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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	August 2, 2024
FROM	Peter Hall, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	PAGES	1/1
RE:	High School Admission Requirement Changes ~ Faculty of Communication Art, and Technology (<i>SCUS 24-77</i>)		

Action undertaken by SCUS on August 1, 2024, gives rise to the following recommendations:

Motion

That Senate approve the changes to the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology Grade 12 admission requirements, effective Summer 2025.



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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION SCUS **DATE** July 18, 2024
FROM Tom Nault
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RE: Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology: High School Admission Requirement
Change – School of Interactive Arts and Technology and Communications

Motion

That the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approve, under delegated authority, the following changes to the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology Grade 12 admission requirements:

School of Interactive Arts and Technology
Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science

We propose revising the 5 approved grade 12 course requirements to the following:

- One English 12 course (70% of higher)
 - English Studies 12 (min 70%)
 - English First Peoples 12 (min 70%)
 - Francais langue et culture 12
- One Quantitative grade 12 course:
 - Pre-Calculus 12
 - Foundations Math 12
- One course from list A
- Two courses from list A or B

Please view a summary of the proposed changes in the table below.

	Current Grade 12 Course Requirements	Proposed Grade 12 Course Requirements
List A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One English 12 Course ▪ One Pre-Calculus 12 ▪ One course from the following list: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One English 12 ▪ One of Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations Math 12

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anatomy & Physiology 12 ▪ (Biology 12) ▪ Calculus 12 ▪ Chemistry 12 ▪ Geometry 12 ▪ Physical Geography 12 (Geography 12) ▪ Physics 12 ▪ Statistics 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One of course from the following list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20th Century World History 12 (History 12) ▪ BC First Peoples 12 ▪ Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 ▪ Comparative Cultures 12 (Comparative Civilizations 12) ▪ Comparative World Religions 12 ▪ Genocide Studies 12 ▪ Human Geography 12 ▪ Philosophy 12 ▪ Political Studies 12 ▪ Social Justice 12 ▪ On additional List A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One course from list A
List B	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two courses from list A or B

School of Communication Bachelor of Arts

We propose revising the 5 approved grade 12 course requirements to the following:

- One English 12 course
 - English Studies 12 (min 70%)
 - English First Peoples 12 (min 70%)
 - Français langue et culture 12
- One [Social Studies 12](#)
- One additional course from List A
- Two courses from List A or B.

Please view a summary of the proposed changes in the table below.

	Current Grade 12 Course Requirements	Proposed Grade 12 Course Requirements
List A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ One English 12 Course▪ Four Courses from List A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ One English 12 Course▪ One Social Studies 12 Course▪ One additional course from List A
List B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Additional Non-Required Courses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Two courses from List A or B

Background

Simon Fraser University modified its admissions requirements in 2018 for B.C. secondary school students. In Fall 2019 SFU launched these new admission requirements for each program by creating a List A and a List B. These newly created lists created some confusion for applicants and high school counsellors. In 2019/20 the [BC Curriculum](#) implemented changes that no longer aligned with these lists, and modifications have had to be made to our admissions ever since.

B.C. high school colleagues (counsellors and teachers) have expressed concerns with how limiting admissions requirements are for these two Schools, and have made suggestions to include courses from the following curriculum areas:

[Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies](#)

[Arts Education](#)

[Mathematics](#)

[Social Studies](#)

[Science](#)

The School of Interactive Arts and Technology and the School of Communication have recently made changes to their undergraduate curriculum. In doing so, they reviewed the B.C. curriculum to ensure their admissions requirements were more inclusive of the new curriculum launched in 2019/20.

Both Undergraduate Curriculum Committees and their Schools have re-evaluated and updated their grade 12 admissions requirement to ensure that their lists A and B are as inclusive as possible, and that they align with the educational goals of their academic unit.

Both IAT and CMNS have seen marginal declines in local/domestic applications to their programs since 2020, when the changes came into effect. We hope that by including more of the new B.C. Curriculum we will encourage more applications to these SFU programs in the 2025 intakes.