

MEMORANDUM

To.....Members of Senate.....

From..Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies

Subject.....Graduate Curriculum Changes.....
Department of Political Science

Date..December 4, 1985.....

Action undertaken by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee at its Meeting on December 2, 1985, gives rise to the following motion:

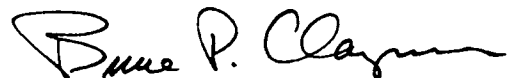
MOTION:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.86-17 the proposed change in the degree requirements for the M.A. program in Political Science:

From: Students will undertake formal course work and write a thesis. The formal course work will include six one-semester courses of which Pol 801 is compulsory. Of the remaining five (5), students will be required to choose at least three from among the core courses in the academic program, comprising Pol 812, 821, 830, 841, 851 and 852.

To: Students will undertake formal course work and write a thesis. The formal course work will include four one-semester courses of which Pol 801 is compulsory. Of the remaining three, students will be required to choose at least two from among the core courses in the academic program, comprising Pol 812, 821, 830, 841, 851 and 852, and any one course listed under Political Science Graduate Courses. Students may also be encouraged to take additional courses in Methodology and Languages."

Rationale for this change is outlined in the attached paper.



Bruce P. Clayman
Dean of Graduate Studies.

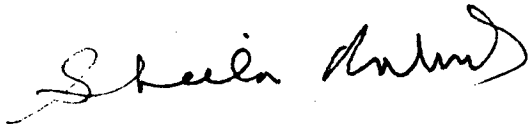
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MEMORANDUM

To..... Marian McGinn..... Secretary Senate Graduate Studies Committee.....	From Sheila Roberts..... Secretary Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee.....
Subject.. Graduate Curriculum Revisions -..... Political Science	Date.. November 18, 1985.....

The Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee at its meeting of November 6, 1985 approved the reduction in formal course requirements from six courses to four courses for Political Science MA students. Will you please put this revision on the agenda of the Executive Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

Thank you.



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cc: A.H. Somjee, Political Science

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MEMORANDUM

To..... Dr. R.C. Brown, Dean
..... Faculty of Arts
Subject..... Changes in M.A. Program

From..... A.H. Somjee
..... Department of Political Science
Date..... October 29, 1985

I shall be grateful to you if you would kindly place before the Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee the following changes in the Degree Requirements for an M.A. Program in Political Science:

FROM:

"Students will undertake formal course work and write a thesis. The formal course work will include six one-semester courses of which POL. 801 is compulsory. Of the remaining five, students will be required to choose at least three from among the core courses in the academic program, comprising POL. 812, 821, 830, 841, 851 and 852." **SECRET OF THE DEAN**

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TO:

"Students will undertake formal course work and write a thesis. The formal course work will include four one-semester courses of which POL. 801 is compulsory. Of the remaining three, students will be required to choose at least two from among the core courses in the academic program, comprising POL. 812, 821, 830, 841, 851 and 852, and any one course listed under POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE COURSES. Students may also be encouraged to take additional courses in Methodology and Languages." **TS**

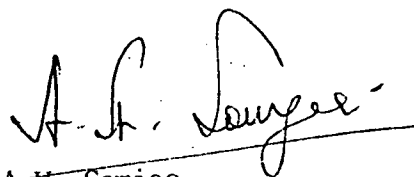
Rationale for Changes

The Department of Political Science had introduced its M.A. program in 1976. The program, as it was felt by all concerned, had put great emphasis on a larger course load and an extended thesis normally not required for an M.A. degree. Those were also the findings of the PACUP report which stated that in the Political Science Department, "Graduate course requirements (6) are higher than in similar departments" and that the number of courses required for the M.A. be considered with a view to reducing course requirements from 6 to 4.

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~~The changes proposed will in no way affect the quality of our M.A. program because some of those courses are covered at the undergraduate level in any case.~~ Out of the four courses required, one is compulsory, two are from among the group of core courses, and one is elective, which may be closer to the area of students' research interests. This will also mean that the student will be able to

complete his M.A. program in a shorter period than was the case so far. We expect the proposed changes to be more popular with the students. In April 1984, an external review of the department also recommended that the department seriously re-examine the existing graduate program with a view to increasing its enrollment.



A.H. Somjee
Chairman, Graduate Studies
Committee

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