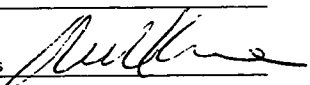


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ATTENTION	Senate
FROM	Bill Krane, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies 
RE	BC Adult Graduation Diploma [07-49]
DATE	December 13, 2007

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of December 4, 2007, gives rise to the following recommendations:

Motion:

“that Senate approve the BC Adult Graduation Diploma (BCAGD) admission policy on a permanent basis.”

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ATTENTION SCUS Committee Members

FROM Mehran Kiai, Director of Enrollment Services

cc: Kate Ross, Registrar & Senior Director, Enrollment Services

RE Review of performance of BC Adult Graduation Diploma Students

DATE November 21, 2007

Background

Senate approved the BC Adult Graduation Diploma (BCAGD) policy on admission on a pilot basis on April 3, 2000. The BCAGD credential is available to adults who take courses to complete graduation through secondary school, adult education centre or a community college (see attached SFU Calendar, page 21 -22). The BCAGD admission requirement is more closely aligned with the new BC12 four course model except Language 11 is not required and provincial exams are optional.

A review of the performance of the BCAGD students who had been admitted under the policy since 2000 was reviewed by SCUS in 2004. A total of 21 BCAGD students had applied for admission and five had attended SFU. Since the numbers were too small to draw any conclusion, SCUS recommended extending the policy for three more years from June 2004 to August 2007, with a review in Fall 2007. Since 2004 there have been an additional nine BCAGD students who have attended SFU.

On the next page is a summary of the performance of the BCAGD students from April 2000 to September 2007.

Performance of BCAGD Students from April 2000 to September 2007.

BCAGD	Faculty	Attended From	Attended to	Cum. GPA	SFU Units	Comments
Student 1	FASS	2002 fall	2003 spring	0.00	0	Required to withdraw
Student 2	FASS	2003 spring	2004 spring	3.266	21	Good standing
Student 3	FASS	2002 spring	2007 fall	2.733	102	Good standing
Student 4	SCI	2002 spring	2007 fall	3.33	75	Good standing
Student 5	FASS	2003 spring	2007 fall	1.914	75	Academic Probation
Student 6	FASS	2004 fall	2006 summer	1.692	33	Required to Withdraw
Student 7	FASS	2005 summer	2005 fall	1.578	16	Required to Withdraw
Student 8	FASS	2006 spring	2007 spring	1.573	15	Academic Probation
Student 9	FASS	2006 spring	2007 summer	2.167	38	Good Standing
Student 10	FASS	2006 spring	2006 fall	1.20	15	Required to Withdraw
Student 11	FAS	2006 summer	2007 fall	2.609	52	Good Standing
Student 12	FASS	2007 spring	2007 spring	0.50	3	Good Standing
Student 13	SCI	2006 fall	2007 summer	3.061	11	Good Standing
Student 14	BUS	2007 fall	2007 fall	0.00	0	First Term

Eight students are in good standing and three have a GPA of 3.00 or higher. Student 14 was admitted to Business in 1077 with an 89% average. Four out of fourteen students were required to withdraw for academic reasons. The overall retention rate of continuing students at SFU is approximately at the same rate as this group of students.

With the change in demographics and the need for accommodating a higher percentage of non-traditional students to the university, the BCAGD admission policy works well and benefits this group of students.

Recommendation: To approve the policy as permanent.

Encl.

British Columbia and Yukon Applicants

Applicants from British Columbia or Yukon may be admitted from

- secondary school (see below)
- community or university college (see "Admission from BC and Yukon Community and University Colleges" on page 22)
- another university (see "BC University Transfer" on page 23)

Several special categories of admission also exist for British Columbia applicants (see "Special Categories" on page 23).

Admission from British Columbia and Yukon Secondary Schools

All applicants (except as noted) must graduate from secondary school before entering Simon Fraser University.

Minimum Admission Requirements

The minimum admission average will vary depending on the number of applications received, and on spaces available. This minimum is determined by the

respective faculty, but in no case will be less than 67%.

Actual final percentage marks will be used whenever available. If not given, the following equivalents are used to compute the average (for BC high school admission only): A = 4.0 or 91%; B = 3.0 or 79%; C+ = 2.5 or 70%; C = 2.0 or 64%

If a grade 12 course has a provincial examination, the final mark must include the exam mark.

BC and Yukon grade 11 and 12 course requirements

all applicants must meet the *general requirements* (see General Requirements below)

Faculty requirements may also apply (see below)

BC and Yukon secondary school applicants must meet the English language and literacy admission requirement (see "English Language and Literacy Admission Requirement" on page 19), and the quantitative and analytical skills requirement (see "Quantitative and Analytical Skills Requirement" on page 19)

General Requirements

Grade 11 (not used to calculate admission average)	• English 11 or Français première langue 11 • language 11 (includes beginner's language 11, American sign language 11 or 12, and language 12 courses) • principles of mathematics 11 (applications of mathematics 12 is acceptable for admission to some programs) • science 11 (includes applications of physics 12, biology 11, chemistry 11, earth science 11, forests 11, IB environmental systems 11, principles of physics 11)
Grade 12	English 12 and three provincially examinable grade 12 courses: • BC First Nations studies 12 • English literature 12 • French or Français langue 12 • German 12 • history 12 • Japanese 12 • Mandarin 12 • principles of mathematics 12 • Punjabi 12 • Spanish 12 <i>Science 12 courses</i> • biology 12 • chemistry 12 • geography 12 • geology 12 • physics 12

IB and AP courses – all standard and higher level IB courses may be used for admission. All AP courses may be used for admission. For IB and AP transfer credit, see "Advanced Placement Program and International Baccalaureate" on page 28.

Previous Admission Requirements – The above requirements will be effective for admission of applicants to fall 2007, but Simon Fraser University will honor the former five course model until fall 2008 (visit <http://students.sfu.ca/admission/requirements/provinces/bc2007.html>).

Faculty Requirements

Arts and Social Sciences All programs	• Applications of mathematics 12 may be substituted for principles of mathematics 11 • Applicants to the School for the Contemporary Arts programs may have portfolio/audition requirements; visit www.sfu.ca/sca
Business Administration	• principles of mathematics 12
Education	No direct entry from high school.
Health Sciences All programs	• principles of mathematics 12
Science All programs	• chemistry 11 • principles of physics 11 • principles of mathematics 12 • two other science 12 courses
Applied Sciences	<i>Communication</i> • applications of mathematics 12 may be substituted for principles of mathematics 11 <i>Computing Science; Geographic Information Science; General Studies</i> • principles of mathematics 12 • one of biology 12, chemistry 12 or physics 12 <i>Engineering Science</i> • chemistry 11 • principles of physics 11 • principles of mathematics 12 • chemistry 12 • physics 12 <i>Interactive Arts and Technology</i> • principles of mathematics 12 • one science 12 course <i>TechOne</i> • principles of mathematics 12 <i>Kinesiology</i> • chemistry 11 • principles of physics 11 • principles of mathematics 12 • two of biology 12, chemistry 12 or physics 12

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Additional Information for BC Secondary School Applicants

Independent Schools

Simon Fraser University accepts applications from students attending independent schools adhering to the BC secondary school curriculum. Applicants must have written any secondary school examinations administered by the provincial Ministry of Education in courses used towards graduation. Examination

results will be evaluated in the same manner as if the applicant were attending a public secondary school.

Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate Exams

BC secondary school students taking these programs should see "Advanced Placement Program and International Baccalaureate" on page 28.

BC Adult Graduation Diploma

This credential is available to adults who take courses to complete graduation through a secondary school, adult education centre or a community college.

Applicants who have completed the diploma and who are at least 19 years of age may be admitted if they have completed:

- four courses (16 units) at grade 11 or advanced level to include English, mathematics, social studies or

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First Nations 12, an experimental or laboratory science; a language other than English is not required

- four courses (16 units) at the grade 12 or provincial level to include English and three additional subjects selected from: biology, mathematics, chemistry, English literature, languages, statistics, geography, history, physics

All four grade 12 or provincial level subjects must be graded: a minimum average of C+ or 67% is required, based on the Ministry of Education grading scale, however, a higher average may be required for admission.

Entry requirements for specific programs parallel those for BC secondary school graduates.

BC Calculus Examination Certificate

All prospective Simon Fraser University, University of BC, University of Northern BC and University of Victoria students who have completed, or who are enrolled in, a secondary school calculus course are eligible to write a calculus challenge exam. Students who pass this exam will receive an Simon Fraser University-UBC-UNBC-UVic Calculus Challenge Examination Certificate that permits them to obtain calculus transfer credit at one of these universities. Secondary school students can write the exam, which must be done prior to entering one of the four participating BC universities. Only one attempt to write this exam is permitted. The exam's resulting grade will be converted into the individual university's equivalent grade. These equivalencies are noted on the certificate.

Calculus Course Credit

A student who has passed the calculus challenge exam and is enrolled at Simon Fraser University may be awarded transfer credit: MATH 151 (3). Students already eligible for transfer credit because of high AP or IB scores will keep this eligibility regardless of their examination score and can waive the examination score and/or credit.

Examination Locations, Schedule

Each year a university will host the calculus challenge examination. Exams are held twice a year. The April exam is held at participating high schools, or at the host university. The August exam takes place only at the host university.

Application to Write the Exam

Application to take the exam must be made to the mathematics department of the university that is hosting the examination in that year.

Examination Information

The exam is three hours in duration. For further enquiries about writing the calculus examination and the Calculus Examination Certificate, contact: Math Challenge 151, Department of Mathematics, 8888 University Drive, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, V5A 1S6; 778.782.3332 Tel; 778.782.4947 Fax; or e-mail fabriciu@sfu.ca.

Upgrading BC Grade 12 Grades

Applicants who wish to improve their grades in BC grade 12 courses may do so in accordance with Ministry of Education policies, except that the final grade in a provincially-examinable course may not be increased by taking an equivalent college course. For example, an applicant who has achieved a mark of 66% in principles of mathematics 12 may not count in her/his admission average a subsequent, higher grade (say 'B' or 73%) in an ABE provincial level mathematics course taken through a college.

Admission from BC and Yukon Community and University Colleges

Guaranteed Admission from BC and Yukon Community and University Colleges

BC and Yukon Community and University College applicants are guaranteed admission to all faculties at Simon Fraser University (except the Faculty of Business Administration) upon completion of at least 24 units of transferable work with a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

College transfer applicants with averages lower than 2.5 will still be considered for admission on a competitive basis as stated below.

Applicants who met the University's admission requirements after completing grade 12 may be admitted on the basis of those requirements, provided that they have attempted fewer than 24 units of transfer credit. However, they will not be admitted if they present three or more transferable courses equal to nine or more units with an average of less than 2.0 or 60%.

Faculty/Program Admission Requirements

Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of

Students must complete at least 24 units of transferable work with a minimum average of 2.00 or 60%. (Up to 60 units of transfer credit will be awarded for acceptable passed courses.)

Business Administration, Faculty of

Students planning to enter the BBA degree program must complete at least 30 units with the equivalents of the following courses passed with a C- grade or higher:

BUEC 232-4
BUS 237-3, BUS 251-3, BUS 272-3
ECON 103-3, ECON 105-3
MATH 150-3, MATH 157-3 (or MATH 151-3 or MATH 154-3)
and two of ENGL 101-3, 102-3, 103-3, 104-3, 105-3, 199-3, PHIL 001-3, 100-3, 120-3.

Admission is highly competitive. Most transfer students enter the University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences before they are approved into the Faculty of Business Administration (see "Business Administration, Faculty of" on page 22).

Communication, School of

Admission requirements are the same as those for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (see above). Admission is competitive.

Computing Science, School of

Students applying for the computing science program may be admitted directly based on college grades, or may be offered general University admission with the opportunity to apply for later admission based on Simon Fraser University grades.

For direct entry from college, students must complete at least 24 units of transferable credit including seven courses that receive the following transfer credit.

- PHIL 100 or 120 or three units in English
- two of MACM 101, 201 MATH 151, 152 and 232
- two of CMPT 125, 126, 150, 225, 250 and 275
- three units in biological sciences, chemistry, earth sciences, kinesiology or physics
- three units in anthropology, archaeology, communication, Canadian studies, criminology, economics, history, human geography, political science, psychology, sociology or women's studies

Admission will be based on a grade point average calculated on the best seven courses satisfying these

requirements. No course may be included in the average if it is considered a duplicate of any course previously taken.

Engineering Science, School of

Students planning to enter the BSc degree program must complete at least 24 units in transferable science or engineering courses with a minimum GPA of 2.50.

Health Sciences, Faculty of

Students planning to enter the BA and BSc degree program in health sciences must complete at least 24 units of transferable work.

Interactive Arts and Technology, School of

Students must complete at least 24 units of transferable credit.

Kinesiology, School of

Students planning to enter the BSc (Kinesiology) degree program must complete at least 24 units of transferable credit. Admission is competitive.

Applicants are selected based on an admission GPA calculated over the courses taken to receive transfer credit from those listed below. The admission GPA for college students is approximately 3.00, determined by the number of seats available and the number of applications.

For those who cannot complete all requirements at a college, students may apply to Simon Fraser University and complete the internal transfer route (see "Internal Transfer" on page 124).

BISC 101-4
MBB 221-3
CHEM 121-4, 122-2, 281-4
KIN 142-3
MATH 151-3, (or 154-3), 152-3 (or 155-3)
PHYS 101-3, (or 120-3 or 125-3 or 140-4), 102-3, (or 121-3 or 126-3 or 141-4)
PHYS 130-2, (or 131-2) not required if both of PHYS 140-4 and 141-4 are completed

Science, Faculty of

Admission is competitive. Students planning to enter the BSc degree program must have a minimum of 24 units that include the following transfer credit (minimum grade of C+ on each):

- Math 100
- two of BISC 100, CHEM 110 or 111, PHYS 100

Transfer Credit Guide

A transfer guide listing all first and second year (lower division) transferable courses and the Simon Fraser University equivalents is accessible through the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer website at www.bctransferguide.ca

Associate of Arts/Science Degree Holders

Graduates holding Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees from BC colleges or university colleges recognized by the BC Ministry of Advanced Education will receive preference in the admission process as follows:

- The minimum average for Associate Degree students will be established each term at a level 0.25 GPA points less than that required for regular transfer students, but shall not be less than 2.00.
- Transfer credit will be given for all individually assigned credit from all sources totals less than 60 units, additional general elective credit will be assigned to bring the transfer credit total to 60 units.

BC and Yukon Community and University College applicants must meet the English language and literacy, and quantitative and analytical skills requirement. See "English Language and Literacy Admission Requirement" on page 19.