

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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## MEMORANDUM

SENATE

From SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Subject GRADUATE CALENDAR CHANGES -  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS & COMMERCE

Date NOVEMBER 14, 1974

MOTION 4. "That Senate approve the following changes in the Department of Economics and Commerce Graduate Calendar submission:

### Ph.D. Program Qualifying Examination

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To: "Qualifying examinations will usually be taken after completion of...."

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To: Members of Senate

From: Office of the  
Dean of Graduate  
Studies

Subject: Graduate Calendar Changes -  
Department of Economics & Commerce

Date: November 6, 1974

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Department of Economics and Commerce Graduate  
Calendar submission:

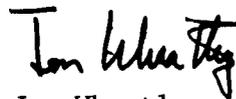
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This motion was approved by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee on November 4, 1974.



Jon Wheatley  
Dean of Graduate Studies.

FACULTY OF ARTS

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- Rationale:
- The previous requirement of completion of all qualifying fields within three academic semesters of beginning the Ph.D. program has been found to be unrealistic. Even our best Ph.D. candidates were unable to meet this restraint. We believe that by requiring Ph.D. candidates to write one qualifying examination in economic theory within four semesters of beginning the Ph.D. program, we are allowing students the time needed to prepare for the qualifying examinations and at the same time ensuring that students who will have to withdraw from the program because of failing a qualifying examination twice will not waste more time than necessary.