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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Wade Parkhouse, Chair of Senate
Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
RE: Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

DATE October 6, 2015
No. GS2015.36

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of October 5, 2015, SGSC approved the following program changes effective **Summer 2016**:

School of Interactive Arts and Technology

Program change: Master of Arts

Program change: Master of Science

Program change: Doctor of Philosophy

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ATTENTION Wade Parkhouse, Dean of Graduate Studies
FROM Zoë Druick, FCAT Associate Dean & Chair,
FCAT-Graduate Studies Committee
RE: SGSC Agenda Item – Calendar Entry Changes for Graduate Requirements in SIAT

DATE August 31, 2015
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The following Calendar Entry Changes for Graduate Requirements (MA, MSc, and PhD) in SIAT were approved at the FCAT GSC meeting held electronically on July 22, 2015.

1) *Rationale for Calendar Entry Change for Master's (MA, MSc)*

Reducing the overall course requirement by 3 credits will permit speedier course completion and enable focus on the thesis. It also harmonizes requirements between MA and MSc. It affects MA students who usually were required to do an extra course for the degree, allowing them to opt into the new requirements.

2) *Rationale for Calendar Entry Change for PhD with SIAT Master's*

Reducing the PhD course requirements will put them in line with other related programs at SFU, such as Computing and Health Sciences. A secondary issue was the movement of SIAT Master's students into the PhD and the need for adequate provision of new courses.

These curriculum items should be effective for Summer 2016. Please include them on the agenda of the next SGSC meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Zoë Druick
Associate Dean, FCAT
Chair, FCAT Graduate Studies Committee

cc: Lyn Bartram, GPC Chair, School of Interactive Arts and Technology

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Calendar Entry Change for Master of Arts, Interactive Arts and Technology

Summary of change: The minimum course unit requirements have been reduced from 18 units to 15 units. General clean-up and reorganization of calendar entry.
Rationale for change: We reduced the overall course work requirements by 3 units to harmonize requirements between the MA and MSc requirements and place a greater emphasis on the thesis component.
Effective term and year: Summer 2016
Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students? We will allow students to retroactively follow the new requirements which will be monitored at the department level if the student wishes to opt in.

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IAT 814 - Knowledge, Visualization and Communication (3)

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IAT 871 - Directed Readings I (3)

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The research colloquium is an important part of the program. Students present in one seminar and are required to register in the following colloquium course for at least two academic terms.

IAT 805 - Research Colloquium (0)

Thesis

Students produce and defend a thesis as part of the degree requirements.

Students who are working on their master of arts thesis enrol in the following course. This course will not count toward the course work requirements.

IAT 897 - MA Thesis (15)

Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

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Core Courses

Students complete two of

IAT 812 - Cognition, Learning and Collaboration (3)
IAT 813 - Artificial Intelligence in Computational Art and Design (3)
IAT 814 - Knowledge, Visualization and Communication (3)

Electives, Special Topics and Directed Readings

Students complete two courses from electives, special topics and directed readings courses. Required or core courses that are not completed as part of the degree requirements may also be completed as electives.

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External courses

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Directed Readings

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and any special topics or directed readings course approved by the graduate program committee.

The following courses may be used to satisfy elective requirements as specified:

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Designated Research Methods Courses

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Research Colloquium

The research colloquium is an important part of the program. Students present in one seminar and are required to register in the following colloquium course for at least two academic terms.

IAT 805 - Research Colloquium (0)

Thesis

Students produce and defend a thesis as part of the degree requirements.

Students who are working on their master of arts thesis enrol in the following course. This course will not count toward the course work requirements.

IAT 898 - MSc Thesis (15)

Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

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~~Commonly, the master's thesis shows refinement of a developed scholarly specialization, a useful replication of established note and, in some cases, a pretesting or prototype of supporting ideas for eventual PhD research.~~

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Calendar Entry Change for Doctor of Philosophy, Interactive Arts and Technology

Summary of change:

The number of course work units required have been reduced from 21 units to 12 units. General clean-up and reorganization of calendar entry.

Rationale for change:

We want to reduce the PhD course requirements to be more in line with other programs at SFU and elsewhere in our disciplines: our course load for PhDs was far more than other programs similar to ours both at other institutions and within SFU (e.g. computing science, health sciences, biology). A secondary issue was the movement of SIAT Master's students into our program and the availability of courses.

Effective term and year: Summer 2016

Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students?

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Core Courses

Students complete at least two of

IAT 810 - New Media (3)
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In addition, three additional courses are required.

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IAT 871 - Directed Readings I (3)

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PhD Dissertation

PhD candidates produce and defend a dissertation as part of degree requirements. All Simon Fraser University regulations concerning thesis form and examination process apply. A successful dissertation demonstrates an original contribution to a field of study. The expected standard of work is that of peer-reviewed work by accomplished scholars in their specialization. Candidates are encouraged to consider the professional and career implications of this major scholarly work.

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IAT 899 - PhD Dissertation (6)

PhD candidate status is neither required for, nor implied by, enrolment in this course.

~~PhD students who have completed a master's (MA or MSc) degree within the program are required to complete four courses including at least one core course. The research method course(s) completed in a SIAT master's program count towards the PhD designated research methods requirement. Students are waived from one term of IAT 805.~~

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IAT 899 - PhD Dissertation (6)

PhD candidate status is neither required for, nor implied by, enrolment in this course.

~~PhD students who have completed a master's (MA or MSc) degree within the program are required to complete 12 units. The research method course(s) completed in a SIAT master's program count towards the PhD designated research methods requirement. Advance credit is granted for one term of IAT 805.~~

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