

S. 86-3

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: Senate Committee on
Undergraduate Studies

Subject: Revision to Faculty of
Arts Breadth Requirements

Date: December 11, 1985

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of December 10, 1985 gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.86-3, the proposed revisions to Faculty of Arts breadth requirements."

Motion failed - s.m. 6/1/86

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SCUS 85-44

MEMORANDUM

To: Ron Heath, Secretary Senate Committee
on Undergraduate Studies

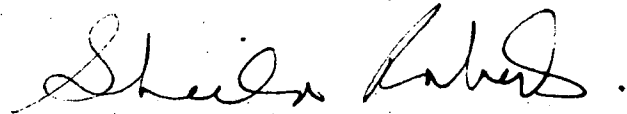
Subject: Revision to Faculty of Arts Breadth
Requirements

From: Sheila Roberts, Secretary, Faculty
of Arts Curriculum Committee

Date: December 3, 1985

The Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee at its meeting of November 28, 1985 unanimously approved the attached change to the requirements of the Faculty of Arts. This change has been sent out to referendum to all faculty members in Arts. The ballots will be counted on December 11, 1985. The Chairman of the Curriculum Committee has requested that this revision be placed on the agenda of the December 10, 1985 SCUS meeting with the understanding that if SCUS approves the proposal, it will be held until the ballot results are known, and only forwarded to SCAR if approved by the faculty.

The Chairman of FACC has sent copies of this proposal directly to all Chairmen of Faculty Curriculum Committees.



S. Roberts

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Proposed Revision to Faculty of Arts Breadth Requirements

Attached is a proposed revision to the Faculty of Arts breadth requirements. The proposed changes follow from the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty of Arts Requirements that was appointed by Dean Brown last January. That report, widely discussed within the Faculty, recommended a dual approach to Faculty breadth requirements: first, that the current "Group requirements" be replaced by a somewhat liberalized set of requirements; and second, that a Certificate in Liberal Arts be instituted to provide a structured path through those requirements.

This paper concerns only the first of these proposals. Following discussions in the Faculty and in the Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee, the FACC recommends that a modified version of the minimum breadth requirements proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee be adopted by the Faculty and included in the 1986 calendar, even in advance of final resolution regarding a certificate or other breadth program. It is recognized that these requirements may be subject to further revision in subsequent calendars, and that it will be important to continue the process of developing, at the least, advisory lists of recommended courses. Nevertheless, the FACC agrees that the proposed change represents a workable minimum breadth requirement, one which is preferable to the current requirements or any modified version of them.

The effect of the proposed change will be to replace the entry under "Group Requirements" on p. 69-70 of the current calendar by the "Breadth Requirements" described in the attached. Other requirements--including those for 120 credit hours, 45 upper division hours, the completion of a major or honors program, 30 hours outside the major or honors department, and 70 hours within the Faculty of Arts--will remain unchanged.

Faculty of Arts Requirements

p. 69-70

From:

GROUP REQUIREMENTS

Normally, the first 60 hours of a student's program consist of a period of exploratory and prerequisite study, contrasted to the final 60 hours which constitute the essence of the degree program. The Faculty of Arts Group Requirements are intended to provide a base for a liberal arts degree. Students are well advised to take these Group Requirements early in their programs. The Group Requirements may include the lower division prerequisites for any degree program. The Groups are defined as listed below:

- Group A** At least 12 semester hours including courses from at least two different Group A departments.
English (excluding ENGL 010-3 and ENGL 099-2)
History
Languages, Literatures and Linguistics
Philosophy
Humanities (students must take courses from at least two Group A departments other than Humanities)
- Group B** At least 12 semester hours including courses from at least two different Group B departments.
Archaeology
Economics and courses labelled BUEC
Geography (except Physical Geography courses) *listed in Note 1
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology and Anthropology
- Group C** At least two courses from Group C.
Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Mathematics
Physical Geography *listed in Note 2
Physics

NOTE 1: Physical Geography Course are as follows: GEOG 111, 112, 311, 313, 314, 315, 317, 318, 319, 411, 412, 414, 415, 416, 418, 419.

Physical Geography courses when used for Group C purposes do not count towards the 70 or 82 hours required to be taken in the Faculty of Arts. Students may count a total of only 9 hours of Geography to satisfy the Group Requirements.

NOTE 2: Students majoring in Criminology, Canadian Studies, or Fine and Performing Arts are not required to complete Faculty of Arts requirements. However, students wishing to keep other options in Arts open, in case they should subsequently change majors or add majors, are advised to complete these requirements.

NOTE 3: Transfer students with General Elective credit should consult the Office of the Dean of Arts regarding possible allocation to Faculty of Arts Group Requirements.

Students may substitute up to a maximum of 6 hours of courses taken in the following areas; for courses required in Group A, B, or C, with the constraints that a maximum total of 3 hours may be substituted in any one group, and that the remaining 9 hours in Group A or Group B must be taken from at least two Group A or Group B departments. Courses so substituted for Group A or Group B requirements will count towards the 70 required hours in the Faculty of Arts. The specific allocations follow:

Fine and Performing Arts	A
General Studies	A
Communication	B
Criminology	B
African/Middle Eastern Studies	B
Canadian Studies	B
Latin American Studies	B
Women's Studies	B
Computing Science	C
Kinesiology	C

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PROPOSED CALENDAR ENTRY

Breadth Requirements

In addition to meeting the requirements within a major department in the Faculty of Arts, students must complete breadth requirements designed to acquaint them with areas of knowledge and modes of thought outside their discipline of specialization. The requirements are as follows:

1. A minimum of 30 hours outside one's Arts major Department.
2. Courses from at least five departments outside one's Arts major department. No more than 9 credit hours from any one department may be counted toward the total of 30 required hours.

For the purposes of this last requirement the following academic units within the Faculty of Arts will count as separate "departments":

Archaeology (ARCH)
Canadian Studies (Cn.S)
Centre for the Arts (FPA.)
Criminology (CRIM)
Economics (ECON and BUEC)
English (ENGL)
Geography (GEOG)
Gerontology (GERO)
History (HIST)
Humanities (HUM.)
Latin American Studies (LAS.)
Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics (includes all of: CHIN, FREN, GERM,
GRE, ITAL, LATN, LING, LIT., RUSS, SPAN)
Philosophy (PHIL)
Political Science (POL.)
Psychology (PSYC)
Sociology and Anthropology (S.A.)
Women's Studies (W.S.)

Courses in the Faculty of Arts not included in the above, namely General Studies (G.S.) courses and African, Middle East Studies (AME.) courses may be counted toward these requirements on an individual basis and upon application by the student to the Dean of Arts' office.

Students are encouraged under these requirements also to take courses outside the Faculty of Arts. The following academic units outside the Faculty of Arts will count as separate "departments":

Biological Sciences (BISC)
Business Administration (BUS.)
Chemistry (CHEM)
Communication (CMNS)
Computing Science (CMPT)
Education (EDUC, except EDUC 401, 402, 405, and 406)
Engineering Science (ENSC)
Kinesiology (KIN.)
Mathematics and Statistics (MATH)
Physics (PHYS)

Students are advised that course enrollment in some of these subjects may be limited to students with concentrations in those subjects.

Courses from outside the Faculty of Arts that are not clearly within the above "departments," or courses transferred from other institutions in subject areas without direct equivalence at Simon Fraser may be counted toward these requirements upon application by the student to the Dean of Arts' office.

These faculty breadth requirements may be met in a variety of ways. Students may take these requirements as an opportunity for exploratory study in advance of choosing a major discipline. Departments will advise students as to subject areas and specific courses they recommend to complement their major programs. A substantial proportion of these requirements may also be applied to a number of cross-disciplinary major or minor programs within the Faculty. In addition, the Faculty of Arts is developing a program through which these requirements can be met and that is specifically tailored for breadth of learning. In planning the most effective way to fulfill the distribution requirements students should seek advice both in the Academic Advice Centre and in any department in which they may be planning to major.