

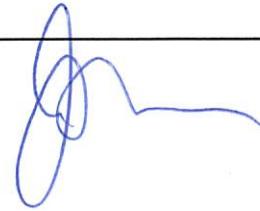
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**MEMORANDUM** \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENTION Senate DATE June 21, 2018  
FROM Jeff Derksen,  
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies  
Committee (SGSC)  
RE: Program Changes

**For information:**

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of June 5, 2018, SGSC approved the following program changes, effective **Spring 2019**:

**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**Department of Linguistics

- 1) Calendar revision: Linguistics MA, PhD

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- 2) Calendar revision: Anthropology MA, PhD
- 3) Calendar revision: Sociology MA, PhD

**Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**School of Communication

- 4) Program change: Communication MA, PhD

**Faculty of Education**

- 5) Program change: Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Certificate
- 6) Program change: Educational Leadership Graduate Certificate

**Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies**

- 7) Program change (new): MA, MASc, MSc, PhD Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies



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## MEMO

TO: Jeff Derksen, Dean, Graduate Studies

FROM: Lisa Shapiro, Associate Dean, FASS

RE: SGSC Submission

DATE: 28 May 2018

The following calendar changes have been approved by Lisa Shapiro, Associate Dean, FASS, under delegated authority and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval. These curriculum items should be effective for **Spring 2019**. Please include them on the next SGSC agenda.

### **Linguistics**

- 1) Linguistics MA, PhD

### **Sociology and Anthropology**

- 1) Sociology MA, PhD
- 2) Anthropology MA, PhD

MEMO

ATTENTION: Dr. Lisa Shapiro, Associate Dean of FASS,  
Graduate Programs

FROM: Dr. Chung-hye Han, Graduate Program Chair, Linguistics

RE: Calendar revisions for Linguistics MA and PhD programs

DATE: May 24, 2018

TIME: 11:00 am

Attached please find caldendar revisions for Linguistics MA and PhD programs. All the updates are editorial in nature and prompted by the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies as part of the APR project.

Please approve these edits under delegated authority for the next SGSC meeting in June (with effective date in Spring 2019).

Thank you.



Chung-hye Han  
Professor  
Graduate Program Chair  
Department of Linguistics

**Please note:**

To view the Spring 2018 Academic Calendar go to <http://www.sfu.ca/students/calendar/2018/spring.html>

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## Linguistics

MASTER OF ARTS

### Admission Requirements

Students must demonstrate adequate linguistics preparation. Those with little or no academic linguistics preparation may not obtain clear program admission or admission as a qualifying student. See [Graduate General Regulations 1.3.5](#) Admission Under Special Arrangements and [Graduate General Regulations 1.3.4](#). Admission to a Doctoral Program in the Graduate General Regulations.

### Areas of Specialization

Phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse analysis, sociolinguistics, computational linguistics, documentation and linguistic analysis of North American Indigenous Languages, historical and comparative linguistics, first and second language acquisition, neurolinguistics, psycholinguistics.

### Time Limit

Although University regulations allow a six calendar year time limit (or 12 terms of full-time enrolment) for MA degree completion, (including the MA degree work), an MA student is normally expected to complete the degree in two years. See the [graduate general regulations](#).

### Program Requirements

Students complete at least 24 units of approved graduate course work, including all of

- [LING 800 - Phonology \(4\)](#)
- [LING 801 - Syntax \(4\)](#)
- [LING 851 - Research Techniques and Experimental Design \(4\)](#)

and 12 additional units of graduate course work. Only one course may be a directed research course.

and, in the first year of program enrolment, both of

- [LING 890 - Graduate Seminar I \(1\)](#)

## LING 891 - Graduate Seminar II (1)

NOTE: SFU students enrolled in the Accelerated Master's program within the Department of Linguistics may apply a maximum of 10 graduate course units taken while completing the bachelor's degree to the requirements of the master's degree. For more information go to: <https://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/future/academicprograms/AcceleratedMasters.html> and <http://www.sfu.ca/linguistics.html>.

## Thesis

All students complete an MA thesis based on original research, and will comply with University regulations concerning completing and defending the thesis.

## Language Requirements

Candidates must show a high competence in at least one language other than English.

## Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the [Graduate General Regulations](#), as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

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## **Linguistics**

MASTER OF ARTS

### **Description of Program**

The areas of specialization in this program are: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse analysis, sociolinguistics, computational linguistics, documentation and linguistic analysis of North American Indigenous Languages, historical and comparative linguistics, first and second language acquisition, neurolinguistics, psycholinguistics.

### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulations 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. Students must also demonstrate adequate linguistics preparation. Those with little or no academic linguistics preparation may not obtain program admission or admission as a qualifying student.

### **Program Requirements**

This program consists of course work and thesis for a minimum of 30 units. LING 890 and LING 891 should be completed in the first year of program enrolment.

Students must complete

LING 800 - Phonology (4)

LING 801 - Syntax (4)

LING 851 - Research Techniques and Experimental Design (4)

LING 890 - Graduate Seminar I (1)

LING 891 - Graduate Seminar II (1)

three graduate courses \*

and a thesis

LING 898 - MA Thesis (6)

\*must be approved by the supervisor. Only one directed research course allowed.

NOTE: SFU students enrolled in the Accelerated MA within the Department of Linguistics may apply a maximum of ten graduate course units, taken while completing the bachelor's degree, towards the upper division undergraduate electives of the bachelor's program and the requirements of the master's degree. These graduate courses must be passed with a grade of B (3.0) or better in order to be used towards the requirements of the master's degree. Students may apply for the Accelerated MA once they have completed 90 units with a 3.67 or greater CGPA. For more information go to: <https://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/future/academicprograms/AcceleratedMasters.html> and <http://www.sfu.ca/linguistics.html>

### **Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program requirements in six terms.

### **Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

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## Linguistics

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### Admission Requirements

Students must demonstrate a substantial background in linguistics and research methodology. Direct doctor of philosophy (PhD) program admission without a master of arts (MA) in linguistics, or equivalent is normally not possible. Visit [graduate general regulation 1.3](#) for more information.

### Areas of Specialization

Phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse analysis, sociolinguistics, computational linguistics, documentation and linguistic analysis of North American Indigenous Languages, historical and comparative linguistics, first and second language acquisition, neurolinguistics, psycholinguistics.

### Time Limit

Although University regulations allow an eight calendar year time limit for the PhD, a PhD student is normally expected to complete the degree in four years after the MA. See the [graduate general regulations](#).

### Program Requirements

These requirements are beyond those of the MA requirements. Students may need to complete specified courses from the [MA program](#) requirements as a condition of admission to the PhD program.

### Course Work

Students complete at least 20 units (five courses) that have been approved by the supervisory committee. Only one course may be a directed research course.

and, in the first year of program enrolment, both of

**LING 890 - Graduate Seminar I (1)**

## Qualifying Papers

Students are expected to complete two qualifying papers during their second year in the program. At least one of the papers will be in an area outside of the student's main area of research, and unrelated to the thesis.

Students will typically enrol in the first qualifying paper course in the fall of their second year in the program, and in the second qualifying paper course during the following spring term. The paper is evaluated by a committee of at least two faculty members, one of them being the senior supervisor.

## Thesis Proposal

Candidates submit a written thesis proposal to the supervisory committee which defines the intended original research and the relationship between it and existing scholarship. After submission, the student presents the proposal at a departmental colloquium no later than the end of the ninth residence term. The written proposal must be approved by the supervisory committee prior to the start of substantive research.

## Thesis

All students must complete a PhD thesis based on original research and must comply with University regulations on completing and defending a thesis.

## Language Requirements

Candidates must show high competence in two languages other than English, with some knowledge of the structure of at least one non-Indo-European language. The supervisory committee determines how to demonstrate this competence.

## Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the [Graduate General Regulations](#), as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

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## **Linguistics**

### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

#### **Description of Program**

The areas of specialization in this program are: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse analysis, sociolinguistics, computational linguistics, documentation and linguistic analysis of North American Indigenous Languages, historical and comparative linguistics, first and second language acquisition, neurolinguistics, psycholinguistics.

#### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulations 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. Students must also demonstrate a substantial background in linguistics and research methodology. Direct doctor of philosophy (PhD) program admission without a master of arts (MA) in linguistics, or equivalent, is normally not possible.

#### **Program Requirements**

This program consists of course work, two qualifying papers, and a thesis for a minimum of 38 units.

Students must complete in the first year of enrollment

LING 890 - Graduate Seminar I (1)  
LING 891 - Graduate Seminar II (1)

and five graduate courses\*

and two qualifying papers

LING 894 - Qualifying Paper I (6)  
LING 895 - Qualifying Paper II (6)

and a thesis

LING 899 - PhD Thesis (6)

\*must be approved by the senior supervisor. Only one directed research course allowed.

#### **Other Information**

##### **Qualifying Papers**

Students are expected to complete two qualifying papers by the sixth term. At least one of the papers will be in an area outside of the student's main area of research, and unrelated to the thesis. The paper is evaluated by a committee of at least two faculty members, one of them being the senior supervisor.

##### **Thesis Proposal**

Candidates submit a written thesis proposal to the supervisory committee which defines the intended original research and the relationship between it and existing scholarship. After submission, the student presents the proposal at a departmental colloquium no later than the end of the ninth residence term. The written proposal must be approved by the supervisory committee prior to the start of substantive research.

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**Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program requirements in 12 terms (four years).

**Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the Graduate General Regulations, as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

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www.sfu.ca/sa**MEMORANDUM** \_\_\_\_\_**ATTENTION** Dr. Lisa Shapiro, Chair of FASSGSC**FROM** Dr. Pamela Stern, Graduate Program Chair, Department of Sociology & Anthropology**RE:** S&A Calendar Edits for APR Project**DATE** May 22, 2018**CC** SA Graduate Program Assistant

Dear Dr. Shapiro:

Attached please find four edits to the calendar entries for the Sociology & Anthropology MA and PhD programs. There are no major revisions, but are simply editorial updates prompted by the Dean of Graduate Studies office as part of the APR project.

Please approve these edits under delegated authority for the next SGSC meeting in June (with effective date in Spring 2019).

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Pamela Stern  
Graduate Program Chair  
Sociology & Anthropology

**Please note:**

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## **Anthropology**

MASTER OF ARTS

### **Admission Requirements**

See [graduate general regulation 1.3](#) for general requirements. In addition to these requirements, the department also requires a written statement about current interests and prospective research. How well the applicant's proposed research coincides with the research and teaching interests of the faculty is an important admission consideration.

Admission applications are normally considered once each year at the end of January. The program commences in September. Contact the graduate program chair or the graduate program assistant for further information.

### **Graduate Seminar**

All full-time graduate students must attend and actively participate in the graduate seminar during their program terms. In subsequent terms, attendance and enrolment is voluntary.

### **Language Requirement**

Although French or a foreign language is desirable, there is no prescribed language requirement but, where a language other than English is necessary for field work or reading, proficiency is required.

### **Time Limits**

Normally, the MA program is completed within six terms, or two full years of study. Required courses are normally completed within the first two terms of MA program enrolment.

### **Program Requirements**

Students may be required to complete more than these courses at the discretion of the supervisory committees.

Students must complete a minimum of 30 units, including all of

- SA 840 - Graduate Seminar (2)
- SA 870 - Theories in Anthropology (5)
- SA 875 - Ethnographic Methodology: Social/Cultural Anthropology (5)
- SA 898 - MA Thesis (10)

and two of

- SA 815 - Theories of Latin American Development (4)
- SA 835 - Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)
- SA 850 - Selected Topics in Social Theory (5)
- SA 856 - Qualitative Sociological Research Methods (5)
- SA 871 - Readings in Anthropology I (5) \*
- SA 872 - Readings in Anthropology II (5) \*
- SA 887 - Special Topics in Sociology/Anthropology (5)

\* Students may also choose a graduate course or graduate directed readings course in another Simon Fraser University department, or from another university that is part of the Western Dean's Agreement. Supervisory committee and departmental graduate program committee approval is required.

## Thesis

The thesis, completed by all students, will normally consist of no more than 75 pages, inclusive of bibliographies, appendices and tables. At the discretion of the supervisory committee, the maximum number of pages may be increased, normally only to facilitate the inclusion of large appendices and tables.

## Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the [Graduate General Regulations](#), as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

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## **Anthropology**

MASTER OF ARTS

### **Description of Program**

**Sociology & Anthropology** is a joint department where students are offered a solid foundation in each discipline and are invited to engage in innovative interdisciplinary studies. Graduates are equipped with a comprehensive foundation in social theory, substantive courses in specific areas of research interest, and rigorous training in research methodologies, a particular strength of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at SFU. Graduate students and their faculty supervisory committees work collaboratively to tailor programs to meet each student's unique goals.

### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulations 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. How well the applicant's proposed research coincides with the research and teaching interests of the faculty is an important admission consideration.

### **Program Requirements**

This program consists of courses and a thesis for a minimum of 30 units. Students may be required to complete more than these courses at the discretion of the supervisory committee.

Students must complete

SA 840 - Graduate Seminar (2)

SA 870 - Theories in Anthropology (5)

SA 875 - Ethnographic Methodology: Social/Cultural Anthropology (5)

and two of \*

SA 815 - Theories of Latin American Development (4)

SA 835 - Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)

SA 850 - Selected Topics in Social Theory (5)

SA 856 - Qualitative Sociological Research Methods (5)

SA 871 - Readings in Anthropology I (5)

SA 872 - Readings in Anthropology II (5)

SA 887 - Special Topics in Sociology/Anthropology (5)

and a thesis

SA 898 - MA Thesis (10)

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### **Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program requirements in six terms. Required courses are normally completed within the first two terms of MA program.

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## Other Information

### **Thesis**

The thesis will consist of no more than 75 pages, inclusive of bibliographies, appendices and tables. At the discretion of the supervisory committee, the maximum number of pages may be increased, normally only to facilitate the inclusion of large appendices and tables.

### **Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the Graduate General Regulations, as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

**Please note:**

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## Anthropology

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### Admission Requirements

See [graduate general regulation 1.3](#) for general requirements. In addition to these requirements, the department also requires a written statement about current interests and prospective research. How well the applicant's proposed research coincides with the research and teaching interests of the faculty is an important admission consideration. PhD applicants must submit a work sample from earlier or ongoing graduate studies.

Admission applications are normally considered once each year at the end of January. The program commences in September. Contact the graduate program chair or the graduate program assistant for further information.

### Graduate Seminar

All full-time graduate students must attend and actively participate in the graduate seminar during their first two program terms. In subsequent terms, attendance and enrolment is voluntary.

### Language Requirement

Although French or a foreign language is desirable, there is no prescribed language requirement but, where a language other than English is necessary for field work or reading, proficiency is required.

### Program Requirements

Students complete three courses, the PhD qualifying examinations (by registering in SA 897), and the PhD Thesis (SA 899).

Students may be required to complete more than these courses at the discretion of the supervisory committees.

Students complete a minimum of 26 units, including all of

[SA 840 - Graduate Seminar \(2\)](#)

[SA 897 - PhD Qualifying Examinations \(6\)](#)

## SA 899 - PhD Thesis (10)

and two of

- SA 815 - Theories of Latin American Development (4)
- SA 835 - Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)
- SA 850 - Selected Topics in Social Theory (5)
- SA 856 - Qualitative Sociological Research Methods (5)
- SA 870 - Theories in Anthropology (5)
- SA 871 - Readings in Anthropology I (5) \*
- SA 872 - Readings in Anthropology II (5) \*
- SA 875 - Ethnographic Methodology: Social/Cultural Anthropology (5)
- SA 887 - Special Topics in Sociology/Anthropology (5)

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Required courses, including qualifying examinations, and preparation and defence of the thesis prospectus, are normally completed within the first six terms of enrolment.

Course requirements are the same whether the student has completed an MA in this department, or completed a comparable MA program at another university.

## Qualifying Exam

At the conclusion of SA 897, students must complete a written qualifying examination. After successfully completing the qualifying exam, and prior to commencing work on the thesis, students defend a written prospectus that the student has prepared. This oral defence is public.

## Thesis

After the program requirements, qualifying exam and written prospectus defence is complete, the thesis is written and defended in an oral examination.

## Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the [Graduate General Regulations](#), as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

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## **Anthropology**

### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

#### **Description of Program**

Sociology & Anthropology is a joint department where students are offered a solid foundation in each discipline and are invited to engage in innovative interdisciplinary studies. Graduates are equipped with a comprehensive foundation in social theory, substantive courses in specific areas of research interest, and rigorous training in research methodologies, a particular strength of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at SFU. Graduate students and their faculty supervisory committees work collaboratively to tailor programs to meet each student's unique goals.

#### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulations 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. How well the applicant's proposed research coincides with the research and teaching interests of the faculty is an important admission consideration.

#### **Program Requirements**

This program consists of courses, qualifying examinations, and a thesis for a minimum of 26 units. Course requirements are the same whether the student has completed an MA in this department, or completed a comparable MA program at another university. Students may be required to complete more than these courses at the discretion of the supervisory committees.

**Students must complete**

**SA 840 - Graduate Seminar (2)**

and two of \*

**SA 815 - Theories of Latin American Development (4)**

**SA 835 - Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)**

**SA 850 - Selected Topics in Social Theory (5)**

**SA 856 - Qualitative Sociological Research Methods (5)**

**SA 870 - Theories in Anthropology (5)**

**SA 871 - Readings in Anthropology I (5)**

**SA 872 - Readings in Anthropology II (5)**

**SA 875 - Ethnographic Methodology: Social/Cultural Anthropology (5)**

**SA 887 - Special Topics in Sociology/Anthropology (5)**

and qualifying examinations

**SA 897 - PhD Qualifying Examinations (6)**

and a thesis

**SA 899 - PhD Thesis (10)**

\*Students may also choose a graduate course or graduate directed readings course in another Simon Fraser University academic unit, or from another university that is part of the Western Dean's Agreement.

Supervisory committee and departmental graduate program committee approval is required.

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## **Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program requirements in 18 terms.

## **Other Information**

### **Qualifying Exam**

At the conclusion of SA 897, students must complete a written qualifying examination. After successfully completing the qualifying exam, and prior to commencing work on the thesis, students defend a written prospectus that the student has prepared. This oral defence is public. Qualifying exam normally must be completed by the sixth term.

## **Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the Graduate General Regulations, as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

**Please note:**

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## **Sociology**

MASTER OF ARTS

### **Admission Requirements**

See [graduate general regulation 1.3](#) for general requirements . In addition to these requirements, the department also requires a written statement about current interests and prospective research. How well the applicant's proposed research coincides with the research and teaching interests of the faculty is an important admission consideration.

Admission applications are normally considered once each year at the end of January. The program commences in September. Contact the graduate program chair or the graduate program assistant for further information.

### **Graduate Seminar**

All full-time graduate students must attend and actively participate in the graduate seminar during their first program term. In subsequent terms, attendance and enrolment is voluntary.

### **Language Requirement**

Although French or a foreign language is desirable, there is no prescribed language requirement but, where a language other than English is necessary for field work or reading, proficiency is required.

### **Time Limits**

Normally, the MA program is completed within six terms, or two full years of study. Required courses are normally completed within the first two terms of MA program enrolment.

### **Program Requirements**

Students may be required to complete more than these courses at the discretion of the supervisory committees.

Students complete a minimum of 30 units, including all of

SA 840 - Graduate Seminar (2)

SA 850 - Selected Topics in Social Theory (5)

SA 856 - Qualitative Sociological Research Methods (5)

SA 898 - MA Thesis (10)

and two of

SA 815 - Theories of Latin American Development (4)

SA 835 - Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)

SA 853 - Readings in Sociology I (5) \*

SA 854 - Readings in Sociology II (5) \*

SA 870 - Theories in Anthropology (5)

SA 875 - Ethnographic Methodology: Social/Cultural Anthropology (5)

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## Thesis

The thesis, completed by all students, will normally consist of no more than 75 pages, inclusive of bibliographies, appendices and tables. At the discretion of the supervisory committee, the maximum number of pages may be increased, normally only to facilitate the inclusion of large appendices and tables.

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This program consists of courses and a thesis for a minimum of 30 units. Students may be required to complete more than these courses at the discretion of the supervisory committee.

**Students must complete**

SA 840 - Graduate Seminar (2)  
SA 850 - Selected Topics in Social Theory (5)  
SA 856 - Qualitative Sociological Research Methods (5)

and two of \*

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## **Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program requirements in six terms. Required courses are normally completed within the first two terms of MA program.

## **Other Information**

### **Thesis**

The thesis will consist of no more than 75 pages, inclusive of bibliographies, appendices and tables. At the discretion of the supervisory committee, the maximum number of pages may be increased, normally only to facilitate the inclusion of large appendices and tables.

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## **Sociology**

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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### **Program Requirements**

Students complete three courses, the doctor of philosophy (PhD) qualifying examinations (by registering in SA 897), and the PhD Thesis (SA 899).

Students may be required to complete more than these courses at the discretion of the supervisory committees.

Students complete a minimum of 26 units, including all of

**SA 840 - Graduate Seminar (2)**

SA 897 - PhD Qualifying Examinations (6)

SA 899 - PhD Thesis (10)

and two of

SA 815 - Theories of Latin American Development (4)

SA 835 - Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)

SA 850 - Selected Topics in Social Theory (5)

SA 853 - Readings in Sociology I (5) \*

SA 854 - Readings in Sociology II (5) \*

SA 856 - Qualitative Sociological Research Methods (5)

SA 870 - Theories in Anthropology (5)

SA 875 - Ethnographic Methodology: Social/Cultural Anthropology (5)

SA 887 - Special Topics in Sociology/Anthropology (5)

\*Students may also choose a graduate course or graduate directed readings course in another Simon Fraser University department, or from another university that is part of the Western Dean's Agreement. Supervisory committee and departmental graduate program committee approval is required.

Required courses, including qualifying examinations, and preparation and defence of the thesis prospectus, are normally completed within the first six terms of enrolment.

Course requirements are the same whether the student has completed an MA in this department, or completed a comparable MA program at another university.

## Qualifying Exam

Required for the completion of SA 897, students must complete a written qualifying examination. After successfully completing the qualifying exam, and prior to commencing work on the thesis, students defend a written prospectus that the student has prepared. This oral defence is public.

## Thesis

After the program requirements, qualifying exam and written prospectus defence is complete, the thesis is written and defended in an oral examination.

## Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the [Graduate General Regulations](#), as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

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## **Sociology**

### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

#### **Description of Program**

Sociology & Anthropology is a joint department where students are offered a solid foundation in each discipline and are invited to engage in innovative interdisciplinary studies. Graduates are equipped with a comprehensive foundation in social theory, substantive courses in specific areas of research interest, and rigorous training in research methodologies, a particular strength of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at SFU. Graduate students and their faculty supervisory committees work collaboratively to tailor programs to meet each student's unique goals.

#### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulations 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. How well the applicant's proposed research coincides with the research and teaching interests of the faculty is an important admission consideration.

#### **Program Requirements**

This program consists of courses, qualifying examinations, and a thesis for a minimum of 26 units. Course requirements are the same whether the student has completed an MA in this department, or completed a comparable MA program at another university. Students may be required to complete more than these courses at the discretion of the supervisory committees.

**Students must complete**

**SA 840 - Graduate Seminar (2)**

and two of\*

**SA 815 - Theories of Latin American Development (4)**

**SA 835 - Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)**

**SA 850 - Selected Topics in Social Theory (5)**

**SA 853 - Readings in Sociology I (5)**

**SA 854 - Readings in Sociology II (5)**

**SA 856 - Qualitative Sociological Research Methods (5)**

**SA 870 - Theories in Anthropology (5)**

**SA 875 - Ethnographic Methodology: Social/Cultural Anthropology (5)**

**SA 887 - Special Topics in Sociology/Anthropology (5)**

and qualifying examinations

**SA 897 - PhD Qualifying Examinations (6)**

and a thesis

**SA 899 - PhD Thesis (10)**

\*Students may also choose a graduate course or graduate directed readings course in another Simon Fraser University academic unit, or from another university that is part of the Western Dean's Agreement.

Supervisory committee and departmental graduate program committee approval is required.

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## **Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program requirements in 18 terms

## **Other Information**

### **Qualifying Exam**

At the conclusion of SA 897, students must complete a written qualifying examination. After successfully completing the qualifying exam, and prior to commencing work on the thesis, students defend a written prospectus that the student has prepared. This oral defence is public. Qualifying exam normally must be completed by the sixth term.

## **Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

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**MEMORANDUM**

<b>ATTENTION</b>	Stuart Poyntz, Chair Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	<b>DATE</b>	7 May 2018
<b>FROM</b>	Kirsten McAllister, Chair School of Communication Graduate Program Committee	<b>RE</b>	Calendar changes re: a change to the MA program, a new course and a course change

At its meeting of 14 March 2018, the School of Communication's Graduate Program Committee approved the following new course, course change and program changes which have been approved by the School of Communication which after receiving FGSC's approval will then be forwarded to the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee for approval.

These curriculum items should be effective for Spring 2019. Please include it on the next FGSC agenda.

The changes are as follows:

~~CMNS 893 - although a project option has always been offered, this will allow a clear distinction between projects examined like a thesis and those just examined by two readers (which as per the 2015 General Graduate Regulations require the student takes one more course than students whose thesis or project is examined by an external examiner).~~

~~CMNS 896 - course change (change to the number of credits) to make all the students complete with close to the same number of units~~

~~CMNS MA - To update and revise the calendar format as requested by the Dean of Graduate Studies' Office: removal of the research areas and change to the number of units students who complete non thesis based programs to align with GGR 1.7.3.~~

~~CMNS PhD - To update and revise the calendar format as requested by the Dean of Graduate Studies' Office: removal of the research areas.~~

Would you please place these items on the agenda of the next meeting of the FCAT Graduate Committee?

Thank you,

Kirsten McAllister  
Chair, School of Communication  
Graduate Program Committee

**Please note:**

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## Communication

### MASTER OF ARTS

The School of Communication draws on a variety of perspectives, but it is most readily distinguished by the fact that it treats communication as a humanistic social science, with both theoretical and applied dimensions. Students explore communication theory and practice, and are encouraged to apply research and theory to issues and problems in contemporary societies and cultures.

### Admission Requirements

Admission requires a bachelor's degree in communication (with at least a good second-class standing) or an equivalent degree in an interdisciplinary or humanities program, in one of the social sciences, or in socially oriented information systems, or biological sciences. However, qualified students will be accepted only if the communication graduate studies committee finds a suitable senior supervisor. Besides applications from communication students, the school encourages applications from those with experience in the humanities, social or biological sciences, and interdisciplinary studies.

All applications should be directed to the graduate studies committee and, in addition to general university requirements, will include the following.

an online application along with the application fee

all official post-secondary transcripts in sealed envelopes

a three to five page succinct statement of interests and goals, including an account of relevant academic and personal background, and a curriculum vitae

two samples of scholarly and/or other written work relevant to the applicant's objectives and any tapes, films, etc. the applicant considers relevant

three references, at least two of whom should be familiar with the applicant's academic work, submitted online.

The application deadline is January 15. The committee announces decisions before the last week of April. Students enter the program in the fall term.

As a condition of program entry, students with undergraduate degrees in disciplines other than communication may be required to complete up to two additional courses to complete their MA. These conditions, if applicable, will be specified in the letter of offer, as determined by the admissions committee, on an individual basis.

# Fields of Study and Research

Faculty resources support graduate studies in a range of areas of expertise that can be generally summarized by the following thematic clusters.

Media and culture: media analysis; media education; media and democracy; advocacy; cultural forms and genres; media production and design; memory and post-colonial studies.

Politics and political economy: media governance; cultural policy; intellectual property; media industries and markets; communication and social movements; media systems and institutions; knowledge systems.

Science, technology and society: history of communication technology; surveillance and citizenship; health informatics; philosophy of technology; technological innovation and social change; crisis and emergency communication; information society and economy.

Other themes of research and study cut across all of these thematic clusters, and are foundational to all research and training in the school, among them: globalization, policy, and identity studies. All clusters consider theory, history, and methodology.

## Advising and Supervision

Each new student is assigned an interim advisor upon program admission. The student selects a senior supervisor and, in consultation with this faculty member, selects one or two other faculty members to serve on their supervisory committee by the beginning of the student's third term. Although the graduate studies committee (GSC) will endeavor to provide interim advisors with expertise in the student's stated area of research interest, there is no obligation to select the interim advisor as senior supervisor.

Students have the right to discuss their programs and status with the graduate program chair, to ask for a review of any recommendation or grade, and to appeal committee, supervisor or faculty decisions.

## Program Requirements

### Extended Essay, Project, or Thesis

The program may be completed through an extended essay, a project, or a thesis. Each is equivalent. Each requires the completion of the same number of courses, is research based and is subject to external examination. Students determine which option is suitable for their research in consultation with their senior supervisor and supervisory committee.

The thesis option represents a longer form of research and is normally between 80 to 100 pages, inclusive of all bibliographies and appendices.

The extended essays option requires completion of two essays of not more than 40 pages each, which may be on related fields, but which may not substantively duplicate papers presented in course work.

In the project option, a student may present an alternative format such as a website, video or audio documentary, on-line software development, or other technologically based formats. All projects also need to be documented in a written form, not to exceed 40 pages, and that will be determined in consultation with the senior supervisor. This documentation should include the rationale behind the project, a description of the research undertaken, as well as a description and evaluation of the project itself.

All thesis and essay options will be deposited in the University library. Project options may be deposited at the discretion of the graduate studies committee.

A supervisory committee will be approved by the graduate studies committee at the beginning of the third term.

Students have an annual formal review of their academic progress by the graduate studies committee, in accordance with [graduate general regulation 1.8.1](#).

## **Course Groups**

Graduate courses are divided into six groups.

### **GROUP 1 SURVEYS OF HISTORY AND THEORY**

This course group contains survey courses that define and map the field and expose students to faculty interests and research programs.

CMNS 800 - Contemporary Approaches in Communication Studies (5)

CMNS 802 - History of Communication Theory (5)

CMNS 804 - Seminar in Advanced Communication Theory (5)

### **GROUP 2 RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS**

This course group contains research methods and methodology courses that help with research projects.

CMNS 801 - Design and Methodology in Communication Research (5)

### **GROUP 3 RESEARCH AREA COURSES**

This course group contains the school's various research area and selected topics courses.

CMNS 815 - Social Construction of Communication Technologies (5)

CMNS 830 - Media & Cultural Studies (5)

CMNS 840 - Political Economy of Communications (5)

CMNS 855 - Selected Topics in Communication Studies (5)

CMNS 856 - Graduate Seminar (5)

CMNS 857 - Selected Topics in Communication Studies (5)

CMNS 858 - Selected Topics in Communication Studies (5)

CMNS 859 - Acoustic Dimensions of Communications (5)

### **GROUP 4 RESEARCH INTERNSHIP AND FIELDWORK**

This course group contains courses in which students complete field work, or work and study in a professional setting.

CMNS 881 - Research Internship (5)

CMNS 882 - Research Field Work (5)

### **GROUP 5 DIRECTED READINGS AND STUDIES**

This course group contains courses in which students perform research and/or reading under faculty member supervision.

CMNS 850 - Directed Readings and Research (5)

CMNS 851 - Directed Studies (5)

CMNS 880 - Directed Readings and Research (5)

### **GROUP 6 THESIS, PROJECT, OR EXTENDED ESSAYS**

This course group refers to the course designations for work on theses, projects, or extended essays.

CMNS 896 - MA Extended Essays (10)

CMNS 897 - MA Project (10)

CMNS 898 - MA Thesis (10)

## **Course Requirements**

At least four graduate courses (normally completed before beginning a thesis, a project, or two extended essays) are required, which must include the following, unless otherwise stipulated as a condition for admission.

Students complete one course from **Group 1 Surveys of History and Theory** as follows.

CMNS 800 - Contemporary Approaches in Communication Studies (5)

CMNS 802 - History of Communication Theory (5)

CMNS 804 - Seminar in Advanced Communication Theory (5)

As well students are required to complete one course from **Group 2 Research Design and Methods** as follows.

CMNS 801 - Design and Methodology in Communication Research (5)

Students are also required to complete two additional courses, at least one of which is selected from within the school. No more than one course may be completed with the same instructor, except by permission of the graduate studies committee.

## Co-operative Education

The co-operative education program combines professional work experience with academic studies. After the first two terms of the program, students may alternate work and academic terms. All work positions are in paid study related jobs and may lead to the communications project or extended essay in lieu of a master's thesis. Application for the co-op program is made through the school's co-op co-ordinator and the co-operative education office.

## Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the [Graduate General Regulations](#), as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

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## **Communication**

MASTER OF ARTS

### **Description of Program**

The School of Communication approaches the study of communication using theoretical and methodological frameworks that are informed by the Social Sciences and Humanities. In both the M.A. and Ph.D. programs graduate students design research projects that examine case studies, theoretical issues or practices using a Communication framework, analyzing the political, economic and cultural implications for society at local and global levels.

### **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulation 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. Admission requires a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Communication or an equivalent degree. Qualified applicants will be accepted only if the School of Communication's Graduate Program Committee (GPC) can identify faculty members from the School who have the capacity and required expertise to be senior supervisors for the applicants in question.

### **Program Requirements**

This program consists of course work and the option to complete two extended essays, a project examined by two readers, a Project examined like a thesis or a thesis for a minimum of 30 units. No more than one course may be completed with the same instructor, except by permission of the graduate studies committee.

Students must complete

CMNS 801 - Design and Methodology in Communication Research (5)

and one of

CMNS 800 - Contemporary Approaches in Communication Studies (5)

CMNS 802 - History of Communication Theory (5)

CMNS 804 - Seminar in Advanced Communication Theory (5)

and one graduate course in CMNS

and one graduate 5 unit elective course

and one of two options

#### **OPTION 1**

and one of

CMNS 893 - MA project (6)

CMNS 896 - MA Extended Essays (6)

and an additional graduate 5 unit elective course

#### **OR OPTION 2**

and one of

CMNS 897 - MA Project (10)

CMNS 898 - MA Thesis (10)

### **Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program requirements in 6 terms.

### **Other Information**

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### **Advising and Supervision**

Students are advised to read section 1.6 of the Graduate General Regulations and the School's guidelines for supervisory committees. Upon admission, students are assigned an interim advisor. Once the student's senior supervisor has been confirmed, in consultation with the supervisor, a minimum of one other faculty member is invited to join the student's supervisory committee by the beginning of the third term. Although the Graduate Program Committee aims to select interim advisors with expertise in the student's research area and the time and capacity to supervise, the student or interim advisor might decide another faculty member is better suited to be the senior supervisor.

### **Program Options**

Each option is research-based. Students determine which option is suitable for their research in consultation with their senior supervisor and supervisory committee. The course work is normally completed before beginning the thesis, project, or two extended essays. The thesis option involves more extensive research and is normally between 80 to 100 pages, inclusive of the bibliographies and appendices.

The extended essays option requires completion of two essays of not more than 40 pages each, which may be on related fields, but which may not substantively duplicate papers presented in course work.

In the project option, a student may use an alternative format such as a video, soundscape production, or an on-line or community-based media project. All projects also need to be documented in a written form, not to exceed 40 pages, which will be determined in consultation with the senior supervisor.

### **Co-operative Education**

The Co-operative Education Program combines professional work experience with academic studies. After the first two terms of the program, students may alternate work and academic terms. All work positions are full-time paid jobs and can extend the amount of time it takes to complete the program. The Co-op position may lead to the student's MA project or extended essays in lieu of a master's thesis. The student should consult with their senior supervisor before pursuing this option. Application for the Co-op program is made through the school's Co-op Coordinator and the Co-operative Education Office.

### **Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

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## Communication

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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### Admission Requirements

Admission requirements will normally include a master's degree or an exceptional record of undergraduate and/or graduate work in a relevant area of study. Enrollment is strictly limited.

For general university admission requirements, see [Graduate General Regulations](#). In addition, applicants will provide

- an online application along with the application fee
- all official transcripts in sealed envelopes
- a two to three page succinct account of their past academic experience, which would include scholarly work, research accomplished or in progress, relevant teaching experience and degree of responsibility for course content
- samples of scholarly writing, research reports, or other material that is relevant to the applicant's research objectives
- three references (at least two of whom should be familiar with the applicant's academic work) submitted online.
- a brief outline of the applicant's research objectives, with representative bibliographical references and other source material, where applicable, including a statement of interest with an explanation or account of how they see their research objectives fitting in with the School of Communication and potential supervisors
- a curriculum vitae

The application deadline is January 15. The committee announces its decisions before the last week of April. Students enter in the fall term.

### Fields of Study and Research

Faculty resources support graduate studies in a range of areas of expertise that can be generally summarized by the following thematic clusters.

Media and culture: media analysis; media education; media and democracy; advocacy; cultural forms and genres; media production and design; memory and post-colonial studies.

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Science, technology and society: history of communication technology; surveillance and citizenship; health informatics; philosophy of technology; technological innovation and social change; crisis and emergency communication; information society and economy.

Other themes of research and study cut across all of these thematic clusters, and are foundational to all research and training in the school, among them: globalization, policy, and identity studies. All clusters consider theory, history, and methodology.

## Advising and Supervision

Students are advised to read section 6 of the General Regulations and the school's Guidelines for Supervisory Committees.

Upon admission, students are assigned an interim advisor. The student selects a senior supervisor and, in consultation with their senior supervisor, selects two or three other faculty members for a supervisory committee by the beginning of the third term. Although the graduate studies committee endeavors to select interim advisors with expertise in the student's research area, there is no obligation to choose the interim advisor to be senior supervisor.

Students have the right to discuss their programs and status with the graduate program chair, to ask for a review of any recommendation or grade, and to appeal committee, supervisor or faculty decisions.

## Program Requirements

Doctoral candidates complete course work, comprehensive exams, a dissertation proposal, and submit a dissertation which demonstrates an original contribution to the field of communication.

### Course Groups

Graduate courses are divided into six groups.

#### GROUP 1 SURVEYS OF HISTORY AND THEORY

This course group contains survey courses that define and map the field and expose students to faculty interests and research programs.

**CMNS 800 - Contemporary Approaches in Communication Studies (5)**

**CMNS 802 - History of Communication Theory (5)**

**CMNS 804 - Seminar in Advanced Communication Theory (5)**

#### GROUP 2 RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS

This course group contains research methods and methodology courses that help with research projects.

**CMNS 801 - Design and Methodology in Communication Research (5)**

#### GROUP 3 RESEARCH AREA COURSES

This course group contains the school's various research area and selected topics courses.

**CMNS 815 - Social Construction of Communication Technologies (5)**

**CMNS 830 - Media & Cultural Studies (5)**

- CMNS 840 - Political Economy of Communications (5)
- CMNS 855 - Selected Topics in Communication Studies (5)
- CMNS 856 - Graduate Seminar (5)
- CMNS 857 - Selected Topics in Communication Studies (5)
- CMNS 858 - Selected Topics in Communication Studies (5)
- CMNS 859 - Acoustic Dimensions of Communications (5)

#### **GROUP 4 RESEARCH INTERNSHIP AND FIELDWORK**

This course group contains courses, in which students complete field work, or work and study in a professional setting.

- CMNS 881 - Research Internship (5)
- CMNS 882 - Research Field Work (5)

#### **GROUP 5 DIRECTED READINGS AND STUDIES**

This course group contains courses, in which students perform research and/or reading under faculty member supervision.

- CMNS 850 - Directed Readings and Research (5)
- CMNS 851 - Directed Studies (5)
- CMNS 880 - Directed Readings and Research (5)

#### **GROUP 6 COLLOQUIA AND THESES**

This course group refers to the course designations for work on dissertations in process, and for comprehensive examinations.

- CMNS 895 - Comprehensive Examination (6)
- CMNS 899 - PhD Thesis (6)

## **Course Requirements**

Candidates normally satisfy the following requirements.

Students complete a minimum of nine graduate courses for those only with a bachelor's degree, or five graduate courses for those with a master's degree.

The graduate studies committee may require additional courses depending on the student's background and dissertation project. These courses are normally completed before completing the comprehensive examinations, or beginning a dissertation.

Students complete two courses from **Group 1 Surveys of History and Theory** as follows.

- CMNS 800 - Contemporary Approaches in Communication Studies (5)
- CMNS 802 - History of Communication Theory (5)
- CMNS 804 - Seminar in Advanced Communication Theory (5)

As well students are required to complete one course from **Group 2 Research Design and Methods** as follows.

- CMNS 801 - Design and Methodology in Communication Research (5)

For those entering with a master's degree, students complete a minimum of two additional five-unit courses, at least one of which is selected from within the school, and may include other courses from **Group 1 Surveys of History and Theory** and **Group 2 Research Design and Methods** (see above).

For those entering without a master's degree, a minimum of six additional courses is required. A minimum of four of these must be completed from the school's course offerings.

For all students, a maximum of two courses may be completed from **Group 4 Research Internship and Fieldwork** and **Group 5 Directed Readings and Studies**, but no more than two of **Group 4** or **Group 5** may be completed with the same instructor, except with graduate studies committee permission.

## Language Requirement

Students will be required by the communication graduate studies committee to demonstrate adequate command of any language that is essential to the completion of their dissertations.

## Comprehensive Examinations

In consultation with their supervisory committee, students must apply to complete the comprehensive examination, following completion of required course work, and normally no later than their sixth term. Upon passing, the student is admitted to full degree candidacy. The examinations may be retaken once.

To prepare for the comprehensive exams, students select and design two comprehensive fields which may be related to the dissertation topic itself or carve out an area of potential teaching competence. At least one examination shall survey a range of theoretical or methodological frameworks within the study of communication to meet a breadth requirement.

The student submits definition papers, including bibliographies, on each of the fields in preparation for both written and oral examinations.

## Dissertation Proposal

Students enroll in CMNS 899 in the term immediately following completion of the comprehensive exams, and will present a full dissertation proposal to their supervisory committee. Specific comprehensive examinations and dissertation proposal guidelines are available from the graduate program co-ordinator.

## Original Dissertation

PhD students complete a doctoral dissertation that demonstrates an ability to make an original contribution to the field of communication.

## Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the **Graduate General Regulations**, as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

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**Communication**  
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Description of Program**

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**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulation 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. Admission requirements will normally include a Master's of Arts degree in Communication or an equivalent degree. Qualified applicants will be accepted only if the School of Communication's Graduate Program Committee (GPC) can identify faculty members from the School who have the capacity and required expertise to be senior supervisors for the applicants in question.

**Program Requirements**

This program consists of course work, comprehensive exams, a thesis proposal, and a thesis for a minimum of 37 units. The Graduate Program Committee may require additional courses depending on the applicant's background and thesis project. The courses are normally completed before completing the comprehensive exams.

Students must complete

CMNS 801 - Design and Methodology in Communication Research (5)

and two of

CMNS 800 - Contemporary Approaches in Communication Studies (5)

CMNS 802 - History of Communication Theory (5)

CMNS 804 - Seminar in Advanced Communication Theory (5)

and one graduate course in CMNS

and one graduate elective 5 unit course

and a comprehensive exam

CMNS 895 - Comprehensive Examination (6)

and a thesis

CMNS 899 - PhD Thesis (6)

**Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program in 18 terms.

**Other Information**

**Advising and Supervision**

Students are advised to read section 1.6 of the Graduate General Regulations and the School's guidelines for supervisory committees. Upon admission, students are assigned an interim advisor. Once the student's senior supervisor has been confirmed, which is typically the interim, in consultation with the supervisor, a minimum of two other faculty members are invited to join the student's supervisory committee by the beginning of the third term. Although the Graduate Studies Committee aims to select interim advisors with expertise in the student's research area who have the time and capacity to supervise, the student or interim advisor might

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decide another faculty member is better suited to be the senior supervisor.

**Language Requirement**

Students will be required by the Graduate Program Committee to demonstrate adequate command of any language that is essential to the completion of their thesis.

**Course Work**

Students have completed equivalent graduate courses should consult their senior supervisor to evaluate course substitutions or waivers.

No more than one course may be completed with the same instructor, except by permission of the graduate studies committee.

**Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the Graduate General Regulations, as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.



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FROM: Peter Liljedahl, Acting Associate Dean, Graduate Studies in Education

RE: Program Changes

DATE: December 12, 2017

The following program changes have been approved by the Faculty of Education and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval. These curriculum items should be effective for the Fall 2018 term. Please include on the next SGSC agenda.

*Spring 2019*

Program Changes:

Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Certificate  
Educational Leadership Graduate Certificate

Peter Liljedahl  
Acting Associate Dean  
Graduate Studies in Education

## Calendar Entry Change for Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Certificate

### Summary of change:

- Change from four to two the number of courses students complete from list
- Add EDUC 714 Special Topics course to list of courses students must complete two of
- Add requirement to complete two additional EDUC graduate courses
- Remove EDUC 714 Special Topics course as a required course
- Change program length from three terms to four terms

### Rationale for change:

- Changing number of courses completed from list and adding EDUC 714 and additional EDUC graduate courses increases course selection options and provides C&I program specializations' greater flexibility to select thematic courses or design individualized programs.
- Proposed changes align the calendar entry with the July 2017 Memorandum of Agreement between the Faculty of Education and the Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Fellows office wherein the required course EDUC 714 is to be at the discretion of the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies in Education.
- Certificate students are admitted to a specialization and enroll in courses alongside master's cohort programs of the same specialization. Master's cohort programs are scheduled one course per term. Changing the program length to four terms follows the current course scheduling.
- Courses applied towards the requirements of a completed certificate cannot be applied towards a master's program.

Effective term and year: Spring 2019.

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

- This change is not expected to impact students currently in the program; however, students in the program will be advised of program change by letter.

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## Calendar Entry Change for Educational Leadership Graduate Certificate

### Summary of change:

- Change from four to two the number of courses students complete from list
- Add EDUC 714 Special Topics course to list of courses students must complete two of
- Add requirement to complete two additional EDUC graduate courses
- Remove EDUC 714 Special Topics course as a required course
- Change program length from three terms to four terms

### Rationale for change:

- Changing number of courses completed from list and adding EDUC 714 and additional EDUC graduate courses increases course selection options and flexibility to design themed cohorts or individualized programs.
- Proposed changes align the calendar entry with the July 2017 Memorandum of Agreement between the Faculty of Education and the Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Fellows office wherein the required course EDUC 714 is to be at the discretion of the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies in Education.
- Certificate students enroll in courses alongside students enrolled in Educational Leadership master's cohort programs. Master's cohort programs are scheduled 1 course per term. Changing the program length to 4 terms follows the current course scheduling.
- Courses applied towards the requirements of a completed certificate cannot be applied towards a master's program

### Effective term and year: Spring 2019.

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

- This change is not expected to impact students currently in the program; however, students in the program will be advised of program change by letter.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**ATTENTION** Jeff Derksen,  
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies  
Committee (SGSC)

**FROM** Ed Park  
Graduate Chair of Individualized  
Interdisciplinary Studies

**RE:** Program Change, Course Change INS 899

**DATE** May 17, 2018



Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies is an approved program under GGR 1.3.5; however, the program requirements have never appeared in the calendar. The MA, MSc and PhD calendar entries are new and are to be added to the University calendar for clarity.

The following calendar entries and a course change have been approved by Ed Park, Graduate Program Chair of Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies, and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval. These curriculum items should be effective for **Spring 2019**.

Please include these items on the next SGSC agenda:

- Course Change (units): INS 899
- New Calendar Entry: Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies MA
- New Calendar Entry: Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies MSc
- New Calendar Entry: Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies MSc
- New Calendar Entry: Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies PhD

# **Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies**

Master of Arts

## **Description of Program**

Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies Master of Arts program is for students who wish to pursue a graduate degree and their proposed course of studies is interdisciplinary in nature and cannot be pursued in any one existing program. The home department is normally the department of the proposed supervisor and will provide the applicant with a mailbox and access to other services and facilities normally available to students enrolled in graduate programs in that department. Students, together with their supervisors, will create a customized interdisciplinary program plan that reflects the individualized aspect of the program prior to admission.

## **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulation 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. Application information and additional admission requirements are available from the Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies website. Applicants must have a completed Bachelor's degree in a related field to their intended home department.

## **Program Requirements**

This program consists of elective course work and a thesis for a minimum of 36 units. Course work must be from at least two different SFU academic units

Students must complete two graduate on-campus courses

and four additional graduate courses

and a thesis

INS 898 – Master Thesis (18)

## **Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program within six terms.

## **Other Information**

### **Supervision**

Students are required to have their supervisory committee formed prior to applying into the program. The committee has to consist of at least two additional committee members besides the senior supervisor, one of which needs to be from a different department.

### **Graduate Progress Report**

Students are required to complete the Graduate Progress Report annually and submit it by the indicated deadline in order to receive internal funding or awards.

### **Course Work**

Students must follow their approved program plan from admission. Any substitutions to the plan need to be approved prior to the change. All Directed Readings (maximum of two) must be taken through INS.

## **Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the graduate general regulations, as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

# **Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies**

Master of Applied Science

## **Description of Program**

Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies Master of Applied Science program is for students who wish to pursue a graduate degree and their proposed course of studies is interdisciplinary in nature and cannot be pursued in any one existing program. The home department is normally the department of the proposed supervisor and will provide the applicant with a mailbox and access to other services and facilities normally available to students enrolled in graduate programs in that department. Students, together with their supervisors, will create a customized interdisciplinary program plan that reflects the individualized aspect of the program prior to admission.

## **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulation 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. Application information and additional admission requirements are available from the Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies website. Applicants must have a completed Bachelor's degree in a related field to their intended home department.

## **Program Requirements**

This program consists of elective course work and a thesis for a minimum of 36 units. Course work must be from at least two different SFU academic units

Students must complete two graduate on-campus courses

and four additional graduate courses

and a thesis

INS 898 – Master Thesis (18)

## **Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program within six terms.

## **Other Information**

### **Supervision**

Students are required to have their supervisory committee formed prior to applying into the program. The committee has to consist of at least two additional committee members besides the senior supervisor, one of which needs to be from a different department.

### **Graduate Progress Report**

Students are required to complete the Graduate Progress Report annually and submit it by the indicated deadline in order to receive internal funding or awards.

### **Course Work**

Students must follow their approved program plan from admission. Any substitutions to the plan need to be approved prior to the change. All Directed Readings (maximum of two) must be taken through INS.

## **Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the graduate general regulations, as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

# **Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies**

Master of Science

## **Description of Program**

Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies Master of Science program is for students who wish to pursue a graduate degree and their proposed course of studies is interdisciplinary in nature and cannot be pursued in any one existing program. The home department is normally the department of the proposed supervisor and will provide the applicant with a mailbox and access to other services and facilities normally available to students enrolled in graduate programs in that department. Students, together with their supervisors, will create a customized interdisciplinary program plan that reflects the individualized aspect of the program prior to admission.

## **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulation 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. Application information and additional admission requirements are available from the Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies website. Applicants must have a completed Bachelor's degree in a related field to their intended home department.

## **Program Requirements**

This program consists of elective course work and a thesis for a minimum of 36 units. Course work must be from at least two different SFU academic units

Students must complete two graduate on-campus courses

and four additional graduate courses

and a thesis

INS 898 – Master Thesis (18)

## **Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program within six terms.

## **Other Information**

### **Supervision**

Students are required to have their supervisory committee formed prior to applying into the program. The committee has to consist of at least two additional committee members besides the senior supervisor, one of which needs to be from a different department.

### **Graduate Progress Report**

Students are required to complete the Graduate Progress Report annually and submit it by the indicated deadline in order to receive internal funding or awards.

### **Course Work**

Students must follow their approved program plan from admission. Any substitutions to the plan need to be approved prior to the change. All Directed Readings (maximum of two) must be taken through INS.

## **Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the graduate general regulations, as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.

# **Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies**

Doctor of Philosophy

## **Description of Program**

Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies Doctor of Philosophy program is for students who wish to pursue a doctoral degree and their proposed course of studies is interdisciplinary in nature and cannot be pursued in any one existing program. The home department is normally the department of the proposed supervisor and will provide the applicant with a mailbox and access to other services and facilities normally available to students enrolled in graduate programs in that department. Students, together with their senior supervisors, will create a customized interdisciplinary program plan that reflects the individualized aspect of the program prior to admission.

## **Admission Requirements**

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulation 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. Application information and additional admission requirements are available from the Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies website. Applicants should have a completed Master's degree in a field related to their intended home department.

## **Program Requirements**

This program consists of course work, a comprehensive examination and a thesis for a minimum of 30 units.

Course work must be from at least two different SFU academic units

Students must complete two graduate on-campus courses

and two additional graduate courses

and a comprehensive examination

INS 890 – Comprehensive Examination (0)

and a thesis

INS 899 – Doctoral Thesis (18)

## **Program Length**

Students are expected to complete the program in 12 terms.

## **Other Information**

### **Supervision**

Students are required to have their supervisory committee formed prior to applying into the program. The committee has to consist of at least two additional committee members besides the senior supervisor, one of which needs to be from a different department.

### **Graduate Progress Report**

Students are required to complete the Graduate Progress Report annually and submit it by the indicated deadline in order to receive internal funding or awards.

### **Course Work**

Students must follow their approved program plan from admission. Any substitutions to the plan need to be approved prior to the change. All Directed Readings (maximum of two) must be taken through INS.

## **Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations**

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the graduate general regulations, as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.