increased flexibility and options will benefit the overall quality of the program.

(4) The extended essays or research project report options offer opportunities for students to engage in both *innovative theoretical work*, and to gain *practical applied research experience*. Therefore we believe these changes will meet the needs of MA students wishing to continue in an academic career immediately upon completion of an MA, as well as those who wish to apply their skills

outside of academia as a full-time career choice, or for a period of time before continuing on with Ph.D. studies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Dara Culhane
Assistant Professor

Simon Fraser University
New Graduate Course Proposal Form

Department: Department of Sociology and Anthropology Course Number: SA 896

Course Title: MA Extended Essays

Course Description for Calendar (*append a course outline*): n/a

This course credit is assigned to students successfully completing the MA Research Project.

Credit Hours: 0 Vector: 0 Prerequisites (if any): none

Estimated Enrolment: n/a When the course will first be offered: upon approval

Frequency of course offering: every semester

Justification:

To set up a course number for the MA Research Project.

Resources:

Faculty member(s) who will normally teach this course;
append information about their competency to teach the course: Senior Supervisor

Number of additional faculty members required in order to offer this course: n/a

Additional space required in order to offer this course (*append details*): n/a

Additional specialized equipment required in order to offer this course (*append details*): n/a

Additional Library resources required (*append details*): annually: \$ n/a one-time: \$ n/a

Any other resource implications of offering this course (*append details*): n/a

If additional resources are required to offer this course, the department proposing the course should be prepared to provide information on the source(s) of those additional resources.

Approvals:

Departmental Graduate Program Committee: Dara Culhane

Date: March 29/99

Faculty Graduate Studies Committee: ACR Goodman

Date: April 9/99

Faculty: John V. Piven

Date: April 9/99

Following approval by the Faculty, this form and all relevant documentation should be forwarded to the Assistant Director - Graduate Studies in the Office of the Registrar for consideration by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Senate.

RATIONALE FOR NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

SA 896-0 MA Extended Essays

RATIONALE:

To set up a course number for the Extended Essays option..

Simon Fraser University
New Graduate Course Proposal Form

Department: Department of Sociology and Anthropology Course Number: SA 897

Course Title: MA Research Project

Course Description for Calendar (*append a course outline*): n/a

This course credit is assigned to students successfully completing the MA Research Project.

Credit Hours: 0 Vector: 0 Prerequisites (if any): none

Estimated Enrolment: n/a When the course will first be offered: upon approval

Frequency of course offering: every semester

Justification:

To set up a course number for the MA Research Project.

Resources:

Faculty member(s) who will normally teach this course;
append information about their competency to teach the course: Senior Supervisor

Number of additional faculty members required in order to offer this course: n/a

Additional space required in order to offer this course (*append details*): n/a

Additional specialized equipment required in order to offer this course (*append details*): n/a

Additional Library resources required (*append details*): annually: \$ n/a one-time: \$ n/a

Any other resource implications of offering this course (*append details*): n/a

If additional resources are required to offer this course, the department proposing the course should be prepared to provide information on the source(s) of those additional resources.

Approvals:

Departmental Graduate Program Committee: D. Culhane

Date: March 29/97

Faculty Graduate Studies Committee: AR [Signature]

Date: April 9/99

Faculty: [Signature]

Date: April 9/99

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RATIONALE FOR NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

SA 897-0 MA Research Project

RATIONALE:

To set up a course number for the Research Project option..

RATIONALE FOR NEW PROGRAM PROPOSAL

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

M.A. COURSE OPTION RATIONALE

Since its inception, the Women's Studies MA degree has included a thesis or two extended-essays for degree completion. However, only two students have availed themselves of the extended essays option. In addition, we will not accept a student into the thesis option unless a faculty member is available and willing to supervise the student. Consequently, there are a number of excellent students who cannot be admitted to the program. There are also many potential students who for professional reasons wish to pursue a MA but who do not wish to undertake subsequent Ph.D. work, for whom a course option MA would be an attractive possibility.

Thus, it seems that a course intensive program would allow the program to be made available to some of the students who now cannot gain admission to the program. In addition, the Department now has the ability to increase the number of course offerings to accommodate the course option, and we think that an increase in the number of courses and the size of the class involvement would be an advantage to the individual student regardless of the option for completion. Finally, the course option is now an established program within this institution and others, and is regarded as a suitable way to complete an MA.

Simon Fraser University
New Graduate Course Proposal Form

Department: Women's Studies

Course Number: WS 999-0

Course Title: M.A. Field Exam

Course Description for Calendar (*append a course outline*):

Field exams based upon the subject area of two completed graduate courses in Women's Studies.

Credit Hours: 0

Vector: 0

Prerequisites (if any): completion of six graduate courses

Estimated Enrolment: N/A

When the course will first be offered: N/A

Frequency of course offering: N/A

Justification:

Field examinations are required to complete the course work M.A. in Women's Studies.

Resources:

Faculty member(s) who will normally teach this course;
append information about their competency to teach the course: All

Number of additional faculty members required in order to offer this course: none

Additional space required in order to offer this course (*append details*): none

Additional specialized equipment required in order to offer this course (*append details*): none

Additional Library resources required (*append details*): annually: \$ none one-time: \$ none

Any other resource implications of offering this course (*append details*): None

If additional resources are required to offer this course, the department proposing the course should be prepared to provide information on the source(s) of those additional resources.

Approvals:

Departmental Graduate Program Committee:

AP Robinson

Date: 1 April '99

Faculty Graduate Studies Committee:

JB Blackman

Date: April 9/99

Faculty:

John F. P. ...

Date: April 9/99

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FOR INFORMATION

(SGSC Reference: Meeting May 17, 1999)
(SCAP Reference: SCAP 99 - 24a)

a) Gerontology Program

Acting under delegated authority, the SGSC approved curriculum revisions as follows:

New course: GERO 850 - 0 Co-op Internship

FOR INFORMATION

(SGSC Reference: Meeting May 17, 1999)
(SCAP Reference: SCAP 99 – 24b)

b) Department of Political Science

Acting under delegated authority the SGSC approved curriculum
Revisions as follows:

New courses:	POL 892 – 0	Research Project
	POL 895 – 0	Extended Essays

FOR INFORMATION

(SGSC Reference: Meeting May 17, 1999)
(SCAP Reference: SCAP 99 – 24c)

c) Department of Psychology

Acting under delegated authority, the SGSC approved curriculum revisions as follows:

Revised deadline for application to graduate studies:

From: "by the preceding February 1st"

To: "the first working day of the new year".

FOR INFORMATION

(SGSC Reference: Meeting May 17, 1999)
(SCAP Reference: SCAP 99-24d)

d) Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Acting under delegated authority, the SGSC approved the following curriculum revision

Revision to the thesis option M.A.