## Simon Fraser University

#### Memorandum

To:

Senate

From:

Jon Driver

Dean of Graduate Studies

Date:

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Subject:

Graduate Curriculum Revisions - Faculty of Arts

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### For Information

Acting under delegated authority, the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, at its meeting on November 19, 2001 approved curriculum revisions in the following departments:

- a) Department of English
- b) Department of Geography
- c) Department of Political Science
- d) Department of Psychology

Any Senator wishing to consult the full report of curriculum revisions within the Faculty of Arts should contact Bobbie Grant, Senate Assistant at 291-3168 or email bgrant@sfu.ca

## FOR INFORMATION

a) Department of English

- i) Changes to the M.A. Examination Option from a written final examination to a written final paper which is then defended in oral examination; and change to Option B Examination from presented orally at a departmental symposium to defended in an oral examination
- ii) Change of title ENGL 999 from MA Field Exam to MA Paper or Project

# b) <u>Department of Geography</u>

i) New courses:

GEOG 615-4 Quaternary Environments

GEOG 620-4 Selected Topics: Economy, Environment and Development GEOG 640-4 Selected Topics: Social and Urban Geography

ii) Changes to MA program: Admittance requirements (both GPA and knowledge base) have been increased and clarified. Required course offerings have been tightened up. The supervisory committee will now be selected by the beginning of the second semester. The thesis is allocated 18 credit hours. The deadline for proposal defence has been moved up and linked to a departmental 'Research Day'.

iii) Changes to PhD program: Change to allow supervisory committee to require certain courses if necessary to complete degree requirements. Membership of the qualifying examination committee revised. Editorial revisions to wording for Calendar sections on supervisory committee, qualifying examination, oral examinations, and thesis.

iv) Changes to course number (from 700 to 600-level), title, description, and credit hour for the 700-level courses, including deletion of GEOG 710, 720, 738, 756, 780, 781, and 795.

c) Department of Political Science

i) Changes to the membership of the comprehensive examination committee for the PhD program.

d) Department of Psychology

- i) Changes to the Application and Admission requirements with respect to submission of Graduate Record Examinations for Clinical Program.
- ii) Addition of PSYC 770 as an MA requirement for clinical students.
- iii) Breadth requirements for PhD students reduced by one course.
- iv) Calendar wording revised to clarify PhD requirements for clinical students and document current practice for PSYC 825 Intervention Practicum.