

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.82.13

## MEMORANDUM

To: SENATE

From: THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject: (1) Bachelor of General Studies Regulations - Proposed Changes

Date: December 17, 1981

(2) New Course - G.S. 498-10  
Individual Study Project

Actions undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of December 1, 1981 give rise to the following motions.

### MOTION 1:

"That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, the proposed changes in regulations for the B.G.S. degree, as set forth in S.82.13 as follows:-

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1. 120 academic semester hours with a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0, including
2. At least 45 upper division hour credits.

With the exception of EDUC 401-8, 402-7 and 405-15, courses taken from any of the faculties may be used to satisfy the requirements for the degree, but students are cautioned that they are subject to the prerequisite requirements of the various departments. For this reason, it is essential that students entering the program contact the Dean's office for counselling and advising. Course loads of more than 16 hours per semester in lower levels work and more than 18 hours per semester upper levels work, require the written consent of the Dean of Interdisciplinary Studies or his/her delegate."

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3. Completion of a Program of course work approved by the Faculty.

After a student first declares the B.G.S. degree as his/her academic goal, registration will require that an approved program of courses be on file in the office of the Dean of Interdisciplinary Studies. Students should normally consult a faculty advisor in the Dean's office before declaring the B.G.S. as their goal and the faculty advisor will work with the student to develop a program of courses to achieve the student's academic objectives. Students are encouraged to regularly consult with an advisor regarding their course selection and any significant deviation from the approved plan (i.e. a total of more than two courses) requires prior approval.

With the exception of EDUC 401-8, 402-7, 405-15, and Co-operative Education practicum courses and other practicum courses, courses taken from any of the faculties may be used to satisfy the requirements for the degree, but students are cautioned that they are subject to the prerequisite requirements of the various departments. Course loads of more than 16 hours per semester in lower levels work and more than 18 hours per semester in upper levels work, require the written consent of the Dean of Interdisciplinary Studies or his/her delegate."

Rationale:

Students taking advantage of the freedom inherent in the requirements for the B.G.S. degree could often improve their programs if they had appropriate advice. The modified regulations will ensure that a student discusses his/her academic goals with a faculty advisor and works out an approved program. It is not intended that approval for a proposed program will be unreasonably withheld (i.e. unless the courses selected appear to result in a program which is academically unsound, involves courses with substantial overlap, etc.).

Some further changes are expected to come forward later to Senate, but require consideration by the SUAB before coming to Senate.

MOTION 2:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors the proposed new course, G.S. 498-10 Individual Study Project.

Rationale:

Existing courses allow a student to take a 5 credit Individual Study Project or a 15 credit Individual Study Semester. In some cases a 10 credit project would be more suitable. Note that a student will not be able to use both G.S. 499-15 and G.S. 498-10 for credit towards a degree.

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MEMORANDUM

SCUS 81-70  
As accepted at SCUS  
Dec 1, 1981.  
Some items require SUAB  
consideration

To..... H.M. Evans, Registrar and Secretary  
of the Senate Committee on  
Undergraduate Studies.....

From..... Janet Blanchet, Secretary to the  
Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.....

Subject.....

Date..... November 10, 1981.....

Re: Bachelor of General Studies Regulations--I.S.C. 81-27(a)

Changes proposed.

At a meeting of the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee held today items contained in the attached paper were discussed and approved. This paper contains motions which modify regulations governing the Bachelor of General Studies degree, and a motion which presents a new course, G.S. 498-10, Individual Study Project, for inclusion in the Calendar.

Would you please place these items on the next agenda of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for consideration.

J. Y. Blanchet

ATTACHMENT

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## SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

## MEMORANDUM

To..... Faculty of Interdisciplinary.....  
 Studies Undergraduate Curriculum  
 ..... Committee.....  
 Subject... BGS REGULATIONS.....

From... T.W. Calvert, Dean.....  
 Faculty of  
 ..... Interdisciplinary Studies.....  
 Date... November 5, 1981.....

The following recommendations for modification of regulations related to the BGS Degree result from consideration of the Hanson Report and from a variety of discussions and suggestions over the last several years

Motion 1: That the requirements for the BGS degree be changed

From: "REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE

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#### Rationale:

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Motion:

That a new course G.S. 498-10 be created to parallel G.S. 400-5 and G.S. 499-15. A course proposal form is attached.

Rationale:

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ATTACHMENT

c.c. H.M. Evans  
J.M. Munro  
J.M. Webster  
Deans

With deletions following decisions at SCUS, and with some items awaiting SUAB consideration.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

Faculty of  
Interdisciplinary  
Studies

1. Calendar Information

Department: Studies

Abbreviation Code: G.S. Course Number: 498

Credit Hours: 10 Vector: -

Title of Course: Individual Study Project

Calendar Description of Course:

An intensive study project of the student's own selection.

Nature of Course Directed Study

Prerequisites (or special instructions): (a) completion of 75 hours of undergraduate work  
(b) completion of at least two upper division courses in a relevant area,  
(c) the signature of two faculty members who are willing to provide supervision and other support necessary to the completion of the project,  
(d) Students must apply to the Dean for admission at least two months prior to the beginning of the semester in which they wish to enrol,

NOTE: Only one of G.S. 498 and G.S. 499 may be used for credit toward a degree.

2. Scheduling

How frequently will the course be offered? Every semester

Semester in which the course will first be offered? 1982-2

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

3. Objectives of the Course

To complement the opportunities available in G.S. 400-5 and G.S. 499-15.

4. Budgetary and Space Requirements (for information only)

What additional resources will be required in the following areas: None

Faculty

Staff

Library

Audio Visual

Space

Equipment

5. Approval

Date: 5 Nov 81

10 Nov 81

J. W. Albert  
Department Chairman

Albert  
Dean

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Chairman, SCUS