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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	April 12, 2022
FROM	Jeff Derksen, Chair of Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)		
RE:	Program changes		



For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of April 12, 2022, SGSC approved the following curriculum items, effective **Spring 2023**:

Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences~~**Department of Humanities**~~

- ~~1) Program Change: Humanities MA~~ (Withdrawn at Senate May 16, 2022 - to be referred to SCUP)

Department of Psychology

- 2) Program Change: Psychology MA

Faculty of Communication, Art & TechnologySchool of Communication

- 3) Program Change: Communication MA



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ATTENTION Jeff Derksen

FROM Sean Zwagerman, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

RE PSYC MA Breadth Course Requirements Wording

DATE March 16, 2022

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Dear Jeff,

By request of the Psychology Graduate Chair, I have approved the attached calendar change for the Department of Psychology by delegated authority. Since MA students currently may take PSYC and non-PSYC courses outside of their specialization to fulfill this requirement, the revised language constitutes a clarification rather than a substantive change.

Kind regards,

Sean Zwagerman
Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies,
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Associate Professor, Department of English

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Attention: Sean Zwagerman, Chair, FASSGSC

March 25, 2022

Dear Sean,

The Department of Psychology approved the following calendar entry changes. We ask that these changes, if approved, be effective Spring 2023.

Department of Psychology

- Changes to the wording of the Psychology MA Program's breadth course requirements.

Please include these curriculum items on the next FASS GSC agenda.

If you require additional information, I can be contacted by email (tracine@sfu.ca) or telephone (778-997-3942).

With sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TP Racine", written over a horizontal line.

Tim Racine

Calendar Entry Change for Psychology MA Program

Summary of change: Clarify the wording of breadth course requirements. Two graduate courses, PSYC and non-PSYC, can be taken outside of the student's specialization.
Rationale for change: The current statement may be confusing.
Effective term and year: Spring 2023
Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students? None.

FROM	TO
Program Requirements [...] and two PSYC graduate courses outside of student's specialization area [...]	Program Requirements [...] and two graduate courses outside of student's specialization area [...]



MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION:	Senate Graduate Studies Committee
FROM:	Philippe Pasquier, Chair, FCAT Graduate Studies Committee
RE:	School of Communication Curriculum Changes
DATE:	March 14, 2022

FCAT GSC has voted to approve the following change(s) at the FCAT GSC meeting that occurred on March 8, 2022:

School of Communication

- ~~New Course Proposal CMNS 849~~
 - ~~A new required core course for MA students pursuing completion of capstone projects focused on communication research social change~~
- CMNS MA Program Modification
 - Introducing CMNS 849 and 848 as prerequisite options for the MA program

Please add these items to the agenda of the upcoming SGSC meeting.

Philippe Pasquier, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Academic, FCAT Chair,
FCAT Graduate Studies Committee

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cc Enda Brophy, Graduate Program Chair, CMNS



To: FCAT Graduate Studies Committee

From: Stuart Poyntz, Professor and Director

Re: New Course Proposal (CMNS 849)

Date: February 25, 2022

The following changes have been approved by the School of Communication and is forwarded to the Faculty of Communication, Arts and Technology Graduate Studies Committee for review and approval:

~~New Course Proposal for CMNS 849~~

- Program Change form for the CMNS MA Program

If you require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Stuart Poyntz
Professor and Director
School of Communication

Attachments:
New Course Proposal, CMNS 849
Program Change Form

Calendar Entry Change for Communication Master of Arts

Summary of change: Introduces new core course options (CMNS 848 and 849) for students.
Rationale for change: The School of Communication will seek to admit 6–10 MA students each year to complete an MA curricular option (focused on Communication Research for Social Change) culminating in the MA capstone.
Effective term and year: Spring 2023
Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students? No

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Communication MASTER OF ARTS 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 MA and PhD 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 of arts degree in communication or an equivalent degree.	Communication MASTER OF ARTS The School of Communication approaches the study of communication using theoretical and methodological frameworks informed by the Social Sciences and Humanities. In both the MA and PhD 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 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 supervisors for the applicants in question. Program Requirements [...] 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	MA students will be admitted into a specific option (thesis or project) and so should apply to the preferred option. A student can change from one option to another only with the approval of the graduate program committee. A student can transfer to the thesis option only if there is a suitable supervisor available. 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 supervisors for the applicants in question. Program Requirements [...] Students must complete 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) CMNS 848 – Communication and Global Social Justice (5) and one of CMNS 801 - Design and Methodology in Communication Research (5) CMNS 849 – Communication Research for Social Change (5) and two graduate courses in CMNS and one of two options
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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 (18)	OPTION 1 5 units of graduate elective courses and one of CMNS 893 - MA Project (6) CMNS 896 - MA Extended Essays (6) OR OPTION 2 and one of CMNS 897 - MA Project (10) CMNS 898 - MA Thesis (18)
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