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ATTENTION	Senate
FROM	Bill Krane, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies <i>Bill Krane</i>
RE	Second BA Degrees (SCUS 08-34)
DATE	September 17, 2008

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of September 9, 2008, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion:

“that Senate approve the new calendar language for Second BA Degrees in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.”



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TO: Jo Hinchliffe, Secretary  
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Mary Ann Gillies, Chair *WAG*  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee

RE: New Calendar Language: Second BA Degrees

DATE: August 7, 2008

At its meeting of July 17, 2008, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee approved the attached new calendar language for Second BA Degrees.

Would you please place this item on the agenda of the next meeting of SCUS.

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TO	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee
FROM	Mary Ann Gillies <i>MTS</i>
RE	New Calendar language for Second BA Degrees
DATE	July 25, 2008

At a meeting of the Associate Deans for Students and the Faculty Advisors in the Office of the Dean on June 23, 2008, the attached new calendar language for Second BA Degrees was approved.

Would the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum please review and approve this new Calendar language for Second BA Degrees at its next meeting.

## **NEW CALENDAR LANGUAGE ADDITION**

### **Second Bachelor of Arts Degree**

Students who hold a bachelor's degree may complete a second Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. Students are encouraged to determine whether a second BA degree is actually required for their purposes (in many cases, post-degree studies may be more appropriate). For information regarding second BA degrees and/or post-degree studies, students should seek advice from the Faculty advisors in the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

A student may not enrol in a second BA degree in a subject in which they already hold a degree. A student who has a minor in a particular subject may enroll in a second BA degree with a major or honors program in that subject. Students may not complete a Bachelor of General Studies as a second degree.

The minimum requirement for a second BA degree is completion of 60 units, including at least 45 upper division units. Prior completion of lower division requirements for the major program may be required or may be waived at the discretion of the department.

Second degree students must complete one upper division writing (W) course and one quantitative (Q) course.

In order to satisfy residency requirements for the second BA degree, students must complete at least 45 units in total at SFU, including a minimum of 30 upper division units.

Courses not used towards a previous degree (as determined by the institution awarding that degree) may be used to reduce the number of courses required in the second BA degree where applicable. Courses extra to previous degrees may be counted towards the second BA degree if completed before admission into the second BA degree, to a maximum of 15 units, in accordance with Faculty regulations. Students must obtain written approval from the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Second degree students may not complete courses at another institution through a Letter of Permission.

### **RATIONALE**

Students currently pursuing a second undergraduate degree are required to complete at least 45 upper division units. In practice, many students will routinely complete extra lower division courses, as required by their major program, and will graduate having completed 60 units on average.

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences deems it necessary for students to complete at least 60 units, including 45 upper division units, in order to earn a Second Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree.

By adopting a more permissive practice in acknowledging courses extra to a previous first degree (up to a maximum of 15 units), the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences recognizes the fact that many first undergraduate degree holders have indeed completed more than the minimum required units for that first degree. These students would still complete at least 45 units at SFU, including at least 30 upper division units.

### **PLACEMENT IN CALENDAR:**

Please insert these new sections following "Graduation GPA Requirements" for the BA degree and right before "Bachelor of General Studies Degree" (2008/2009 Calendar - page 135, column three).