

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Senate

**From:** Roger Blackman, Chair  
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

**Subject:** General Admission Requirements  
(SCUS Reference 04-9)

**Date:** March 18, 2004

*R. Blackman*

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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of March 16, 2004 gives rise to the following motions:

**Motion 1**

"That Senate approve the addition of BC First Nations 12 to the admission requirements under the List 3 (Social Sciences Group), effective Fall 2004."

**Motion 2**

"That Senate approve the addition of Français Première Langue 12 to the admission requirements under the List 2 (Humanities Group), effective Fall 2004."

**Motion 3**

"That Senate approve the addition of American Sign Language 12 to the admission requirements under the Grade 11 requirements, effective Fall 2004."

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**Office of the Registrar**  
**Memorandum**

To: SCUS

From: Diane Whiteley, Director  
of Admissions & Records/  
Donna Moore, Associate  
Director, Admissions

Subject: Francais premiere langue 12  
Admission Requirement

Date: March 8, 2004

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**Suggested motion**

Include Francais premiere langue 12 in the List 2, Humanities group, of the admission requirements if ENGL 12 has also been taken.

**Background**

It was not envisioned by SCUS that students would take both Francais premiere langue 12 and English 12 when the Course Lists 1, 2 and 3 admission requirements was originally approved. At the present time we only accept in Course List 1 either English 12 or Francais premiere langue 12.

Please see the attached letter from a French Immersion school that outlines the Memorandum of Understanding that SFU signed which promotes programs for Francophones at a post secondary level. If this motion were passed it would be a strong recruitment tool in attracting Franchophone students to our University.

Note: If Language 12 courses are not moved to List 2, Humanities group, than Francais premiere langue 12 would be included List 3, Humanities group.

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Include BC First Nations 12 in List 3, Social Sciences group, as an acceptable fifth course for admission for Fall 2004.

**Background**

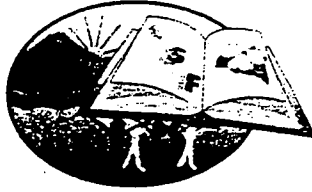
All major stakeholders in education are making it a priority to highlight the accomplishments of our First Nations in order to support an appreciation and acceptance of diversity in our culture.

BC First Nations 12 is as rigorous a course as Law 12, which SFU currently accepts as a list 3 course for admission. By accepting BC First Nations 12 as a list 3 course, Simon Fraser University will make a positive contribution to encouraging students to understand and appreciate diversity in the Canadian context. Moreover, this course will assist us in achieving greater breadth in our admission requirements.

More specifically, it is likely that the BC First Nations 12 course will be of particular interest to First Nations students at the secondary school level. The University has committed to making its vast resources more accessible to First Nations students and wants to encourage them to partake of postsecondary education. Acceptance of this course for admission will help achieve this goal as well.

Note: BC First Nations 12 is acceptable at the University of British Columbia as a Social Studies 11 equivalent. At the University of Victoria the course is acceptable as a non-examinable academic 12 and also as a substitute for Social Studies 11 but not both.

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Friday, September 15th, 2003

Ms. Donna Moore  
Associate Director of Admissions  
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Simon Fraser University  
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Ms. Moore,

Following a conversation with Ms. Diane Whiteley on Friday September 12, I wish to thank her for following up so quickly on an issue that arose in our Surrey community following the non-admission of two of our students at Simon Fraser University. School District 93 (*Le Conseil Scolaire francophone de la Colombie -Britannique*) has just graduated nine students at its Surrey school in June 2003. This was a first as our school district was enshrined in the School Law only recently in July 1992.

The perception was that our two students had not been admitted because English Language Arts and *Français Langue Première* are both included in List 1 and are not included in List 2 and/or List 3 therefore "one of these two did not count". Students felt that the status of *Français Langue Première 12<sup>e</sup>* on the "BC and Yukon Secondary Course Lists" did not give it full value. Students felt that if they had taken French as a Second Language which is included in List 3, they would have been better off. In their words, all that effort (taking two first languages) did not bring them any recognition when applying to SFU. I should mention that most of our students graduate with two first languages (*English Language Arts 12 and Français Langue Première 12*).

Ms. Whiteley, at my request, re-analysed both applications and reported that the present status of *Français Langue Première* was not an issue in both applications. I am now in contact with our Surrey community conveying this information and reassuring our students. I will add, however, it might have been an issue and as a result I would like to request a meeting at your earliest convenience to review and discuss the status of "*Français Langue Première*" on the "BC and Yukon Secondary Course Lists".

As you might remember, SFU and the *Fédération des francophones de la Colombie- Britannique* (FFCB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on November 07/2002 committing themselves to working together to implement the recommendations of the report "University Education and Programs for Francophones and Francophiles of British Columbia". I include a press release for your information. This historical moment means that in the very near future the *Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique* will encourage its students to study at SFU in the programs offered in French. I would appreciate discussing the above mentioned issues with you.

Sincerely,

  
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To: SCUS

From: Diane Whitely, Director  
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Donna Moore, Associate  
Director, Admissions

Subject: American Sign Language

Date: March 8, 2004

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**Suggested Motion**

Include American Sign Language 12 as an acceptable Language 11 course.

**Background**

Ron Snitz, Acting Director, SFU Centre for Students with Disabilities, reviewed the American Sign Language Grade 5 to 12 curriculum, and consulted with the Director of the UBC Disability Resource Centre. Linguists have recently recognized American Sign Language as a legitimate language. Snitz recommends that American Sign Language 12 be an acceptable Language 11 course.

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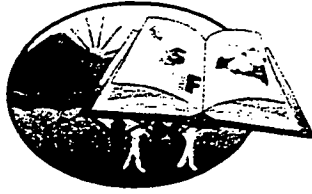
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