

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: Senate Committee on
Undergraduate Studies

Subject: Department of Psychology
Curriculum Changes

Date: October 21, 1986

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of October 21, 1986 gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.86-69, the proposed changes in Honors Program description."

FOR INFORMATION:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of October 21, 1986 the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approved

Change of prerequisites for PSYC 385 and PSYC 402

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MEMORANDUM

SCUS 86-35

To W.R. Heath, Secretary
Senate Committee on
Undergraduate Studies

From Sheila Roberts, Secretary
Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee

Subject Curriculum Revision

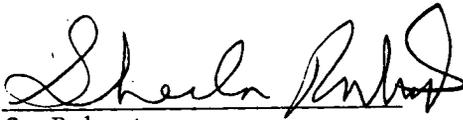
Date October 16, 1986

The Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee at its meeting of October 16, 1986 recommended calendar changes in Psychology.

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

Thank you.

/sjc
Encl.


S. Roberts



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MEMORANDUM

To..... Evan Alderson
..... Chair, FACC
Subject..... Proposed Calender Changes

From..... Meredith Kimball
..... Chair, Undergraduate Studies
Date..... September 29, 1986

The Psychology Department recommends the following calender changes:

Changes in prerequisites:

1. Psychology 385-3, Animal Behaviour
From: Prerequisite: PSYC 101; Recommended: BISC 101 and 102
To: Prerequisite: PSYC 101
Reason: This change will bring Psych 385-3 into line with most of our other 300 level courses. The material in these biology courses is not needed for an understanding of the current content of Psych 385-3.
2. Psychology 402-5, Seminar in the History of Psychology
From: Prerequisite: PSYC 101, 201, and 207
To: Prerequisite: PSYC 101, 201, 207, and 90 hours of credits or permission of the department
Reason: This change is necessary because the course is required for Honours students and often they are unable to enroll in the course because of enrollment pressures. By adding the prerequisite of 90 credit hours Honors students will be able to take it at an appropriate time in their program. This change also makes the prerequisites for 402 consistent with the other fourth year seminars in the department.

Changes in the Honors Program Description:

1. On p. 104 under the section Directed Studies Courses the final paragraph be changed
From: Directed Studies courses may not duplicate material covered in other Psychology courses. An honors project may not be initiated in a Directed Studies course.
To: Directed Studies courses may not duplicate material covered in other Psychology courses.
Reason: The word "initiated" is somewhat ambiguous. It is better for honors students to have done some thinking and reading about their honors project before entering PSYC 490 than to come in cold to the course, although it would be inappropriate for them to have begun data collection. Rather than actively encouraging or prohibiting "initiation", we should stay silent on the issue.
2. On p. 104 a) delete the section entitled Honors Project and b) change point number 4 under "Completion"
From: 4) Successfully complete an honors project (PSYC 490-5 and PSYC 499-5)
To: 4) Successfully complete an honors project (PSYC 490-5 and PSYC 499-5). Students must have completed at least 90 semester-hour credits of university work, with at least 20 credits in

upper division Psychology courses before enrolling in the honors project. A plan must be approved by the faculty supervisor and by the Psychology 490 Instructor before work is begun.

Reason: Many students fail to distinguish between enrolling in the honors program and enrolling in the honors project (PSYC 490/499). This distinction makes little difference except in the required hours for eligibility. Students must have completed 60 hours before applying for the honors program but 90 hours (including 20 upper level psychology credits) before enrolling in PSYC 490. Moving the description of the credit hour prerequisites for PSYC 490 into the section describing the honors project requirement clarifies this issue.

cc. S. Roberts

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NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

1. Calendar Information

Department PSYCHOLOGY

Abbreviation Code: PSYC Course Number: 385 Credit Hours: 3 Vector: 2-0-2

Title of Course: Animal Behaviour

Calendar Description of Course: Topics such as altruism, parental care, mate choice, sex differences in behaviour, aggression, dominance and territoriality are considered from an evolutionary perspective. The role of heredity and environment in the development of these behaviours is also discussed.

Nature of Course Lecture: 2 hours - Laboratory: 2 hours

Prerequisites (or special instructions): Prerequisite: Psyc 101.

What course (courses), if any, is being dropped from the calendar if this course is approved:

2. Scheduling

How frequently will the course be offered?

Semester in which the course will first be offered?

Which of your present faculty would be available to make the proposed offering possible?

3. Objectives of the Course

4. Budgetary and Space Requirements (for information only)

What additional resources will be required in the following areas:

Faculty

Staff

Library

Audio Visual

Space

Equipment

5. Approval

Date: October 14/86 Oct 14, 1986

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Department Chairman

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Dean

Chairman, SCUS

SCUS 73-34b:- (When completing this form, for instructions see Memorandum SCUS 73-34a. Attach course outline).

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM1. Calendar InformationDepartment PSYCHOLOGYAbbreviation Code: PSYC Course Number: 402 Credit Hours: 5 Vector: 0-5-0

Title of Course: Seminar in the History of Psychology

Calendar Description of Course: Considers classical issues of significance to contemporary psychology, e.g. the mind-body problem with reference to current theory; concerning consciousness; the nature-nurture problem with reference to developmental theory; the problem of psychological hedonism with reference to current research on emotion and reward in learned behaviour. Students will be expected to undertake a historical analysis of their own area of interest within psychology.

Nature of Course Seminar: 5 hours

Prerequisites (or special instructions): Prerequisite: Psyc 101, 201, 207, and 90 hours of credit or permission of the department.

What course (courses), if any, is being dropped from the calendar if this course is approved:

2. Scheduling

How frequently will the course be offered?

Semester in which the course will first be offered?

Which of your present faculty would be available to make the proposed offering possible?

3. Objectives of the Course4. Budgetary and Space Requirements (for information only)

What additional resources will be required in the following areas:

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5. ApprovalDate: October 14/86

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