

**S.92-73**

# **SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Senate  
**From:** J. Munro, Chair  
Senate Committee on  
Academic Planning  
**Subject:** Faculty of Arts -  
Graduate Curriculum Revisions  
**Date:** November 20, 1992

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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, gives rise to the following motion

Motion: \*that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as forth in S.92- 73 the curriculum revisions for the Faculty of Arts as follows:

- i) S.92-73a Graduate Regulation 1.9.1C -  
Composition of Examining Committees
- ii) S.92-73b Department of Economics
- iii) S.92-73c Department of History
- iv) S.92-73d Department of Political Science
- v) S.92-73e Department of Psychology

*J. M. Munro*

**S.92-73a**

## **Faculty of Arts**

### **Change to Graduate Studies Regulations**

**SGSC Reference:** Mtg. of October 26, 1992  
**SCAP Reference:** SCAP 92-45a

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**Change to Graduate Regulation 1.9.1C - Composition of Examining Committees**

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
MEMORANDUM

To: Marian McGinn  
Assistant Registrar  
Graduate Studies

From: Andrea Lebowitz  
Chair, Faculty of Arts  
Graduate Studies Committee

Subject: Graduate Regulation 1.9.1C  
Composition of Examining  
Committees

Date: 15 October, 1992

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At its meeting of 15 October, 1992, the Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee approved the following addition to its regulation for Masters Examiners.

Graduate Regulation 1.9.1C

- c) a member of faculty at the university or a person otherwise suitably qualified, who is not a member of the student's supervisory committee

For a thesis defense in the Faculty of Arts, a Master's Examiner may not be a member of the same department as the one granting the degree. An examiner external to the department is not required for projects, extended essays, and field examinations. Waivers, however, sought by the department granting the degree, will be decided by the Associate Dean of Arts in his/her capacity as Chair of the Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee.

At the present time, the Faculty of Arts' regulation concerning Masters Examiners appears only in the Graduate Studies Handbook. Therefore, we request that the above statement be added to 1.9.1C of the Graduate General Regulations in the Calendar.

Please place this item on the agenda of the next meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

Thank you.

*Andrea Lebowitz*

Andrea Lebowitz  
Chair, Faculty of Arts  
Graduate Studies Committee

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cc: Bruce Clayman  
Dean, Faculty of  
Graduate Studies

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**S.92-73b**

**Department of Economics  
Summary of  
Graduate Curriculum Revisions**

SGSC Reference: Mtg. of October 26, 1992  
SCAP Reference: SCAP 92-45b

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**Change to Ph.D. Admission Requirements - Economics**

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

*C. Reed*

<b>To:</b> Andrea Lebowitz, Associate Dean of Arts	<b>From:</b> Clyde Reed, Acting Graduate Program Chair Department of Economics
<b>Subject:</b> Calendar Changes 1993-94	<b>Date:</b> October 1, 1992

The Graduate Curriculum Committee of the Department of Economics, at the meeting held on July 29, 1992, approved the following:

**CALENDAR CHANGES (P. 274 Calendar)**

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

**Ph.D. Program**

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Admission Requirements - 2nd Sentence

FACULTY OF ARTS

**FROM:**

In addition, for clear admission the department requires an M.A. degree with graduate work in the core areas equivalent to ECON 802-3, 805-4 and 835-4.

**TO:**

In addition, for clear admission the department requires an M.A. degree with graduate work in the core areas equivalent to ECON 802-3, 805-4, 835-4 and 836-4.

**RATIONALE:**

The statistical sophistication required for doctorate work in Economics necessitates more advanced training in Econometrics.

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**S.92-73c**

**Department of History  
Summary of  
Graduate Curriculum Revisions**

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SCAP Reference:           SCAP 92-45c

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**Additions to Ph.D. Fields - History**

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Andrea Lebowitz  
Associate Dean of Arts

FROM: Jack Little, Chair  
Graduate Program Committee

*JB per J.L.*

RE: History Graduate Programme  
Field and course revisions

DATE: 25 August 1992

One minor item remains from the major changes made to the History Department's graduate programme last year, namely revisions to the PhD fields and the MA readings courses. The PhD field list has become completely outdated, and the MA readings courses must also be altered to reflect changing interests in the department.

A. PhD Fields

**CURRENT/PROPOSED TITLES:**

**REPLACES:**

Canadian Social and Cultural History

(remains as is)

Canadian Political and Economic History

(remains as is)

Gender and History

Women and the Family in North America and Europe

Rural History

(new field)

Mediaeval Europe

(new field)

France since 1789

(remains as is)

Germany since the 18th century

(remains as is)

Russia since Peter the Great

(remains as is)

The British Isles since 1485

(remains as is)

European international relations since the Early 19th Century (remains as is)

European Social History (remains as is)

European Cultural History (remains as is)

European Intellectual History (new field)

Great Britain as a Great Power since 1763 (new field)

State and Society in the 19th century Ottoman Empire (remains as is)

State and Society in the 20th century Middle East (remains as is)

The Middle East in the International System

The Geopolitics of the Indian Empire

Islamic India

Sub-Saharan Africa since 1800

European Settlement in Africa

United States to 1890

United States since 1890

United States Cultural History 1830-1890

Colonial Latin America

Latin America since Independence

Imperialism and diplomacy in the Middle East

British and Modern India

(new field)

(remains as is)

(remains as is)

(remains as is)

(remains as is)

(new field)

(remains as is)

(remains as is)



**Department of Political Science  
Summary of  
Graduate Curriculum Revisions**

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**SCAP Reference:** SCAP 92-45d

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- i) Change in Degree Requirements for the M.A. Program - Political Science
- ii) New course-intensive Field Examinations Option
- iii) New course: POL 897-0 Field Examinations in Major Areas of M.A.  
Concentration

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**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
Department of Political Science

FACULTY OF ARTS

**Memorandum to:**

Professor Andrea Lebowitz, Chair,  
Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee  
and Associate Dean of Arts

**From:** Professor Douglas A. Ross,  
Chair of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science

**Date:** 31 August 1992

**Subject:** Proposed Calendar Description Change for the M.A. Program in Political Science, and an Outline of the New Course-Intensive Field Examinations Option for M.A. Students--Revised in light of approval at the FAGS meeting of 5 May 1992

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The current listing in the calendar on pp. 286-287 of the 1992-93 calendar reads as follows:

**Degree Requirements**  
**MA Program**

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 any two of the five fields listed below. Students may also be encouraged to take additional courses in methodology and languages.

Although Political Science graduate courses are normally offered in English, instruction may also be made available in French, when desired by all graduate students enrolled in the course and subject to a Francophone instructor being available at such time.

**Change I:**

The two paragraphs above are to be deleted. Proposed new text for the calendar description will read as follows.

**Degree Requirements**  
**MA Program**

The degree program may be completed in one of two ways. In the thesis option students are required to complete four graduate courses and to write and defend a thesis of approximately 25,000 words length. In the course-intensive option students are required to complete six courses, and to undertake two field examinations successfully. Under both

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degree options students are required to take Political Science 801, "The Scope and Methods of Political Science".

For students who take the thesis option, it is required that they take two of their remaining three courses from at least two of the five fields of study offered by the Department: Political Theory; Canadian Government and Politics; Comparative Government and Politics; International Relations; and Public Administration and Public Policy.

Students who undertake the course intensive option will be required to identify one of these five fields as their major area of concentration and a second area as their minor field of specialization. Examinations will then be conducted for each student in both the major and minor fields of concentration.

The field examinations will be set by a committee of no fewer than two faculty members from each field. Field examination committees for students will be established by the Graduate Program Committee at the beginning of each academic year. Each field examination committee will develop in collaboration with the Graduate Program Committee appropriate reading lists for students. The field examination committee will schedule, conduct and evaluate a three-hour written examination and an oral defence of the written answers of not more than one hour's duration. Normally all students enrolled in the course-intensive degree option will complete their examinations by the end of their third semester.

Any student who fails one of the field examinations, and one only, will be permitted to take a second attempt at passing the failed field examination.

#### Change II:

Proposed alteration of the list of courses to be found on p. 287.  
The present listing reads:

#### Graduate Courses

POL 801-5 The Scope and Methods of Political Science  
*Students with credit for POL 813-5 may not take this course for further credit.*

POL 891-5 Master's Seminar  
POL 893-5 Readings in Political Science  
POL 898 Master's Thesis

Add the following new entry between the existing Pol 893 and 898 entries.

POL 897 Field Examinations in Major and Minor Areas of M.A. Concentration

See the attached 'new course' proposal form provided in Appendix I.

#### Rationale for the Proposed Changes:

The proposed changes have been made possible by the amendment during 1991 to the university-wide regulations (see Senate Paper S.91-19; reproduced as Appendix II). These changes are appropriate in light of changes being made in graduate programs

across Canada and the United States. So far as the Department of Political Science is concerned the creation of a course-intensive field examinations option is intended to enable our students to expedite progress in their M.A. programs without sacrificing intellectual rigour. What may be lost in terms of intensive thesis specialization will be more than made up for in terms of increased intellectual breadth and an improved pace of student career progress.

Based on statistical analysis provided by the Dean of Graduate Studies, for the period 1985-1 to 1991-3 the average length of time to complete the M.A. for students graduating in Political Science took more than 11 semesters. The Department has felt for some time that this was an excessively long period of time for most students to allocate to M.A. studies. During this same period the shortest recorded time in the program to successful completion was four semesters--but only one student managed this feat. Five of the 19 M.A. graduates in this period obtained their degree after 15 or more semesters (i.e., more than five years). Of almost equal significance, for a group of 11 students who ultimately withdrew from the program, the average elapsed time spent in the program before actual withdrawal was some eight and one-third semesters. Again, this is an unacceptably long time. Reform of the degree process is therefore essential.

It is also of note that the Department is adding a specified length of "approximately 25,000 words" for M.A. theses. In the past too many students have produced theses of length far in excess of what is reasonable at the M.A. level. This publicly specified length will help to induce students to produce tightly organized, succinctly written theses.



Professor Douglas Ross,  
Chair Graduate Studies, Political Science

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

New Graduate Course Proposal Form

CALENDAR INFORMATION

Department: Political Science Course Number: POL.897

Title: Field Examinations in Major Areas of M.A. Concentration

Description: Format of each examination: Three hours written and one hour oral follow-up

Credit Hours: 0 Vector: 0 Prerequisite(s) if any None

ENROLLMENT AND SCHEDULING:

Estimated Enrollment: 7 When will the course first be offered: 94-2

How often will the course be offered: One or two semesters per calendar year (Summer, occasionally Spring as well)

JUSTIFICATION

Needed to complete the course-intensive M.A. option in Political Science

RESOURCES

Which Faculty member will normally teach the course: All Department Regular Faculty

What are the budgetary implications of mounting the course: None

Are there sufficient Library resources (append details): Yes

Appended:

- a) Outline of the Course
b) An indication of the competence of the Faculty member to give the course.
c) Library resources Not relevant

Approved:

Dept. Graduate Studies Committee: Douglas A. Ross
Date: 31 August 1992
Faculty Graduate Studies Committee: Andrew Leung
Date: 8 September 1992
Senate Graduate Studies Committee: B.D. Clark
Date: 27 Oct/92
Senate:
Date:
Faculty Dean of Arts: E. Allen
Date: Sept 8, 1992

**Department of Psychology  
Summary of  
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**Change of credit hours from 3 to 5 for Psychology 905 Seminar in History**

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Department of Psychology  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
MEMORANDUM

To: Andrea Lebowitz  
Chair, F.A.G.S.

From: Roger Blackman  
Chair, Psychology

Subject: Proposed 93/94 Calendar Change

Date: 5 October, 1992

Would you please place the following calendar change, for the Department of Psychology, on the agenda of the next meeting of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Committee.

FROM:

PSYC 905-3 SEMINAR IN HISTORY

TO:

PSYC 905-5 SEMINAR IN HISTORY

RATIONALE:

When the 700-level proseminars were established, the Department was undecided whether they should be valued at 3 or 5 credits. The amount of work involved pointed to 5, but we were reluctant to allow the total number of credits for the 6 courses required of students in the Experimental Psychology MA Program to be as high as 30. We chose to specify the credit as 3 hours, and scheduled the courses for 3 contact hours. The same concerns led to the 900-seminars being valued at 3 credits, even though these courses are usually scheduled for 5 hours (they are typically paired with 400-level undergraduate seminars that have 5 contact and credit hours). In the event, the amount of work required in these graduate courses clearly warrants 5 credits. While the other 900 courses were changed to 5 credits, this course was not included.

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