

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: D. Gagan, Chair 
Senate Committee on Academic Planning

Subject: Faculty of Arts -
Curriculum revisions

Date: November 5, 1998

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

Motions:

"that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.99 - 11 , the following:

New Graduate Co-op Option in the Department of Economics, including:

New courses:

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| ECON 750-0 | Practicum I |
| ECON 751-0 | Practicum II |
| ECON 752-0 | Practicum III." |

For Information:

Acting under delegated authority of Senate, SGSC approved curriculum revisions in the following Department/School/Program:

- a) School for the Contemporary Arts
- b) Gerontology Program
- c) Department of Political Science

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 e-mail bgrant@sfu.ca

CALENDAR ENTRY FOR CO-OP PROGRAM:

ECONOMICS MA CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM OPTION:

The Department of Economics has co-operative education in its graduate program to allow students to gain work experience that complements their academic studies.

MA students in good standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0 may apply to enter the co-op program after satisfactory completion of ECON 802, 805, 835 and 836 or equivalent. They may elect either the traditional co-op program of two separate work semesters or the co-op internship program of three consecutive work semesters.

Arrangements for the work semesters are made through the Faculty of Arts Co-op Coordinator at least one semester in advance. For further details, students should refer to the Co-operative Education section of the calendar.

RATIONALE FOR CO-OP PROGRAM:

The Department of Economics feels that the opportunity for graduate students to undertake co-operative education allows them to gain work experience that complements their academic studies. Students who are currently enrolled in the department's MA program may apply for admission to this component of the program.

A necessary step to establish the Co-Op Program is to add three non-credit practicum courses to our list of Graduate Courses. Co-op students register in these courses when they are on a work-experience semester. These courses are not open to non-co-op students.

NEW CO-OP COURSES REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM:

Co-operative education integrates work experience and graduate studies. The following courses constitute the work terms for the MA degree (Economics) Co-op Option :

- Course I. ECON 750: Practicum I: First semester of work experience in the co-operative education program (0-0-0)
- Course II. ECON 751: Practicum II: Second semester of work experience in the co-operative education program (0-0-0)
- Course III. ECON 752 Practicum III: The third semester of work experience in the co-operative education program (0-0-0)

FOR INFORMATION

(SGSC Reference: Meeting November 30, 1998)
(SCAP Reference: SCAP 98 -70)

a) School for the Contemporary Arts

Acting under delegated authority, the SGSC approved curriculum revisions as follows:

- i) New course: MFA 813-5 Interdisciplinary Graduate Studio
- ii) Course changes to MFA Program: Elimination of the requirement of five units selected from upper division or graduate courses outside the student's main area of concentration or outside the School.
- iii) Other changes reflect the addition of the proposed FPA 813-5 into the MFA Program requirements.

FOR INFORMATION

(SGSC Reference: Meeting November 30, 1998)
(SCAP Reference: SCAP 98 -72)

b) Gerontology Program

Acting under delegated authority, the SGSC approved curriculum revisions as follows:

- i) New course: GERO 803-4 Analytical Techniques for Gerontological Research
- ii) Calendar revisions including the addition of the e-mail address, the name of student advisor, changes in instructions under Admissions to reflect current procedure, changes to the prerequisite listings, to the project or thesis option instructions and course descriptions to reflect the addition of GERO 803

FOR INFORMATION

(SGSC Reference: Meeting November 30, 1998)
(SCAP Reference: SCAP 98 -73)

c) Department of Political Science

Acting under delegated authority, the SGSC approved curriculum revisions as follows:

New MA Option

Addition of an extended essay or project option to the present options which are a course intensive option and a thesis option.