

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.79-128

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate  
Subject: Curriculum Changes - Philosophy

From: Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies  
Date: 1979-11-16

Action taken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of November 13, 1979 gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION

That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board, as set forth in S.79-128 the proposed change in requirements for the Honors program in Philosophy.

For Information:

Under its delegated authority SCUS approved proposed changes in courses in Philosophy, as follows:

- PHIL 151-3 History of Philosophy I, Nature of course, vector
- PHIL 314-3 Topics in Logic I, Prerequisite
- PHIL 320-3 Social and Political Philosophy, Prerequisite
- PHIL 340-4<sup>3</sup> Philosophical Methods, Prerequisite
- PHIL 341-3 Philosophy of Science, Prerequisite
- PHIL 321-3 Moral Issues and Theories, Prerequisite

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CURRICULUM CHANGES

P. 184 HONORS PROGRAM Change in Requirements:

FROM: An honors program is offered for students interested in advanced work in Philosophy. It is strongly advised for students who plan to pursue a post-graduate degree in the subject.

Students proposing to enter the Honors Program in Philosophy must first complete 60 hours of University course work including 12 hours of Philosophy and fulfill the lower division requirements listed in the section 'Requirements for Minor, Major and Honors'. A grade point average of 3.0 or higher for all Philosophy courses is required for acceptance and continuation in the program, but does not by itself guarantee either. Students proposing to enter the Honors Program must submit an application (a form is available in the department office) and consult the department's undergraduate advisor. After one semester of course-work in the honors program a candidate must, in consultation with the undergraduate advisor, devise a program of studies. Consideration of the application and proposed program of studies will be based on the Department's assessment of the student's potential for advanced work.

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RATIONALE:

This brings our requirements into line with those of the UBC Philosophy Department. It will allow the description a little more discretion in admitting a student with a GPA slightly below 3.0, for example. A student in the honors program at UBC would be able to apply for admission into our program upon transferring to SFU even though his Philosophy GPA is not 3.0. Otherwise it would take too much time for the student to improve his GPA before applying. We would like to have the opportunity to admit such students if the circumstances warrant it.

p. 185 PHIL 151-3 Change of Vector &  
Nature of Course

FROM: "2-1-0"

TO: "3-0-0"

FROM: "LECTURE/TUTORIAL"

TO: "LECTURE"

RATIONALE:

To bring the calendar in line with current practice

p. 188 PHIL 314-3 Change of Prerequisites

FROM: "Prerequisite: Either PHIL 210, 214, or  
a suitable background in a related subject."

TO: "Prerequisite: Either PHIL 210, or 214  
recommended, or a suitable background  
in a related subject."

RATIONALE:

"recommended" is added to indicate the normal  
prerequisite, which may be waived in the case  
of students who have had similar work in  
mathematics or computing science courses.

p. 188 PHIL 320-3 Change of Prerequisites

FROM: "Prerequisite: Either Phil 120, 220 or  
a suitable background in a related  
subject."

TO: "Prerequisite: Either PHIL 120 or 220  
recommended, or a suitable background

in a related subject."

p. 188 PHIL 321-3 Change of Prerequisites FROM: "Prerequisite: Either PHIL 120 or a suitable background in a related subject."

TO: "Prerequisite: PHIL 120 recommended, or a suitable background in a related subject."

RATIONALE:

"recommended" indicates the normal prerequisite, which may be waived in the case of students who satisfy the department that they have the necessary background for the course. This will usually be students from other departments who have a special interest in particular upper-level philosophy courses.

P. 188 PHIL 340-3 Change of Prerequisites FROM: "PHIL 210 or knowledge of quantification theory."

TO: "Some familiarity with epistemology and logic."

RATIONALE:

Specific courses are no longer deemed necessary since, in the past, students appear to have picked up sufficient background from several different courses and departments.

p. 188 PHIL 341-3 Change of Prerequisites FROM: "PHIL 210 or knowledge of quantification theory."

TO: Delete prerequisite.

RATIONALE:

The instructors for this course have begun the practice of introducing all necessary background in logic during the first week or two of class and in conjunction with the discussion of specific cases where some knowledge of logic is necessary. It is no longer felt that this need be presupposed for entry into the course.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

CHANGE OF PREREQUISITES

1. Calendar Information

Department: Philosophy

Abbreviation Code: PHIL Course Number: 314 Credit Hours: 3 Vector: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Course:

Calendar Description of Course: Topics in Logic I

An examination of one or more topics such as: philosophical logic; deontic logic; the logic of knowledge and belief; the logic of preference; tense logics; foundation of set theory; recursive functions; the history of logic.

Nature of Course

Prerequisites (or special instructions): Prerequisite: Either Phil 210 or 214 recommended, or a suitable background in a related subject.

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: Oct 16, 1979

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Department Chairman

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Chairman, SCUS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

CHANGE IN PREREQUISITE

1. Calendar Information

Department: Philosophy

Abbreviation Code: PHIL Course Number: 320 Credit Hours: 3 Vector: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Course:

Calendar Description of Course: Social and Political Philosophy

An examination of an issue or selection of issues in social and political philosophy. Contemporary of historical readings or a mixture of these will be used. Possible topics include: justice, the law and legal systems, sovereignty, power and authority, democracy, liberty and equality.

Nature of Course

Prerequisites (or special instructions): Prerequisite: Either Phil 120 or 220 recommended, or a suitable background in a related subject

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?

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CHANGE IN PREREQUISITE

1. Calendar Information

Department: Philosophy

Abbreviation Code: PHIL Course Number: 321 Credit Hours: 3 Vector: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Course:

Calendar Description of Course: Moral Issues and Theories

A study of a theory of theories in normative ethics, or of a specific moral issue. Possible topics include: issues in medical ethics, moral personhood, free will, determinism and moral responsibility, utilitarianisms and their competitors, moral rights.

Nature of Course

Prerequisites (or special instructions): Prerequisite: Phil 120 recommended, or a suitable background in a related subject.

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

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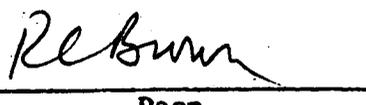
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CHANGE IN PREREQUISITE

1. Calendar Information

Department: Philosophy

Abbreviation Code: PHIL Course Number: 340 Credit Hours: 3 Vector: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Course:

Calendar Description of Course: Philosophical Methods

An examination of various techniques which philosophers use to define, discover and deal with conceptual problems.

Nature of Course

Prerequisites (or special instructions): Prerequisite: Some familiarity with epistemology and logic.

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?

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NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM CHANGE IN PREREQUISITE

1. Calendar Information

Department: Philosophy

Abbreviation Code: PHIL Course Number: 341 Credit Hours: 3 Vector:

Title of Course:

Calendar Description of Course: Philosophy of Science

A study of the nature of scientific enquiry, classificatory systems, laws and theories, the role of observation in science, the demarcation between science and non-science. Causality, the status of theoretical constructs, and teleological explanation.

Nature of Course

Prerequisites (or special instructions): Delete prerequisite.

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?

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